

Control Plan Example and Guide

Control plans are a critical part of the overall quality process. They are living documents that are updated as processes change and improve throughout the product lifecycle. Control plans are also one of the elements of the **Production Part Approval Process (PPAP)**.

A control plan describes the methods for controlling product and process variation in order to produce quality parts that meet customer requirements.

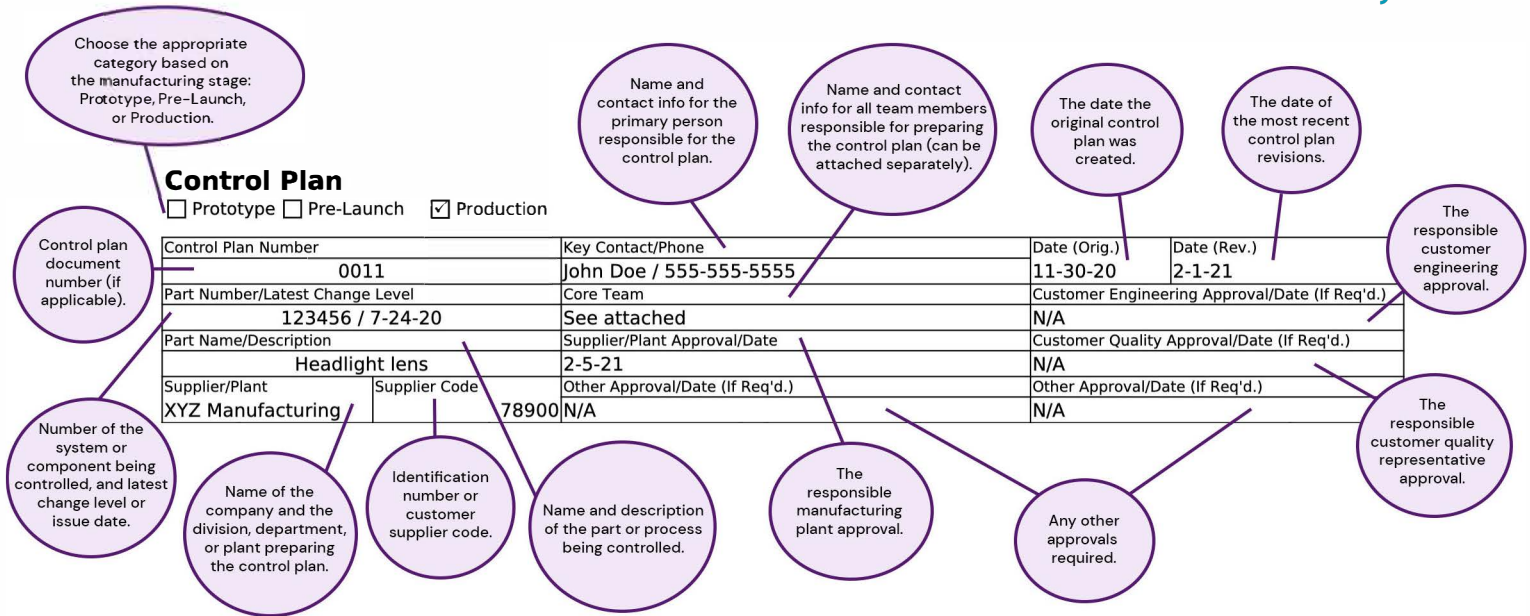
The purpose of this guide is to provide an example of a control plan and an explanation of each component. Control plan formats and information may vary based on specific customer requirements.

This guide should be used only as an example and reference.

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Prototype Pre-Launch Production

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Part Name/Description		Supplier/Plant Approval/Date		Customer Quality Approval/Date (If Req'd.)								
Headlight lens		2-5-21		N/A								
Supplier/Plant		Other Approval/Date (If Req'd.)		Other Approval/Date (If Req'd.)								
XYZ Manufacturing		Supplier Code		N/A								
78900		N/A		N/A								
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			Number	Product	Process		Product / Process Specification / Tolerance	Evaluation / Measurement Technique	SAMPLE SIZE	FREQ.		Control Method
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The part number or numbers, typically found in the Process Flow Chart.

The process or operation name from the flow diagram providing the steps for manufacturing the system or component.

Special characteristic classification if required (symbols used by the customer to mark important features), or leave blank for other undesignated features.

Specifications and tolerances from relevant engineering documents (including drawings, design reviews, etc).

The processing equipment or manufacturing tools used in the operation.

Cross reference number for all relevant documents. This would be the same number across ballooned part drawings, process flow diagrams, FMEAs, or other documents.

All special characteristics or features of a part, component, or assembly, compiled from drawings or other sources. This can also include other features that typically involve process control tracking.

The process or input variables that must be controlled to decrease product variation. There can be one or more process characteristics that affect each listed product characteristic.

The measurement system used for each part, feature, process, or manufacturing equipment (gages, tools, test equipment, etc). This should be evaluated using a measurement systems analysis.

Sample size and frequency when sampling is required.

Description of how the operation will be controlled, based on the strategy and analysis of the manufacturing process, type of process, and risks found during quality planning. This is a key part of the control plan and should be regularly evaluated. Control methods can include inspection, statistical process control, and others.

The specific corrective actions for avoiding production of nonconforming products. This section can reference a separate reaction plan and assign the responsible team members.