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FIRST ARTICLE INSPECTION (FAI)

1. The seller shall perform a First Article Inspection on Caton Connector controlled drawings and specifications unless otherwise specified by the Purchase Order or SOW.
2. First Article Inspection (FAI) shall conform to the requirements of Aerospace Standard AS9102, **Aerospace First Article Inspection Requirement**. The revision of this standard at the time of the purchase order applies.
3. In addition to the requirements of AS9102, the supplier is to be in compliance with the following paragraphs:

If required by the Purchase Order or SOW, the supplier shall submit a First Article Inspection Plan for Caton Connector approval. The FAI plan shall address all elements of AS9102 and this Quality Note. Production build shall not proceed until the FAI plan is approved by Caton Connector.

An FAI will be completed if the order is the first to the supplier's facility for the part number and revision identified on the Purchase Order or the first Purchase Order for this part number to call out an FAI.

For Special Processes requirements, refer to the Caton Connector Quality Notes called out on the Purchase Order for Plating (JY), Painting (CT), Welding and Brazing (HK), NDT (TC), and Heat Treating (SJ). The seller's FAI documentation shall include objective evidence of compliance to Special Processes source approval (i.e. use of NADCAP qualified suppliers or Caton Connector specific process approval). This data shall be retained by the supplier for five (5) years after the completion of this Purchase Order and shall be available for onsite review by Caton Connector.

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4. For SQM (Supplier Quality Manager) assigned suppliers, the FAI documentation shall be approved prior to the delivery of product. The 'First Article Approval Report' is required to be signed by the SQM, if assigned, and must accompany the shipment. The supplier shall notify the SQM at least five (5) days in advance when the first article documentation package is ready for review. For all other suppliers, the FAI documentation shall be boxed and shipped with the product to Caton Connector. The supporting documentation SHOULD NOT be sent to Caton Connector unless requested or if the report is not available.

5. The seller's contact at Caton Connector for any issues regarding the FAI, except as specifically noted above, will be the Buyer whose name appears on the Purchase Order.

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