**Q94—First Piece Article Inspection (Fwd to GD-OTS)**

**Requirements**

The following first article inspection requirements are applicable unless otherwise specified in the purchase order. The Supplier shall perform a first article inspection on each part and each part within an assembly as listed on the letter of transmittal (Form 024-615 if applicable). As of 01/01/2007 First Article Inspection submittals are required in accordance with AS9102 found at www.sae.org. Forms provided in the AS9102 or equivalent shall be used to document the results of the first article inspection as required in the specification. These forms may be generated by any media, but must contain all the information required by AS9102.

A first article inspection report containing a recording of the actual readings on 100% of all characteristics and notes of the drawing/specification shall be forwarded to GD-OTS. The Supplier is required, unless permission is granted by GD-OTS, to use the same unit of measurement as specified in the technical data package when reporting inspection and acceptance data.

If receipt and approval of First Article package is contractually required before shipping material, and part marking is required per drawing, a photo of the part marking as applied on the part must be included with First Article package. Photo must clearly depict marking content and location.

For Distributors: First article inspection shall be satisfied with a certificate of compliance stating the product meets all drawing/specification and purchase order requirements. First article inspection data supporting the certificate of compliance and actual first article inspection results performed by the distributor shall be available to GD-OTS upon request.

For QPL Suppliers: First article inspection may be satisfied by maintaining current QPL qualification certification which shall be available to GD-OTS upon request. Subsequent first article inspection is required per your procedures or as a minimum whenever:

1) process and/or configuration changes have occurred (first article inspection applies only to the configuration changes);
2) the part is manufactured at a different facility/location;
3) there has been more than a two-year lapse in production and/or their processes;
4) there has been a change in sub-tier Suppliers.
Notify the GD-OTS buyer immediately when a first article is required.