

IV-11 WARRANTY/FIELD QUALITY ASSURANCE & COST OF QUALITY RESPONSIBILITY

Purpose

Suppliers must be aware of part and material quality in field applications.

Supplier Responsibilities

General Requirements

- 1. All suppliers must have a warranty management system for all parts from mass production release through the life of the part.
- 2. The supplier's warranty management system must include:
 - Defined targets and measures gauging warranty performance
 - Plan for achieving warranty targets
 - Cross-functional working groups to address issues as they arise
 - Periodic forum (e.g. management review) to discuss warranty issues and performance against targets
 - Documented procedures for problem solving and corrective action:
 - Tracking and control of incoming warranty information and parts
 - Analysis, identification and verification of root cause
 - Further flow-out prevention (field issue containment)
 - Countermeasure implementation and effectiveness verification
 - Determination and confirmation of recurrence prevention
 - Check of similar processes and application of needed controls or countermeasures
 - Reporting of results to all impacted groups (internal & external)
- 3. Suppliers are responsible for requesting warranty parts needed for investigation. If within seven days there is no request for parts return, the parts are disposed.
- 4. The supplier is responsible for Warranty Cost under the conditions outlined within the ADVICS Terms and Conditions.

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