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Progress Rail (PR) uses the [Production Part Approval Process \(PPAP\)](#) software application to document a supplier’s compliance to PR design specifications and process capability to consistently meet those requirements. The PPAP requirement is applicable to production and service parts and raw material purchased by PR and is applied against the part number that appears on the associated PO. The Supplier is required to obtain PPAP Approval prior to delivery of the first shipment.

The process is also applicable to suppliers of PR purchased production tooling.

**1.0 Reasons for PPAP Submission:**


PPAP submission is required for any one or more of the following conditions.

PPAPs initiated by Progress Rail:

- New production or service part at a given supplier.
- Part revision change initiated by either PR or supplier.
- Lapse in shipment

PPAPs that are the responsibility of the supplier to initiate:

- Any change in the production process, production equipment, process controls, or manufacturing location.
- Correction of a discrepancy on previously approved material.
- Use of material that is different from that used in a previously approved part.
- Tooling that is new, modified, refurbished or replaced, or, tooling that is transferred to other locations.
- Change in sub-supplier for parts or services.
- Parts produced at additional location


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## 2.0 Submission Requirements

Refer to Table 1 below for default PPAP submission requirements for production or service parts based on PR PPAP risk categorization guidelines. The risk categories are determined by the SQE. (SQE, see [JA-COR-0004](#))

**Table 1: Default PPAP Submission Requirements:**

PR Default PPAP Submission Requirements by PPAP Risk Category			
PPAP Element	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
1. Design Records – if applicable	Yes	Yes	No
2. Engineering change documents if applicable (CR, MCR, ECN,)	Yes	Yes	No
3. Design FMEA	Yes	No	No
4. Process flow diagram	Yes	Yes	No
5. Process FMEA	Yes	No	No
6. Control plan	Yes	Yes	No
7. Measurement system analysis/study (R & R studies)	For special characteristics only.	No	No
8. Process capability studies	For special characteristics only.	No	No
9. Dimensional Results/FAI Report	Yes	Yes	No
10. Material Certifications, Material Test Reports, Performance Test Reports	Yes	Yes	No
11. Appearance Approval Report	Yes	Yes	No
12. Sample Production Parts with PPAP labels	Yes	No	No
13. Checking Aids – List of Gages, Fixtures, Inspection Equipment/Devices	Yes	No	No
14. Packaging Form – FRM-COR-6439	Yes	No	No
15. Other Submission Requirements	No	No	No

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The PR SQE has the authority to revise the PPAP submission requirements based on the criticality / risk of the PPAP being submitted and, if applicable, the nature of the change(s) that trigger the need for PPAP. Such changes may be additions to the submission requirements or waivers to one or more of the default requirements. PPAPs triggered only by engineering revisions maintain all default requirements.

All PPAPs require a **supplier declaration of conformance** in ETQ that provides confirmation by authorized personnel at the supplier’s facility that the manufacturing process and resulting product meet all customer requirements.

**3.0 Other General PPAP Requirements**

The Supplier shall ensure that appropriate controls are applied to internal processes as well as to sub-suppliers to ensure the quality of their incoming and internal components and materials. Upon PR request, the Supplier shall provide copies of those qualification records as part of the PPAP process.

All PPAP documentation submitted must be submitted in English. Documents with dual languages are acceptable, but English needs to be included.

If the supplier’s product or component includes software then a statement of conformance to EN 50129, EN 50128, EN 50159, 49CFR229 subpart E is required within the PPAP submission.

PR reserves the right to conduct a PPAP review at the Supplier’s site. PR shall provide notification for an onsite review within the PPAP requirements section in ETQ. The supplier shall notify PR when the part is ready for onsite inspection.

Critical Fasteners listed in ETI 506 are never considered Commodity Parts. For more information, and to confirm if your fastener part number(s) are considered critical fasteners, please refer to [ETI 506, “Quality Control of Critical Fasteners”](#).

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**4.0 The ETQ PPAP Approval Process**


PR uses the online ETQ PPAP module to manage the PPAP process. This system processes PPAP’s via the following PPAP workflow phases.



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**1. “Initiate” (Owner: PR – ETQ Administrator)**

This step is the initial trigger step. The PR ETQ administrator will review the initially triggered PPAP record and confirm that it is a valid PPAP event.

- If a PPAP is required, then the PPAP record is assigned to the SQE and pushed to the “Requirements” phase.
- If a PPAP is not required, then the PPAP record is voided and will not progress any further.

**2. “Requirements” (Owner: PR – SQE)**

At this phase, the assigned SQE or TE checks off submission checklist items to indicate which submission content / documentation will be required in order to obtain PPAP approval. Once defined, the PPAP is moved to the “At Supplier” phase.

**3. “Hash Tag Voided” (Owner: PR – Administrator)**

This is an Administration only phase used to Void PPAPs where it is administratively required to do so. Suppliers will not see PPAPs at this phase, as it is an internal PR administration phase only.


**4. “At Supplier” (Owner: Assigned Supplier)**

At this phase, the supplier uploads the necessary documentation per the submission checklist. When the supplier uploads all required documentation, the supplier pushes the PPAP into the “Disposition” phase.

The supplier is expected to obtain approval from PR for any deviation or permanent change to PR engineering specifications prior to submission. This approval can be requested by electronically initiating a Supplier Deviation request from the [ETQ Deviation system](#). From the “Help Documents” view within the Deviation system itself, you can access additional information on the system’s use.

It is expected that all non-conformances to PR specifications are approved through the DA process prior to submission of the PPAP and that copies of all approved DA’s are included in the submitted PPAP documentation.

The supplier is responsible to ensure that the evidence submitted meets all specified PPAP and part requirements. If it is found that the evidence is missing or does not conform to the requirements the supplier will be held responsible for non-conforming material.

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## **5. “Disposition” (Owner: PR – SQE)**

At this phase, the PR SQE / TE reviews the submitted information package and assigns a PPAP approval status as either:

### **Interim Approval:**

The PPAP is approved and parts are approved for shipment, but some conditions apply (e.g. Quantity restriction, time restriction, fit / form / function trials required, etc.). The specific approval conditions are documented in the PPAP record.

The SQE pushes the PPAP record forward to the “Interim Approval At Supplier” phase where the conditions for PPAP approval are to be resolved and missing information re-submitted.

The Supplier and SQE jointly work to resolve the specific list of outstanding issues.

### **Full Approval**

The PPAP is approved fully and parts are approved for shipment with no quality related restrictions. The supplier must still meet PO delivery requirements for both delivery date and quantity.

The SQE pushes the PPAP to the “Approved” phase, which completes the PPAP approval process.

### **Rejected:**

The PPAP is rejected and the supplier is not authorized to ship parts until outstanding issues are resolved and a subsequent interim or full approval is granted.


### **Voided:**

The PPAP can be voided when there is no future demand or all the POs have been cancelled.

## **6. “Interim Approval at Supplier” (Owner: Assigned Supplier)**

At this phase, the supplier is approved to ship parts provided they remain compliant with the established conditions that were documented for the interim approval. The supplier is expected to resolve any outstanding issues and upload the necessary documents to clear the outstanding conditions for full approval. Additional shipments must not be made past the interim approval due date. Extensions may be requested if necessary.

Once all outstanding documentation has been uploaded by the supplier, the supplier pushes the PPAP record to the “Resubmission” phase.

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### **7. “Resubmission” (Owner: PR SQE)**

At this phase (similar to the “Disposition” phase), the PR SQE reviews the submitted information package and determines PPAP approval status as either:

- Interim Approval:
- Full Approval
- Rejected:

See the “Disposition” phase for more details on the approval status codes and the resulting lifecycle phase to which the PPAP is moved.

### **8. “Approved” (Owner: PR – SQE):**

This is the final phase which simply indicates that the PPAP is approved.

## **5.0 PPAP Submission Elements**

The following section identifies the key requirements for individual PPAP submission elements. There may be additional elements beyond those described in this section. Consult your assigned SQE for any clarification that you need.

The Supplier shall comply with these requirements when the individual PPAP element is included as part of the required overall PPAP submission content. Failure to comply with any of the requirements may result in rejection of the PPAP submission.


**1. Design Records** – The Design Record provides confirmation that all requirements have been communicated to the supplier and that the supplier will manufacture the correct part. A copy of the Progress Rail drawing package submitted (drawings, BOM, other specifications, etc.) which shows the correct part number and Engineering Change level must be submitted.

**2. Engineering Change Documents** – It is the supplier’s responsibility to recognize when non-conformities exist as they work through the initial contract feasibility review, through planning and preparation of the PPAP and to take the appropriate corrective action to resolve any such non-conformities.

#### **Temporary Change Requests:**

If the supplier needs some short term relief for non-conformance to one or more of the requirements (dimension, material, performance specification, etc.) in order to meet PR production delivery dates and to buy some time for the Supplier to implement the necessary corrective actions, the Supplier may request temporary



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deviation through a Supplier deviation request.

In this case, the Supplier shall initiate the Deviation request using the [ETQ Deviation system](#). Once the Supplier has initiated the request and sent it to the “Assignment” phase, the system will route the request internally for PR review, approval and release. Once the Deviation is dispositioned, the system forwards a status email to the Supplier contact indicating if it is approved or not. If approved, the Supplier shall include a reference to the approved DA number within the PPAP. If not approved, the Supplier must correct the non-conformance prior to PPAP submission.

You can look at the approval routing and current status of the Deviation request at any time from within the ETQ Deviation system.

Permanent Change Requests:

If the Supplier deems that all reasonable efforts to correct the part / process have been exhausted, and the non-conformity still cannot be resolved, then the Supplier may apply for permanent change approval using Manufacturing Change Request (MCR). These change requests should be initiated early in the process through your PR Buyer, PR Engineering or the assigned PR SQE. PR will internally route the request for PR review, approval and release.


If the request is approved, then a copy of the approval (Released MCR) shall be provided to the Supplier who shall submit a copy of the approved document with the PPAP.

There is no guarantee that the temporary or permanent change request will be approved, and if not approved, there may be a significant disruption to PR’s production schedule. Therefore, it is important to work diligently to prevent non-conformances in the first place. Tools to aid in the prevention of con-conformance may include process feasibility assessments at the quote stage, product and process design reviews including resolution of any tolerance, processing or other issues as early as possible, well in advance of the PPAP date.

**3. Design Failure Mode & Effects Analysis (DFMEA)** – If the supplier has design control for the product, the supplier will attach the DFMEA of saleable part number and components unless unable to do so due to proprietary concerns. The supplier shall make the DFMEA available for review onsite if requested. Ensure that all Special Characteristics that are identified in the DFMEA are also listed on the drawing.

Note: If Progress Rail has design control for the product, the supplier is not required to submit a DFMEA.

**4. Process Flow Diagram** – The supplier shall provide a process flow diagram indicating the sequence of steps used to manufacture the product. The format of the process flow diagram is not specified by PR; however, PR has provided a Microsoft Excel template that may be used by the Supplier at their discretion. This [template file](#),

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which includes templates for a process flow diagram, a process FMEA and a process control plan, can be found on the PR web site.

**5. Process FMEA** – The supplier shall provide a Process Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (PFMEA) document. The file format of the PFMEA is not specified by PR, however, PR has provided a Microsoft Excel template that may be used by the Supplier at their discretion. This [template file](#), which includes templates for a process flow diagram, a process FMEA and a process control plan, can be found on the PR web site.

For more information on how to effectively develop an FMEA, you can order an [AIAG FMEA Manual](#) from the [AIAG](#) website.

**6. Control Plan** - The supplier shall provide a Process Control Plan document. The file format of the Control Plan is not specified by PR; however, PR has provided a Microsoft Excel template that may be used by the Supplier at their discretion. This [template file](#), which includes templates for a process flow diagram, a process FMEA and a process control plan, can be found on the PR web site.

For more information on how to effectively develop a Control Plan, you can order an [AIAG Control Plan Manual](#) from the [AIAG](#) website.

**7. Measurement System Studies** – Measurement systems studies are to be provided when requested to indicate the ability of the measurement system to reliably measure the associated feature(s). PR requires these studies only for measurement systems that measure special characteristics identified on the drawing.


Measurement system studies should follow the requirements of the [AIAG Measurement Systems Analysis \(MSA\) Manual](#), which can be purchased from the [AIAG](#).

If the measurements are attribute in nature (i.e. they generate only a Pass / Fail result), then PR recommends the AIAG Attribute Gage Study method.

If the measurements are variable in nature (i.e. they result in a numerical value, such as 1.245 inches, rather than just a Pass / Fail result), then PR recommends the Supplier use the AIAG Average and Range method to assess the measurement system due to its more simplistic approach.

There are other suitable methods for assessing measurement system effectiveness that can be used. If you will be using an alternate method, contact your SQE in advance to ensure acceptability.

**8. Process Capability** – PR requires process capability results for special characteristics only, unless otherwise requested by the PR SQE. Refer to form [FRM-SE-0015 “PR Process Capability Report”](#) for further information on sample sizes, acceptance criteria for the analysis, etc.

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If the required targets for process capability cannot be met for special characteristics, then the Supplier must initiate a 100% inspection activity for those characteristics. This 100% inspection activity must be documented on the process control plan. If the order quantity does not meet the minimum quantity to perform a capability study, then 100% inspection of the feature is required.

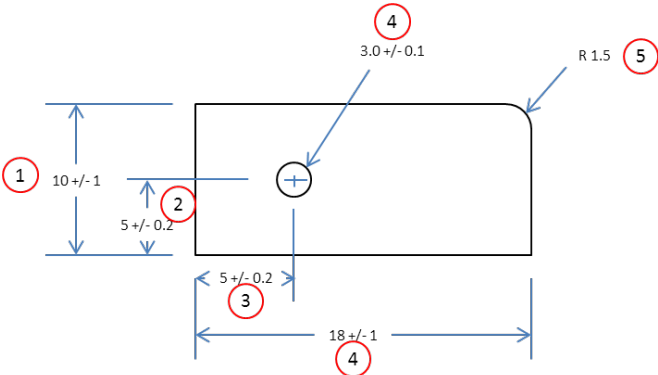
**9. Full Dimensional Results/FAI Report with Ballooned Drawings** – For each part number for which dimensional results are provided in the PPAP, there must be an accompanying ballooned design record (typically a drawing) submitted.


The ballooned drawing indicates which dimensions, specifications, notes etc. have accompanying data submitted. The expectation is that all dimensions, specifications, notes, etc. are included in the submission unless waived as part of the PPAP requirements provided to the Supplier by PR.

Each measured or evaluated feature or specification shall have an associated identification balloon. The balloon is a circle with a unique id number inside.

The supplier shall submit measurements for all dimensions, specifications, notes, etc., unless otherwise waived by the SQE and inspection results shall be supplied for a minimum of 2 PPAP samples. For multiple process streams (e.g. multiple cavity tools, duplicate assembly lines, multiple cell manufacturing, etc.), two sample parts per process stream are required for inspection unless otherwise agreed.

For example, a PPAP for parts on a 2-up die would have dimensional results for 2 parts from cavity 1 and 2 parts from cavity 2 for a total of 4 PPAP sample parts.



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The dimensional report shall include at a minimum, the following information.

- Balloon ID number (from the associated ballooned drawing) for each measured feature
- Specification / Requirement for each measured or evaluated feature
- Measured results for each required measured PPAP sample with identification of which sample the measurement applies to.
  - Pass / Fail status for each feature include tolerances/acceptable range
  - Dimensional results require quantitative results and measurement device used
  - The date of inspection
  - The name of the person who executed the inspection(s)
  - The sample parts should be the same part(s) that were inspected.

**10. Material Certification – Material Test Results/Performance Test Results –**

The supplier must perform tests for all parts when chemical, physical, or metallurgical requirements are specified in the design specifications. This includes the requirements of the PR Material Specification, heat treating and all PR Engineering Test Instructions (ETIs) listed on the drawing or related specifications.

Unless waived by Progress Rail in the PPAP requirements, all castings and forgings must be tested in accordance with [ETI 827](#) or [ETI 930](#) respectively whether supplied to PR in the rough, semi-finished or finished conditions. The supplier must indicate the drawing revision level of the parts tested, revision level of the specifications to which the part was tested and date on which testing took place. All tests required should be listed in an understandable format along with the quantity tested and the actual results of each test.


Consult your Buyer for the latest copies of ETI 827 and ETI 930.

All samples submitted must be properly marked per PPAP Parts label form '[FRM-COR-6306 - PPAP Samples Label](#)'. To avoid delays in approval, test samples for fulfilling the requirements of this section should be pre-submitted to:

Manager – PR Materials Engineering Lab, Dept. 850,  
 9301 W. 55<sup>th</sup> Street,  
 McCook, IL 60525

The supplier shall copy the applicable SQE and buyer on test samples sent directly to PR Materials Engineering Lab. The resulting PR Materials Lab Report must then be submitted with the final PPAP submission.

All materials certs associated with the components purchased must be submitted in this section.

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**10a. Performance Test Results** – Test results are required to be submitted when there are separate performance specifications other than material specifications. These could be VTS, ETI, leak test, pressure test, electrical test, mechanical tests etc.

[Engineering Approval for Functional Performance](#) form can be requested by the SQE for this section in addition to the documents submitted by the supplier for this section.

**10b. Design Validation Test Results** – Where identified as part of the PPAP submission requirements, and where functional, performance, durability or reliability requirements are specified in the PR specification (VTS, ETI, AI, EDPS, etc.), design validation test results shall be provided by the Supplier as evidence to indicate that the product design is capable of meeting such design requirements.

This element is 2-stage requirement.


First, the Supplier must provide both an initial completed copy of the [“Engineering Approval for Functional Performance”](#) form, as well as a full copy of the test results to PR Engineering for review and approval.

The test results, at a minimum, shall include the following:

- List of planned validation tests including acceptance criteria
- The PR part number and PR Engineering revision levels for the tested parts
- Any deviation to the engineering specification that existed on the tested parts. These should be PR Engineering approved in writing prior to conducting the testing to avoid any disqualified test results
- Quantity of parts tested
- The date of test completion
- Test results for each of the planned tests
- A conformance status statement indicating whether the test results passed or failed to meet the acceptance criteria
- A signature from an authorized supplier representative and date of signature

PR Engineering shall review the submitted test information and resolve any discrepancies with the Supplier. Once the PR Engineer is satisfied with the test results, they shall sign the “Engineering Approval for Functional Performance” form and return it to the supplier.

In stage 2, the Supplier shall submit a copy of the PR approved “Engineering Approval of Functional Performance” form as well as the test results as part of the PPAP.

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**10c. Weld Qualification Records** – Where weld qualification is required, the supplier must submit with the PPAP evidence of compliance to PR specifications. For specific details, please refer to [AI 1651, “PR Welding, Brazing and Soldering Specification”](#).

For welding, this document defines the various requirements for weld procedure qualification, Weld Coordinator, Welder and Inspector qualifications, etc.

Contact your Buyer for a copy of the latest version of this document.

**11. Appearance Approval Report - Certificate of Compliance to Finish Requirements** – Evidence for compliance of the part appearance is required for parts that are painted or otherwise finished (e.g. zinc dichromate, phosphate and oil finishing, etc.).


The supplier must comply with the requirements of [AI 2719, “Surface Finish Requirement”](#) where required. Please refer to AI 2719 for specific requirements. Contact your Buyer for a copy of the latest version of this document.

For painted parts, typical evidence of conformance includes:

- Technical data sheets from the manufacturer of the primers and top coat paints used. The sheets must indicate the use of the correct PR approved primers / paints (reference AI 2719).
- Evaluation of color match and gloss as compared to master color and gloss chip. Master chips can be purchased from the paint manufacturer. PR suggests reporting the results of this evaluation on the Inspection report.
- Film thickness measurement
- Adhesion and other specified test results in accordance with testing and methods referenced in AI 2719.
- Visual inspection for the presence of visual paint discontinuities and defects such as dings, weld spatter, drips, orange peel, etc. as referenced in the “Appearance” section of AI 2719. PR suggests reporting the results of this evaluation on the Inspection report
- visual assessment for conformance to any paint masking diagrams that are applicable to the part. PR suggests the reporting of this evaluation on the Inspection report.

For other finish surfaces, certificates of conformance from the organization providing the finishing service may be provided.

If you are unclear on the specific requirements for appearance approval, consult you PR SQE for clarification.

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**12. Sample Product with PPAP Labels Applied** – PPAP samples shall be identified as such using tags, or where tags are not practical, through labeling of the container or packaging. The identification shall include at a minimum:


- The PPAP ID number (obtained from the ETQ system)
- PR Part number and PR engineering revision
- Part description
- Supplier name, facility that is providing the PPAP and the city in which that facility is located
- PO number against which the first delivery of parts will be shipped
- The name of the PR point of contact that is to receive the PPAP samples

PR has provided a PPAP Parts template label that can be attached to the part or part packaging that contains the above information fields.

Reference the PPAP Parts label form '[FRM-COR-6306 - PPAP Samples Label](#)' on the PR website.

**13. Checking Aids - List of Gages, Fixtures, Inspection Equipment/Devices** – Checking aids can include fixtures, variable and attribute gages, models, templates, and mylars specific to the product being submitted. All checking aids that were developed by the supplier and used in the production of the part shall be listed by gage number. The calibration certification information of each checking aid shall also be provided.

- Checking Aids must be numbered and included in the Control Plan.
  - This includes fixtures and tooling owned by Progress Rail
  - The supplier is expected to provide pictures and descriptions of all Progress Rail owned tooling
- Confirm that the gage calibration certification has not expired.
- A dimensional print shall be submitted for any 3-dimensional checking aid that was developed by the supplier for special characteristics.
- A Measurement System Analysis (MSA) study shall be submitted for any checking aid that was developed by the supplier for special characteristics.
  - Instructions for performing MSA for attribute gages are in the [AIAG Core Tools](#)
  - Suppliers may purchase electronic forms from AIAG or use an internal format(Require Progress Rail Approval)

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**14. Packaging Form - Description of Packaging** –The Supplier must submit a completed [FRM-COR-6439](#). The Supplier is responsible to package the part in a manner that adequately protects the parts from damage or other negative effects due to the environment through which the part is transported and in which the part is stored. The packaging must also meet all other Progress Rail packaging criteria (i.e. no supplier logo on parts or packaging). This requirement exists regardless of the final destination of the shipped part and Supplier should consider the packaging needs for parts that are shipped via ground transportation in the USA versus, for example, the same part that may be shipped via ship overseas. A packaging instruction that indicates the planned method(s) for packaging must be submitted In addition to the packaging instruction, image(s) of the packaged parts that illustrate the packaging shall also be submitted as part of the PPAP unless otherwise waived by PR. Please refer to the [Progress Rail Shipping and Packaging Manual](#) on the Progress Rail website(<https://www.progressrail.com>) for shipping and packaging requirements.

**15: Other Submission Requirements:** Additional requirements as defined by Progress Rail. Common requests include photographs and the module release approval form(FRM-COR-4353).

**6.0 Records Retention**

The supplier must maintain full records of the PPAP documentation, in the supplier’s internal files and shall furnish those records to PR upon request. A copy of the approved PPAP with all supporting documentation for as long as the part is active plus a minimum of seven year and must be retained.