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Supplier Quality Notification Material Reduction (MR)

To our Valued Suppliers:

Material Reduction or MR is becoming an increasing concern for BAE Systems and our customer. For the purpose of this notification, MR is defined as any damage/discontinuity; scrape, dent, gouge, etc., that results in a material thickness or dimensional nonconformance at the location of the discontinuity OR occurs on any of the surfaces of a weld preparation. Pictured below are some examples:



We ask that all of our suppliers be vigilant and take every precaution to avoid material damage at your facilities during every step of your processes. Some examples of processes that can cause damage may include but are not limited to: forklift forks, chains/cables used to lift/move parts, racks used to store or transport parts, part against part damage, banding used to secure parts.

Although the damage may appear minor, it requires repair, drives increased production cost, and may result in the rejection of parts delivered to BAE Systems.