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	Technology Maturity	Should be assessed at TRI	Should be assessed at TRI	3.	4.	5.	L Should be assessed at TRL 6.	7	Should be assessed at TR 7 or TRL 8.	8 or TRL 9.	Should be assessed at TRL 9.
	A.1 - Industrial Base			Potential sources identified to address technology needs. Understand state of the art.	surveyed and known	Industrial base capabilities assessment initiated to identify potential manufacturing sources.	assessment for MS B has been completed. Industrial	Industrial capability to support production has been analyzed. Sole/single/foreign sources	Industrial base capability assessment for MS C has been completed. Industrial capability is in place to	Industrial capability assessment for Full-Rate has been completed and capability is in place to	Industrial capability supports Full-Rate and is assessed to support modifications, upgrades,
A- Technology and Industrial Base					technologies, components, and/or key processes.	Sole/single/ foreign sources. vendors & vendors of technology with potential obsolescence issues have been identified and planning has begun to minimize risks.	support mfg of development articles. Plans to minimize sole/ foreign	stability and obsolescence issues are assessed/monitored. Developing potential alternate sources as	support LRIP. Sources are available, multi-sourcing where cost-effective or necessary to mitigate risk.	support start of Full-Rate.	surge and other potential manufacturing requirements.
	A.2 - Manufacturing Technology Development		New manufacturing concepts and potential solutions identified.	Manufacturing technology concepts identified through experiments/models.	Manufacturing Science & Advanced Manufacturing Technology requirements identified	Required manufacturing technology development efforts initiated, if applicable.	Manufacturing technology efforts continuing. Required manufacturing technology development solutions demonstrated in a	Manufacturing technology efforts continuing. Required manufacturing technology development solutions demonstrated in a production representative environment.	Primary manufacturing technology efforts concluding, and some improvement efforts continuing. Required manufacturing technology solutions validated on a pilot line.	Manufacturing technology process improvement efforts initiated for Full- Rate.	Manufacturing technology continuous process improvements ongoing.
sign	B.1 - Producibility Program			Relevant materials/processes evaluated for manufacturability using experiments/models.	Initial producibility and manufacturability assessment of preferred systems concepts completed. Results considered in selection of preferred design concepts and reflected in Acquisition Strategy key components/ technologies.	Producibility and manufacturability assessments of key technologies and components initiated as appropriate. Ongoing design trades consider manufacturing processes and industrial base capability constraints. Manufacturing processes assessed for capability to test and verify in production, and influence on Operations & Support.	and producibility trade studies (performance vs. producibility) of key technologies/components completed. Results used to shape Acquisition Strategy, Systems Engineering Plan (SEP), Mfg and Producibility plans, and planning for EMD or technology insertion	studies using knowledge of key design characteristics and related manufacturing process capability completed. Producibility enhancement efforts (e.g.	Known producibility issues have been resolved and pose no significant risk for LRIP.	Prior producibility improvements analyzed for effectiveness during LRIP. Producibility issues/risks discovered in LRIP have been mitigated and pose no significant risk for Full- Rate.	Design producibility improvements demonstrated in Full-Rate. Process producibility improvements ongoing. All modifications, upgrades, Diminishing Mfg Sources & Material Shortages (DMSMS) and other changes assessed for producibility.
B - De:	B.2 - Design Maturity	Manufacturing research opportunities identified.	Applications defined. Broad performance goals identified that may drive manufacturing options.	requirements defined. Trade-offs in design options assessed based on experiments. Product lifecycle and technical requirements evaluated.	manufacturing capability & management of mfg risk for the product lifecycle. Initial potential Performance Parameters (KPPs) identified for preferred	technologies and components identified and	requirements and features are well enough defined to support preliminary design review. Product data essential for subsystem/system prototyping has been a released and all enabling/critical components have been	design review (CDR) even	Detailed design of product features and interfaces is complete. All product data essential for system manufacturing has been released. Design change traffic does not significantly impact LRIP. Key Characteristics are attainable based upon pilot line demonstrations.	Major product design features and configuration are stable. System design has been validated through operational testing of LRIP items. Physical Configuration Audit (PCA) or equivalent complete as necessary. Design change traffic is limited. All KCs are controlled in LRIP to appropriate quality levels.	continuous improvement or in reaction to obsolescence. All KCs are controlled in Full-Rate to

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	C.1 - Production Cost Knowledge (Cost modeling)		Cost model approach defined.	Initial cost targets and risks identified. High level process chart model developed. Technology cost models developed for new process steps and materials based on experiments.	and special requirement cost drivers identified.	end cost models. Cost model includes materials,	Cost model updated with design requirements, material specifications, tolerances, integrated master schedule, results of system/subsystem simulations and production relevant prototype demonstrations.	results of systems/sub- systems produced in a production representative environment and with production plant layout and	Cost models updated with results of pilot line build.	FRP cost model updated with result of LRIP build.	Cost model validated against actual Full-Ra cost.
•		Identify any manufacturing cost implications.	Cost elements identified.	Sensitivity analysis conducted to define cost drivers and production development strategy (i.e. lab to pilot to factory).	Producibility cost risks assessed. Initial cost models support Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) and Alternative Systems Review (ASR).	Costs analyzed using prototype component actuals to ensure target costs are achievable. Decisions regarding design choices, make/ buy, capacity, process capability, sources, quality, key characteristics, yield/rate, and variability influenced by cost models.	Costs analyzed using prototype system/sub- system actuals to ensure target costs are achievable. Allocate cost targets to sub- systems. Cost reduction and avoidance strategies developed. Provide mfg cost drivers for "Should- Cost" models.	tracked to targets. Detailed	reduction initiatives ongoing. Update mfg cost drivers for"Should-	LRIP cost goals met and learning curve analyzed with actual data. Cost reduction initiatives ongoing. Touch labor efficiency analyzed to meet production rates and elements of inefficiency are identified with plans in place for reduction.	Full-Rate cost goals r Cost reduction initiati ongoing.
	C.3 - Manufacturing Investment Budget	identified.	Program/projects have reasonable budget estimates for reaching MRL 3 through experiment.	Program/projects have reasonable budget estimates for reaching MRL 4 by MS A.	Mfg technology initiatives identified to reduce costs. Program has reasonable budget estimate for reaching MRL 6 by MS B. Estimate includes capital investment for production relevant equipment. All outstanding MRL 4 risk areas understood with approved mitigation plans in place.	Program has updated budget estimate for reaching MRL 6 by MS B. All outstanding MRL 5 risk areas understood with approved mitigation plans in place.	Program has reasonable budget estimate for reaching MRL 8 by MS C. Estimate includes capital investment for production- representative equipment by CDR and pilot line equipment by MS C. All outstanding MRL 6 risk areas understood with approved mitigation plans in place.	MRL 8 by MS C. All outstanding MRL 7 risk areas understood with	Program has reasonable budget estimate for reaching MRL 9 by the Full-Rate decision point. Estimate includes investment for LRIP and Full-Rate. All outstanding MRL 8 risk areas understood with approved mitigation plans in place.	Program has reasonable budget estimate for Full-Rate. All outstanding MRL 9 risk areas understood with approved mitigation plans in place.	Production budgets sufficient for production required rates and schedule to support for program.
	D.1 - Maturity	Material properties identified for research.	Material properties and characteristics predicted.	Material properties validated and assessed for basic manufacturability using experiments.	Projected materials have been produced in a laboratory environment.	Materials have been made or produced in a prototype environment (may be in a similar application/ program). Maturation efforts in place to address new material production risks for Technology demo.	demonstration articles. Preliminary material specifications in place and material properties have been adequately	Material maturity sufficient for pilot line build. Material specifications approved.	Materials proven and validated during EMD as adequate to support LRIP. Material specification stable.	Material is controlled to specification in LRIP. Materials proven and validated as adequate to support Full- Rate.	Material is controlled specification in Full-R
	D.2 - Availability		Material availability assessed.	Material scale-up issues identified.	Projected lead times have been identified for all difficult-to-obtain, difficult-to process, or hazardous materials. Quantities and lead times estimated.	Availability issues addressed for prototype build. Significant material risks identified for all materials. Planning has begun to address scale-up issues.	Availability issues addressed to meet EMD build. Long-lead items identified. Components assessed for future DMSMS risk.	Availability issues addressed to meet LRIP builds. Long lead procurement identified and mitigated. DMSMS mitigation strategies for components in place.	Availability issues pose no significant risk for LRIP. Long-lead procurement initiated for LRIP. Availability issues addressed to meet Full-Rate builds.	Long-lead procurement initiated for Full-Rate. Availability issues pose no significant risk for Full-Rate.	Program is in Full-Ra no significant materia availability issues.
	D.3 - Supply Chain Management			Initial assessment of potential supply chain capability.	Survey completed for potential supply chain sources.	Potential supply chain sources identified and evaluated as able to support prototype build.	Lifecycle Supply Chain requirements updated. Critical suppliers list updated. Supply chain plans in place (e.g. teaming agreements, etc.) supporting an EMD contract award.	Assessment of critical first tier supply chain completed (e.g. capability, capacity, etc.).	Iower tier supply chain complete. Robust requirements flow down processes in place and verified. Validated supplier compliance with program requirements/ changes. Plan for predictive indicators updated and to be used in production. Supply chain adequate to support LRIP.	metrics (including thresholds and goals) in place and used to manage risks. Predictive indicators to manage suppliers in place. Supply chain is stable/adequate for FRP.	
	D.4 - Special Handling (i.e. Government Furnished Property, shelf life, security, hazardous materials, storage environ- ment, etc.)	,	Initial evaluation of potential regulatory requirements and special handling concerns.	identified. Special handling	List of hazardous materials updated. Special handling procedures applied in the lab. Special handling requirements identified.	procedures applied in production relevant environment. Special	Special handling procedures applied in production relevant environment. Plans to address special handling requirement gaps complete.	applied in production representative environment. Special handling procedures developed and annotated on	Special handling procedures applied in pilot line environment. Special handling procedures demo'd in EMD or Technology Insertion Program. Special handling issues pose no significant risk for LRIP. All work instructions contain special handling provisions as required.	Special handling procedures demonstrated in LRIP. Special handling issues pose no significant risk for Full-	Special handling procedures effectively implemented in Full-F



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	E.1 - Modeling & Simulation (Product & Process)		Initial models developed, if applicable.	f Identification of proposed manufacturing concepts or producibility needs based on high-level process flow chart models.	Production modeling and simulation approaches for process or product are identified.	Initial models/simulation (product or process) developed at the component level and used to determine constraints.	Initial models/simulation developed at the sub- system or system level, and used to determine system constraints.	Models/simulation used to determine system constraints and identify improvement opportunities.	Models/simulation verified by pilot line build. Results used to improve process and determine that LRIP requirements can be met.	Models/simulation verified by LRIP build, assists in management of LRIP, and determines that Full-Rate requirements can be met.	Models/simulation verified by Full-Rate build. Production simulation models used as a tool to assist in management of Full-Rate.
ocess Capability & Control	E.2 - Manufacturing Process Maturity		Identification of material and/or process approaches.	Document high level manufacturing processes. Critical manufacturing processes identified through experimentation.	Complete a survey to determine the current state of critical processes.	processes in production. Process capability requirements have been identified for pilot line, LRIP and FRP.	Begin collecting or estimating process	Manufacturing processes demonstrated in a production representative environment. Continue collecting or estimating process capability data and refine process capability requirements.	Manufacturing processes verified for LRIP on a pilot line. Process capability data from pilot line meets target. Refine process capability requirements for LRIP & Full-Rate based on Pilot line data.	Manufacturing processes are stable, adequately controlled, capable, and have achieved program LRIP objectives. Variability experiments conducted to show Full-Rate impact and potential for continuous improvement.	Manufacturing processes are stable, adequately controlled, capable, and have achieved program Full-Rate objectives.
EPro	E.3 - Process Yields and Rates			Initial estimates of yields and rates based on experiments or state of the art.	Yield and rates assessment on proposed/similar processes complete and applied within Analysis of Alternatives (AoA).	established for pilot line, LRIP, and FRP. Yield and rate issues identified. Improvement plans	Yields and rates from production relevant environment evaluated against targets and the results feed improvement plan.	Yields and rates from production representative environment evaluated against pilot line targets and the results feed improvement plans.	Pilot line targets achieved. Yields and rates required to begin LRIP refined using pilot line results. Improvement plans ongoing and updated.	LRIP yield and rate targets achieved. Yields and rates required to begin Full-Rate refined using LRIP results. Yield improvements ongoing.	targets achieved. Yield
	F.1 - Quality Management				Quality strategy identified as part of the Acquisition Strategy and included in Systems Engineering Plan (SEP).	reflect Key Characteristic identification activities.	system is in place. Quality risks and metrics have been identified and improvement plans	Quality targets established. Quality Management System (QMS) elements (e.g., control of nonconforming material, corrective action, etc.) meet requirements of appropriate industry standards. Program- specific Quality Program Plan being developed.	Program-specific Quality Program Plan and Quality Manager established. Quality targets assessed against pilot line, results feed continuous quality improvements.	Quality targets verified on LRIP line. Continuous quality improvement on- going. Management review of Quality measures is conducted on regular basis and appropriate action is taken.	Quality targets verified on Full-Rate line. Continuous quality improvement on- going. Statistical controls applied where appropriate.
lality Management	F.2 - Product Quality				Product inspection and acceptance testing strategy identified as part of the Acquisition Strategy and included in Systems Engineering Plan (SEP).	and final inspections, and statistical process controls for prototype units.	defined. Initial requirements identified for acceptance test procedures and in-process and final inspection requirements for	Control plans completed for	Key Characteristics managed. Measurement procedures and controls in place (e.g. SPC, FRACAS, audits, customer satisfaction, etc.). Pilot line data meets capability requirements for all Key Characteristics. Test and Inspection plans complete and validated for production units.	Data from LRIP demonstrates production processes for all Key Characteristics and other manufacturing processes critical to quality are capable and under control for Full-Rate.	Quality of Key Characteristics controlled at rate, data reflects only rare and unrepeated quality issues related to manufacturing processes. Results achieve targeted statistical level on all Key Characteristics. Results reflect continuous improvement.
F - Qu	F.3 - Supplier Quality Management				Potential supplier base quality capabilities and risks identified, including subtier supplier quality management.	Supply base quality capabilities and risks identified, including subtier supplier quality management.	supplier Quality Management System shortfalls, including subtier supplier quality management.	Key supplier Quality Management Systems meet appropriate industry standards. Supplier quality data from production representative units collected and analyzed. Strategy for audits of critical supplier processes outlined.	Supplier program-specific Quality Management Systems are adequate. Supplier products have completed qualification testing and first article inspection. Acceptance testing of supplier products is adequate to begin LRIP. Plan for subcontractor process audits in place and implemented by prime contractor.	reflects control of quality adequate to begin Full-	Supplier quality data reflects adequate management of Key Characteristics and control of critical manufacturing processes, including quality management down to subtier suppliers. Results achieve high statistical level (e.g. 6-sigma) on all critical dimensions. Subcontractor Quality Audits performed as necessary to ensure subcontractor specification compliance.

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G - Mfg Personnel	G.1 - Mfg Personnel			New manufacturing skills identified.	Mfg skill sets identified and production workforce requirements (technical and operational) evaluated as part of AoA. Determine availability of process development workforce for the Technology Maturation & Risk Reduction Phase.	plans developed to meet prototype and production needs. Special skills certification and training requirements established.	Mfg workforce skills available for production in a relevant environment. Identify resources (quantities and skill sets) and develop initial plans to achieve requirements for pilot line and production.	Mfg workforce resource requirements identified for pilot line. Plans developed to achieve pilot line requirements. Plans updated to achieve LRIP workforce requirements. Pilot line workforce trained in production represent environment.	Mfg workforce resource requirements identified for LRIP. Plans developed to achieve LRIP requirements Plans updated to achieve Full-Rate workforce requirements. LRIP personnel trained on pilot line where possible.	LRIP personnel requirements met. Implement plan to achieve Full-Rate workforce requirements.	Full-Rate personnel requirements met. Production workforce skill sets maintained in response to attrition of workforce.
Facilities	H.1 - Tooling / Special Test and Inspection Equipment (STE/SIE)				Tooling/Special Test Equipment (STE)/Special Inspection Equipment (SIE) requirements are considered as part of AoA.	Identify tooling and STE/SIE requirements and provide supporting rationale and schedule.	Prototype tooling and STE/SIE concepts demonstrated in production relevant environment. Production tooling and STE/SIE requirements developed.	Production tooling and STE/SIE design and development efforts underway. Manufacturing equipment maintenance strategy developed.	Tooling, test and inspection equipment proven on pilot line and additional requirements identified for LRIP. Mfg equipment maintenance demonstrated on pilot line.	All tooling, test and inspection equipment proven in LRIP and additional requirements identified for Full-Rate. Mfg equipment maintenance schedule	Proven tooling, test and inspection equipment in place to support maximum Full-Rate. Planned equipment maintenance schedule achieved.
÷	H.2 - Facilities			Specialized facility requirements/needs identified.	Availability of manufacturing facilities for prototype development and production evaluated as part of AoA.	Manufacturing facilities identified and plans developed to produce prototypes.	Manufacturing facilities identified and plans developed to produce pilot line build.	Manufacturing facilities identified and plans developed to produce LRIP build.	Pilot line facilities demo'd. Mfg facilities adequate for LRIP. Transition plans to support Full-Rate. Safety in workplace is adequate	Manufacturing facilities in place and demonstrated in LRIP. Capacity plans adequate to support Full- Rate.	Production facilities in place and capacity demonstrated to meet maximum Full-Rate requirements.
anagement	I.1 - Mfg Planning & Scheduling				Manufacturing strategy developed and integrated with acquisition strategy. Prototype schedule risk mitigation efforts incorporated into Acquisition Strategy (AS).	Manufacturing strategy refined based upon preferred concept. Prototype schedule risk mitigation efforts initiated.	system design related mfg	Initial mfg plan developed. Mfg planning included in IMP/S. Mfg risks integrated into risk mitigation plans. Initial work instructions developed. Effective production control system in place to support pilot line.	updated for LRIP. All key	Manufacturing plan updated for Full-Rate. All manufacturing risks tracked and mitigated. Effective production control system in place to support Full- Rate.	<u> </u>
I - Mfg Ma	I.2 - Materials Planning				Technology development article component list developed with associated lead-time estimates.	Technology development part list maturing, Make/buy evaluations begin and include production considerations reflecting pilot line, LRIP, and FRP needs. Lead times and other risks identified.	Most material decisions	systems in place for pilot	Make/Buy decisions and	Make/Buy decisions and BOM complete to support Full-Rate. Material planning systems proven in LRIP and sufficient for Full Rate.	