



# **Standard Practice for Sampling and Judging Quality of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials<sup>1</sup>**

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## **1. Scope\***

1.1 This practice covers procedures for obtaining data pertaining to the quality of a lot of electrical insulating material and for making a judgement whether the lot meets the requirements of a material specification.

1.2 This practice is not intended to define a producer's internal quality control procedures but is designed to determine the acceptability of all, or some portion, of a quantity of electrical insulating material that is available for inspection by the user of the material.

1.3 This practice is intended to be used in conjunction with an existing material specification that specifies property characteristic limits, acceptable quality level (AQL), standard test methods, and specific sampling instructions.

1.4 In the absence of a specification as described in 1.3, use this practice as a guide, after establishment of agreed-upon property characteristics, limits, AQL, standard test methods, and specific sampling instructions.

1.5 It is intended that this be a practice for inspection by attributes.

1.6 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## **2. Referenced Documents**

### **2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>**

[E300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals](#)

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

### **2.2 Military Standard:**

[MIL-STD-105D Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes<sup>3</sup>](#)

### **2.3 Other Document:**

[ANSI/ASQC A2 -1987<sup>4</sup>](#)

## **3. Terminology**

### **3.1 Definitions:**

3.1.1 *acceptance number, n*—the maximum allowable number of nonconformities for a given AQL and sample size (lot-sample size).

3.1.2 *acceptable quality level (AQL), n*—the maximum percent nonconforming which, for purposes of sampling inspection, is considered satisfactory as a process average.

3.1.3 *critical property, n*—a quantitatively measurable characteristic which is absolutely necessary to be met if a material or product is to provide satisfactory performance for the intended use.

3.1.3.1 *Discussion*—In some situations, specification requirements coincide with customer usage requirements. In other situations, they may not coincide, being either more or less stringent. More stringent sampling (for example, smaller AQL values) is usually used for measurement of characteristics which are considered critical. The selection of sampling plans is independent of whether the term *defect* or *nonconformity* is appropriate.

3.1.4 *defect, n*—a departure of a quality characteristic from its intended level, or state, that occurs with a severity sufficient to cause an associated product or service not to satisfy intended normal, or reasonably foreseeable, usage requirements.

3.1.4.1 *Discussion*—The terms *defect* and *nonconformity* and their derivatives are used somewhat interchangeably in the historical and current literature. *Nonconformity* objectively describes the comparison of test results to specification requirements, while the term *defect* has a connotation of predicting the failure of a product or service to perform its intended function in use. Since this latter connotation is often

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term *nonconformity* is preferred in full consensus standards. The selection of any sample plan is independent of whether the term *defect* or *nonconformity* is appropriate.

The term *defect* may be appropriate for specifications mutually agreed upon by a producer and a user where specific use conditions are clearly understood. Even in these cases however, use the term *defect* with caution and consider substituting the term *nonconformity*.

For additional comments, see ANSI/ASQC A2-1987 that also states: "When a quality characteristic of a product or service is "evaluated" in terms of conformance to specification requirements, the use of the term *nonconformity* is appropriate."

3.1.5 *group AQL*—the AQL assigned to a group of material properties.

3.1.5.1 *Discussion*—See 5.2 for additional information about the meaning of AQL.

3.1.6 *lot, n*—an entity of electrical insulating material or product which, insofar as is practicable, consists of a single type, grade, class, size, or composition that was manufactured under essentially the same conditions and is available to the user for sampling at one time.

3.1.7 *lot number, n*—the number used by a producer to identify an entity of electrical insulating material or product.

3.1.8 *major property, n*—a quantitatively measurable characteristic which, if not met, is likely to seriously impair the performance of a material or product for the intended use.

3.1.8.1 *Discussion*—In some situations, specification requirements coincide with customer usage requirements. In other situations, they may not coincide, being either more or less stringent. More stringent sampling (for example, smaller AQL values) is usually used for measurement of characteristics that are considered important. The selection of sampling plans is independent of whether the term *defect* or *nonconformity* is appropriate.

3.1.9 *minor property, n*—a characteristic which, if not met, is not likely to materially reduce the performance of a material or product for the intended use.

3.1.9.1 *Discussion*—In some situations, specification requirements coincide with customer usage requirements. In other situations, they may not coincide, being either more or less stringent. More stringent sampling (for example, smaller AQL values) is usually used for measurement of characteristics that are considered important. The selection of sampling plans is independent of whether the term *defect* or *nonconformity* is appropriate.

3.1.10 *nonconforming unit, n*—a unit of product containing at least one nonconformity.

3.1.11 *nonconformities per hundred units, n*—a calculated ratio of nonconforming units to the number of units inspected, the quotient being multiplied by 100 (See 3.1.13.)

3.1.12 *nonconformity, n*—a departure of a quality characteristic from its intended level or state that occurs with a severity sufficient to cause a test result not to meet a specification requirement.

3.1.13 *percent nonconforming, n*—a calculated ratio of nonconforming units to the number of units inspected, the quotient being multiplied by 100.

3.1.14 *rejection number, n*—the minimum number of nonconformities for a given AQL and sample size (lot-sample size) which will subject a lot to rejection.

3.1.15 *sample, n*—one or more units of product taken from a lot without regard to the quality of the unit. (Also often termed lot sample).

3.1.16 *sample size, n*—the number of units of product taken to make up the sample.

3.1.16.1 *Discussion*—This standard uses only lot sample sizes and not lot sizes since the discriminatory power of any sampling plan is independent essentially of the size of the lot. The sample size selected by the user for a given acceptable quality level (AQL) is optional depending upon the degree of protection desired by the user against the acceptance of nonconforming lots.

3.1.17 *test measurement, n*—a quantitative expression of one value determined for a property of interest by a single application of a specified test procedure.

3.1.18 *test result, n*—the value that expresses the level of a property of the test unit.

3.1.18.1 *Discussion*—A test result is sometimes a single test measurement but usually a test result is computed from several test measurements.

3.1.19 *test specimen, n*—a portion of a test unit upon which one or more test measurements are made.

3.1.20 *test unit, n*—a fraction of a unit of product from which one or more test specimens are taken for each property.

3.1.20.1 *Discussion*—If the unit of product is of insufficient size to meet the requirements of a testing method: (1) sample adjacent units of product and aggregate units of product for the test unit or, (2) obtain a test unit of sufficient size, and representative of the unit of product, from the producer.

3.1.21 *unit of product, n*—an entity of electrical insulating material or product for inspection to determine its classification as conforming or non-conforming.

3.1.21.1 *Discussion*—A unit of product is established by the user and may or may not be the same as a unit of purchase, supply, production, or shipment. Some examples of a unit of product are:

Bag	Case	Reel
Barrel	Container	Roll
Bin	Cop	Sheet
Bobbin	Drum	Skid
Box	Length	Spool
Bundle	Pad	Tank
Car	Pail	Tank compartment
Carton	Pallet	Truckload

#### 4. Summary of Practice

4.1 Instructions are given for obtaining a sample from which specimens are then taken for testing. The test data are compared to the material specification and a judgement is then made as to whether the material meets the requirements of said material specification.

4.2 This practice has been modeled after MIL-STD-105D.

## 5. Procedure

### 5.1 General Considerations:

5.1.1 Assemble the lot of electrical insulating material so that a lot sample is obtained in a manner that will minimize bias in the selection of the units of product that will be inspected. A scheme that offers a good chance of minimizing bias is the assignment of numbers to each unit of product and then using a table of random numbers to select those units of product from which test units are taken.

5.1.2 For a lot of electrical insulating material that is in bulk form (for example, a tank car of powdered resin) take the lot sample from the unit of product in accordance with Practice E300.

5.1.3 Take the material to be removed from any unit of product in a random manner. When it is impracticable to meet this requirement (for example, in the case of long lengths of material wound onto rolls or large, thick, heavy sheets packed on pallets or skids), economy will dictate the removal of material from the end of a roll, or the top of a pile, etc. in which cases the selection cannot be described as "random."

5.1.4 Take the necessary amount of material from the test unit so as to meet the specimen requirements of the various test methods that will be used to evaluate the material.

5.1.5 Refer to the material specification for the allowable maximum elapsed time between the assembly of the lot for inspection and the disposition of the lot. If the material specification (or other pertinent document) does not cover this matter, the maximum allowable time is 30 calendar days.

5.1.6 Exercise care to protect the electrical insulating material contained in the test unit from which specimens are to be prepared. An example of this protection is packaging in metal foil or glass containers so as to prevent or minimize contamination of the material from the effects of the environment to which such material is subjected between sampling and testing.

5.1.7 Test units assembled as described above shall be deemed to be representative of the lot of material being inspected. Disposition of the lot, or portions thereof will be based upon the data generated from these test units unless otherwise agreed upon between the user and the producer.

### 5.2 Establishing Acceptable Quality Levels:

5.2.1 Acceptable quality levels (AQL's) for each critical, major, and minor property shall be as mutually agreed upon by the producer and the user. It is also acceptable to establish group AQL's for given groups of properties. Disclose these AQL's in a purchase order, material specification, or in some other document. This standard is not intended to impose limits upon the risks acceptable to either the user or the producer.

5.2.2 When a user designates some specific value of AQL for a single nonconformity, it indicates that the user's acceptance sampling plan will accept the great majority of the lots submitted by the producer if the process average level of percent nonconforming in the lots is no greater than the designated value of AQL. The preceding statement is also true for a group AQL value designated for a group of nonconformities.

5.2.2.1 The sampling plans of this standard are so arranged that the probability of acceptance, at the designated AQL value, depends upon the sample size. For a given AQL, the probability of acceptance will be generally higher for large sample sizes than for small sample sizes. The AQL alone does not describe the user protection for individual lots, but more directly relates to what a user might expect from a series of lots. Refer to the operating characteristic curve to determine what protection the user will have for a specific AQL.

5.2.3 The designation of an AQL shall not imply that a producer has the right to knowingly supply any nonconforming unit of product.

5.2.4 The values of AQL listed in the accompanying tables (see Section Appendix X1) are known as preferred AQL's. If any AQL is designated other than a preferred AQL, these tables are not applicable.

### 5.3 Sampling Plan Selection:

5.3.1 Use the designated AQL and the sample size code letter from Table 1 to select a sampling plan from Tables 2-22. When no sampling plan is available for a given combination of AQL and code letter, the table directs the user to a different code letter. Use the sample size given by the new code letter, not the original code letter.

**TABLE 1** Sample Size Code Letters (See 5.4)

Lot or batch size			Special inspection levels				General inspection levels		
			S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	I	II	III
2	to	8	A	A	A	A	A	A	B
9	to	15	A	A	A	A	A	B	C
16	to	25	A	A	B	B	B	C	D
26	to	50	A	B	B	C	C	D	E
51	to	90	B	B	C	C	C	E	F
91	to	150	B	B	C	D	D	F	G
151	to	280	B	C	D	E	E	G	H
281	to	500	B	C	D	E	F	H	J
501	to	1200	C	C	E	F	G	J	K
1201	to	3200	C	D	E	G	H	K	L
3201	to	10000	C	D	F	G	J	L	M
10001	to	35000	C	D	F	H	K	M	N
35001	to	150000	D	E	G	J	L	N	P
150001	to	500000	D	E	G	J	M	P	Q
500001	and over		D	E	H	K	N	Q	R

**TABLE 2 A Single Sampling Plans For Normal Inspection (Master Table) (See 5.3.1 and 5.3.2)**

 = Use first sampling plan below arrow. If sample size equals, or exceeds, lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.

 = Use first sampling plan above arrow.

Ac = Acceptance number.  
Re = Rejection number.

TABLE 2 B Single Sampling Plans for Tightened Inspection (Master Table) (See 8.4 and 8.5)

Sample size code letter	Sample size	Acceptable Quality Levels (tightened inspection)																												
		0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100	150	250	400	650	1000			
		Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re				
A B C	2 3 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 1	0 1	1 2	1 2	2 3	2 3	3 4	3 4	5 6	8 9	12 13	18 19	27 28	41 42
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
D E F	8 13 20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 1	0 1	1 2	1 2	2 3	2 3	3 4	3 4	5 6	8 9	12 13	18 19	27 28	41 42
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
G H J	32 50 80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 1	0 1	1 2	1 2	2 3	2 3	3 4	3 4	5 6	8 9	12 13	18 19	27 28	41 42
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
K L M	125 200 315	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 1	0 1	1 2	1 2	2 3	2 3	3 4	3 4	5 6	8 9	12 13	18 19	27 28	41 42
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
N P Q	500 800 1250	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 1	0 1	1 2	1 2	2 3	2 3	3 4	3 4	5 6	8 9	12 13	18 19	27 28	41 42
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
R	2000	0 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
S	3150	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	8	9	12	13	16	19	1	2	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	8	9	12	13	

 = Use first sampling plan below arrow. If sample size equals or exceeds lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.

 = Use first sampling plan above arrow.

Ac = Acceptance number.

Re = Rejection number.

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TABLE 2 C Single Sampling Plans for Reduced Inspection (Master Table) (See 5.3.1 and 5.3.2)

Sample size code letter	Sample size	Acceptable Quality Levels (reduced inspection) <sup>†</sup>																									
		0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100	150	250	400	650	1000
		Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	Ac Re	
A	2																										
B	2																										
C	2																										
D	3																										
E	5																										
F	8																										
G	13																										
H	20																										
J	32																										
K	50																										
L	80																										
M	125																										
N	200																										
P	315																										
Q	500	0	1																								
R	800																										

 = Use first sampling plan below arrow. If sample size equals or exceeds lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.

 = Use first sampling plan above arrow.

 = If the acceptance number has been exceeded, but the rejection number has not been reached, accept the lot, but reinstate normal inspection (see 10.1.4).

Ac Re = Acceptance number.

Re = Rejection number.

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TABLE 3 A Double Sampling Plans for Normal Inspection (Master Table) (See 8.4 and 8.5)

				Acceptable Quality Levels (normal inspection)																										
Sample size code letter	Sample size	Cumulative sample size		0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100	150	250	400	650	1000	
Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	
A																														
B	First	2	2																											
	Second	2	4																											
C	First	3	3																											
	Second	3	6																											
D	First	5	5																											
	Second	5	10																											
E	First	8	8																											
	Second	8	16																											
F	First	13	13																											
	Second	13	26																											
G	First	20	20																											
	Second	20	40																											
H	First	32	32																											
	Second	32	64																											
J	First	50	50																											
	Second	50	100																											
K	First	80	80																											
	Second	80	160																											
L	First	125	125																											
	Second	125	250																											
M	First	200	200																											
	Second	200	400																											
N	First	315	315																											
	Second	315	630																											
P	First	500	500																											
	Second	500	1000																											
Q	First	800	800	*																										
	Second	800	1600																											
R	First	1250	1250																											
	Second	1250	2500																											

→ Use first sampling plan below arrow. If sample size equals or exceeds lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.

← Use first sampling plan above arrow.

• Use corresponding single sampling plan (or alternatively, use double sampling plan below, where available).

TABLE 3 B Double Sampling Plans for Tightened Inspection (Master Table) (See 8.4 and 8.5)

Sample size code letter	Sample size letter	Acceptable Quality Levels (tightened inspection)																												
		Cumulative sample size		0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100	150	250	400	650	1000	
Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	
A																														
B	First	2	2																											
	Second	2	4																											
C	First	3	4																											
	Second	3	6																											
D	First	5	5																											
	Second	5	10																											
E	First	8	8																											
	Second	8	16																											
F	First	13	13																											
	Second	13	26																											
G	First	20	20																											
	Second	20	40																											
H	First	32	32																											
	Second	32	64																											
J	First	50	50																											
	Second	50	100																											
K	First	80	80																											
	Second	80	160																											
L	First	125	125																											
	Second	125	250																											
M	First	200	200																											
	Second	200	400																											
N	First	315	315																											
	Second	315	630																											
P	First	500	500																											
	Second	500	1000																											
Q	First	800	800																											
	Second	800	1600																											
R	First	1250	1250																											
	Second	1250	2500																											
S	First	2000	2000																											
	Second	2000	4000																											

- ↑ = Use first sampling plan below arrow. If sample size equals or exceeds lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.
- ↑ = Use first sampling plan above arrow.
- Ac = Acceptance number
- Re = Rejection number
- = Use corresponding single sampling plan (or, alternatively, use double sampling plan below, where available).



TABLE 3 C Double Sampling Plans for Reduced Inspection (Master Table)

Sample size code letter	Sample size	Cumulative sample size	Acceptable Quality Levels (reduced inspection)†																				
			0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100
Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re	Ac	Re
A																							
B																							
C																							
D	First	2	2																				
	Second	2	4																				
E	First	3	3																				
	Second	3	6																				
F	First	5	5																				
	Second	5	10																				
G	First	8	8																				
	Second	8	16																				
H	First	13	13																				
	Second	13	26																				
J	First	20	20																				
	Second	20	40																				
K	First	32	32																				
	Second	32	64																				
L	First	50	50																				
	Second	50	100																				
M	First	80	80																				
	Second	80	160																				
N	First	125	125																				
	Second	125	250																				
P	First	200	200																				
	Second	200	400																				
Q	First	315	315	*																			
	Second	315	630	*																			
R	First	500	500	†																			
	Second	500	1000	†																			

Use first sampling plan below arrow. If sample size equals lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.

Use first sampling plan above arrow.

Acceptance number.

Rejection number.

Use corresponding single sampling plan (or alternatively, use double sampling plan below, when available.)

If, after the second sample, the acceptance number has been exceeded, but the rejection number has not been reached, accept the lot, but reinspect normal inspection (see 10.14).

TABLE 4 A Multiple Sampling Plans for Normal Inspection (Master Table) (See 8.4 and 8.5)

Sample size code letter		Cumulative sample size		Acceptable Quality Levels (normal inspection)																														
Sample size	Code letter	0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100	150	250	400	650	1000							
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F	First	5	5																															
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Third	5	15																																
Fourth	5	20																																
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Sixth	5	30																																
Seventh	5	35																																
G	First	8	8																															
Second	8	16																																
Third	8	24																																
Fourth	8	32																																
Fifth	8	40																																
Sixth	8	48																																
Seventh	8	56																																
H	First	13	13																															
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Third	13	39																																
Fourth	13	52																																
Fifth	13	65																																
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Seventh	13	91																																
J	First	20	20																															
Second	20	40																																
Third	20	60																																
Fourth	20	80																																
Fifth	20	100																																
Sixth	20	120																																
Seventh	20	140																																

 Use first sampling plan below arrow (refer to continuation of table on following page, when necessary). If sample size equals or exceeds lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.  
 Use first sampling plan above arrow.

 Ac = Acceptance number.  
 Re = Rejection number.

 = Use corresponding single sampling plan (or alternatively, use multiple sampling plan below, where available).  
 = Use corresponding double sampling plan (or alternatively, use multiple sampling plan below, where available).  
 = Acceptance not permitted at this sample size.

TABLE 4 A Multiple Sampling Plans for Normal Inspection (Master Table) (Continued) (See 8.4 and 8.5)

Sample size code letter	Sample size	Acceptable Quality Levels (normal inspection)																												
		Cumulative sample size		0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100	150	250	400	650	1000	
Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He	Ac Re	Ac He		
K	First	12	•																											
	Second	32	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	
	Third	32	96	120	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	
	Fourth	32	120	120	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	
	Fifth	32	160	120	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	
	Sixth	32	192	192	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	
	Seventh	32	224	224	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	
L	First	50	50	•																										
	Second	50	100	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Third	50	150	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fourth	50	200	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fifth	50	250	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Sixth	50	300	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Seventh	50	350	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
M	First	80	80	•																										
	Second	80	160	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Third	80	240	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fourth	80	320	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fifth	80	400	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Sixth	80	480	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Seventh	80	560	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
N	First	125	125	•																										
	Second	125	375	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Third	125	575	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fourth	125	800	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fifth	125	625	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Sixth	125	750	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Seventh	125	875	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
P	First	200	200	•																										
	Second	200	400	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Third	200	600	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fourth	200	800	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fifth	200	1000	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Sixth	200	1200	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Seventh	200	1400	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
Q	First	315	315	•																										
	Second	315	630	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Third	315	945	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fourth	315	1260	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fifth	315	1575	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Sixth	315	1890	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Seventh	315	2205	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
R	First	500	500	•																										
	Second	500	1000	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Third	500	1500	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12	161	12
	Fourth	500	2000</td																											

TABLE 4 B Multiple Sampling Plans for Tightened Inspection (Master Table) (See 8.4 and 8.5)

Sample size code letter	Sample size	Cumulative sample size	Acceptable Quality Levels (tightened inspection)																																
			0.010	0.015	0.025	0.040	0.065	0.10	0.15	0.25	0.40	0.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10	15	25	40	65	100	150	250	400	650	1000							
A	B	C																																	
D	First	2	2	4	6	12	20	32	48	72	112	176	256	360	512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5808	8712	12560	18848	27792	41664	62656	93936							
	Second	2	2	4	6	12	20	32	48	72	112	176	256	360	512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5808	8712	12560	18848	27792	41664	62656	93936							
	Third	2	2	4	6	12	20	32	48	72	112	176	256	360	512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5808	8712	12560	18848	27792	41664	62656	93936							
	Fourth	2	2	4	6	12	20	32	48	72	112	176	256	360	512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5808	8712	12560	18848	27792	41664	62656	93936							
	Fifth	2	2	4	6	12	20	32	48	72	112	176	256	360	512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5808	8712	12560	18848	27792	41664	62656	93936							
	Sixth	2	2	4	6	12	20	32	48	72	112	176	256	360	512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5808	8712	12560	18848	27792	41664	62656	93936							
	Seventh	2	2	4	6	12	20	32	48	72	112	176	256	360	512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5808	8712	12560	18848	27792	41664	62656	93936							
E	First	3	3	6	9	12	18	27	40	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875					
	Second	3	3	6	9	12	18	27	40	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875					
	Third	3	3	6	9	12	18	27	40	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875					
	Fourth	3	3	6	9	12	18	27	40	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875					
	Fifth	3	3	6	9	12	18	27	40	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875					
	Sixth	3	3	6	9	12	18	27	40	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875					
	Seventh	3	3	6	9	12	18	27	40	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875					
F	First	5	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875						
	Second	5	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875						
	Third	5	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875						
	Fourth	5	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875						
	Fifth	5	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875						
	Sixth	5	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875						
	Seventh	5	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	90	135	202.5	303.75	455.625	683.4375	1025.15625	1537.734375	2306.605625	3459.90875	5189.86328125	7784.794875	11677.19234375	17515.7885625	26273.68284375	39410.52428125	58815.7864234375	88223.6796328125	132335.669453125	198503.5541796875						
G	First	8	8	16	24	32	48	72	108	160	240	360	540	810	1215	1822.5	2733.75	4100.5	6150.75	9225	13837.5	20756.25	31134.375	46701.5625	69552.34375	104328.53125	156492.8125	234739.234375	352108.859375	528163.29296875	792245.4375	1188368.15625			
	Second	8	8	16	24	32	48	72	108	160	240	360	540	810	1215	1822.5	2733.75	4100.5	6150.75	9225	13837.5	20756.25	31134.375	46701.5625	69552.34375	104328.53125	156492.8125	234739.234375	352108.859375	528163.29296875	792245.4375	1188368.15625			
	Third	8	8	16	24	32	48	72	108	160	240	360	540	810	1215	1822.5	2733.75	4100.5	6150.75	9225	13837.5	20756.25	31134.375	46701.5625	69552.34375	104328.53125	156492.8125	234739.234375	352108.859375	528163.29296875	792245.4375	1188368.15625			
	Fourth	8	8	16	24	32	48	72	108	160	240	360	540	810	1215	1822.5	2733.75	4100.5	6150.75	9225	13837.5	20756.25	31134.375	46701.5625	69552.34375	104328.53125	156492.8125	234739.234375	352108.859375	528163.29296875	792245.4375	1188368.15625			
	Fifth	8	8	16	24	32	48	72	108	160	240	360	540	810	1215	1822.5	2733.75	4100.5	6150.75	9225	13837.5	20756.25	31134.375	46701.5625	69552.34375	104328.53125	156492.8125	234739.234375	352108.859375	528163.29296875	792245.4375	1188368.15625			
	Sixth	8	8	16	24	32	48	72	108	160	240	360	540	810	1215	1822.5	2733.75	4100.5	6150.75	9225	13837.5	20756.25	31134.375	46701.5625	69552.34375	104328.53125	156492.8125	234739.234375	352108.859375	528163.29296875	792245.4375	1188368.15625			
	Seventh	8	8	16	24	32	48	72	108	160	240	360	540	810	1215	1822.5	2733.75	4100.5	6150.75	9225	13837.5	20756.25	31134.375	46701.5625	69552.34375	104328.53125	156492.8125	234739.234375	352108.859375	528163.29296875	792245.4375	1188368.15625			
H	First	13	13	26	39	52	65	78	91	100	120	140	160	180	200	240	320	480	720	1100	1700	2500	3700	5500	8200	12300	18400	27600	41400	62100	93100	140100	210100	315100	472100
	Second	13	13	26	39	52	65	78	91	100	120	140	160	180	200	240	320	480	720	1100	1700	2500	3700	5500	8200	12300	18400	27600	41400	62100	93100	140100	210100	315100	472100
	Third	13	13	26	39	52	65	78	91	100	120	140	160	180	200																				

**TABLE 4 B** Multiple Sampling Plans for Tightened Inspection (Master Table) (*Continued*) (See 8.4 and 8.5)

- Use first sampling plan below. If sample size equals or exceeds lot or batch size, do 100 percent inspection.
- Acceptance number:  $n$  (this allows direct reference to preceding page, when necessary)
- Acceptance number:  $c$
- The corresponding single sampling plan (or alternatively, see multiple sampling plan below, where available):
- Acceptance sampling is permitted at this sample size.

**MULTIPLE  
TIGHTENED**