

Dear Transtector Supplier,

As a supplier to Transtector Systems your products are crucial in supporting our customers with exceptional performance, quality and environmentally friendly solutions. We now have the opportunity to take full advantage towards standardization using AS9102, Aerospace First Article Inspection Requirement.

Beginning February 6th, 2012 Transtector is adopting the AS9102, Aerospace First Article Inspection Requirement, as the standard for first article inspection of purchased outside production parts, assemblies and sub assemblies. Adoption of this standard improves the process for and consolidates multiple Transtector first article inspection requirements. The AS9102 standard was developed by a joint industry team sponsored by the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG). The AS9102 standard was first released in August of 2000 by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), and is available through their website: www.sae.org.

The purpose of the First Article Inspection is to provide objective evidence that all engineering, design and specification requirements are correctly understood, accounted for, verified, and recorded. That planning, work instructions, material processing systems and controls, tools, gages, fixtures, and inspection/test equipment will produce an item in compliance to the applicable purchase order, drawing and specification requirements.

The AS9102 standard will take time but we believe the payoff will come from having an industry-wide standard that improves the overall effectiveness of the first article inspection process, reduces non-conformances and makes it easier for producers to demonstrate compliance to the quality system requirements.

We encourage you to obtain a copy of the standard through SAE to help you identify required process changes and contractual requirements to perform first article inspection in accordance with AS9102. Please visit the Transtector website for more information on AS9102 implementation: www.protectiongroup.com.

We look forward to your company successfully implementing these systems. We are confident that the transition will be smooth and that it will be a mutually beneficial process.

Please feel free to share your thoughts or to ask specific questions on any of these initiatives by sending an e-mail message to: purchasing@transtector.com.

Respectfully,

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