

CORRECTIVE ACTION PROCEDURE

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This document describes the procedures used to correct and prevent nonconformities.

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1.0 PURPOSE

This document provides details and procedures for the process governing the discovery, reporting, resolution and recording of actions taken to correct or prevent nonconformities.

2.0 THEORY

Corrective action is taken to correct nonconformities, which could be product defects found during production, errors found in documents, equipment problems or problems related to how the Company performs functions in its processes. "Corrective action" is simply the "fix" that corrects the problem.

Whenever we take corrective action we also attempt to prevent the problem from recurring. Sources for preventive action opportunities include risk management, error proofing, failure mode and effects analysis and reports of product problems by external sources. Having a formal system to record and resolve both existing and potential problems ensures that these problems do not occur or reoccur, thereby improving our products, processes and work environment.

3.0 PROCEDURE: INTERNAL REPORTS

3.1 The Company utilizes a **Request for Support (RFS)** form to

[REDACTED]

3.2 ALL employees are empowered with the ability to report sources of problems and nonconformances.

3.3 No disciplinary action may be attached to the submission of RFS's.

3.4 The Quality Manager has been assigned the role of RFS Administrator.

3.5 See Process Map for the processing and routing of RFS's.

3.6 If the responsible manager determines they are not responsible for the issue involved, [REDACTED]

3.7 Actions taken shall [REDACTED]

3.8 The Quality Manager shall [REDACTED]

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3.9 In addition to corrective action efforts, management shall [REDACTED] which shall be used to prevent potential nonconformances. These shall be reported to management for review.

3.10 The management review process shall [REDACTED]

3.11 Where product is suspected of a nonconformance, the Company [REDACTED]

4.0 PROCEDURE: INVESTIGATION & CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTS (ICAR's)

4.1 Any purchasing agent may submit an *Investigation and Corrective Action Request* (ICAR) to a Supplier that [REDACTED]

4.2 ICAR's are processed through the same steps as the RFS but are routed to the Supplier for [REDACTED]

4.3 Failure of a Supplier to respond to an ICAR or to respond with an insufficient action plan may mean [REDACTED]

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5.0 PROCESS MAP



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