

Q229 INSPECTION RECORD RETENTION (SSME PROGRAM)

When Seller is contracted to Codes Q001, Q002, Q003, Q004, Q005 or Q006 under this contract, Seller and its Subcontractors shall maintain verifiable objective evidence of all inspections and tests performed, results obtained and dispositions of non-conforming articles. These records shall be identified to associated articles, including heat and lot numbers of materials, unit or lot serialization when applicable.

These records shall be made available to Buyer and/or Government Representatives upon request, and shall be retained in a safe, accessible location for a period of thirty (30) years.

Records held for the required retention period (thirty years) shall not be destroyed without Buyer's written concurrence. Contact Buyer for concurrence.

Seller's records associated with the manufacture of serialized or lot controlled articles will provide for continued traceability of serial numbers or lot number identification through all phases of manufacture, commencing with the raw material and continuing through final acceptance of the end item *.

*Note:

If Seller is a Distributor/Warehouser (Code Q211), then record retention as invoked by Appendix B of Basic Quality Management System applies (7 years).