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1.0 <u>SCOPE</u>

This procedure covers the radiographic inspection of both steel and aluminium cast alloys used for the production of fan impeller parts with thickness up to 120 mm. Utilising constant potential X-ray equipment operating below 300kV, which is in accordance with ASTM E1255 (Standard Practice for Radioscopic Real Time Examination) and ASTM E1000-89 (Standard Guide for Radioscopic Real Time Imaging).

The detection medium to be used will be a group 2 X-ray image intensifier as defined in BS 7009.

100% of the component will be covered and the defects to be located will include both volumetric and planar defects located at the surface and sub-surface.

Radiographic inspections will, when specified on the manufacturing instructions, be utilised in conjunction with complementary NDT methods such as magnetic particle, penetrant inspection or ultrasonic inspection to ensure full coverage is achieved.

2.0 **<u>REFERENCES</u>**

The following documents are to be utilised in conjunction with this procedure:

BS 2737	Terminology of Internal Defects in Castings (as revealed by radiography).
BS 3683	Glossary of terms used in non-destructive testing Part 3 Radiological Flaw Detection
BS 3971	Specification for Image Quality Indicators for Industrial Radiography.
ASTM E747-97	Controlling the quality of radiographic testing using wire penetrameters,
ASTM E1255-96	Standard Practice for Radioscopy
ASTM E155	Reference Radiographs for inspection of Aluminium and Magnesium Castings
SNT-TC-1A(1996)	Personnel Qualification and Certification in Non-Destructive Testing.
IRR 99	Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999
RQCP/002	Fläkt Woods Limited Radioscopic Calibration Procedure
RQCP/003	Fläkt Woods Limited written practice for the Qualification and Certification of NDT personnel.





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3.0 **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this procedure the terms and definitions listed in ASTM E1316–95b Section 07 Terminology for Non-Destructive Examinations shall apply. The following abbreviations are employed in this procedure

kV: Kilovoltage

mA: milliamperage

4.0 <u>SAFETY</u>

Operators shall be trained so that they are familiar with local and company safety requirements, and statutory regulations.

Radiographic procedures shall comply with the requirements of the Ionising Radiation Regulations and associated Local Rules, in addition to the Company's Health and Safety Policy.

All personnel carrying out industrial radiography shall wear personnel monitoring equipment such as film badges so as to accurately measure their received dose levels. Operators will further utilise instantaneous radiation monitoring equipment to prevent excess exposure to radiation.

Operators will have received an annual medical within the previous 12 months at which their general suitability for classification as a classified worker will have been verified. Blood sample measurements will have been carried out to determine if any over exposure has occurred within the previous 12 months.

Radioscopic inspections shall only be performed within the supervised areas as defined in the Ionising Radiations Regulations Local Rules so as to prevent unauthorised access by unclassified workers. Operators will employ practices to ensure that radiation doses are as low as reasonably achievable.

5.0 **PERSONNEL**

Personnel applying this procedure shall hold a current qualification to SNT TC 1A Level I or II in radioscopic inspection, supervised by an independently certificated Level III. Colour vision and near vision acuity will be in accordance with the requirements of Fläkt Woods Limited written practice reference RQCP/003





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6.0 **IDENTIFICATION**

Where specified, all components will be uniquely identified such that radioscopic examination images/records for the component can be traced.

Full material identification and traceability will only be maintained where specifically stated at the order input stage or within the manufacturing instructions (e.g. part drawing).

Items found to be outside of the radiographic acceptance criteria shall be identified as being non-conforming and shall be segregated to prevent further use. The numbers of nonconforming items are recorded for analysis purposes with respect to both internal and external supplier performances. Repairs to non-conforming items shall only be permitted by concession. Internal defects shall not be repaired but surface defects may be made good if agreed by concession.

The control of non-conforming items refers to Quality Control Procedure reference QCP/013. Applications for a concession refer to Quality Control Procedure reference QCP/006.

7.0 SURFACE PREPARATION

Castings will be free from all traces of loose scale, oil and grease. They will further be in the fully fettled condition. Casting surfaces shall be prepared such as to remove any conditions that could mask or be confused with internal/surface casting discontinuities.

8.0 **EXTENT OF INSPECTION**

All sections of the casting shall be tested in accordance with the specific radioscopic inspection component drawing(s).

9.0 EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION

Equipment to be utilised shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASTM E1255. The equipment and material to be utilised are:

9.1 768/225 Bay System

9.1.1 Product Details

9.1.1.1 **Product Type and Range** Aluminium castings



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9.1.1.2 **Product Maximum Dimensions**

Length 1000 mm (single pass) up to 2000 mm (double Pass) Width 710 mm Height 150 mm Weight 90kg Circular component diameter 1000 mm

9.1.1.3 <u>Maximum Material Thickness Penetration</u> 120 mm of aluminium

9.1.1.4 Inspection Standards ASTM E155 Reference standards

9.1.2 Radiographic Parameters

9.1.2.1 X-Ray Field of View

110 mm, 160 mm and 220 mm diameter, remotely selectable from the control panel. Anti-flare sensor eliminating the need for secondary collimation.

9.1.2.2 **<u>Radiographic Image Quality</u>** Contrast sensitivity better that 2%. System resolution 0.25 mm.

9.1.2.3 **Displayed Image Resolution**

X-Ray sensor 768H x 582V pixels. Image processor 512H x 512V pixels. Image display 800 video lines.

9.1.2.4 Radiographic Set Up

X-Ray source to sensor distance 1200 mm maximum

9.1.2.5 **Product Manipulation**

Product rotation	360 degrees at 2 revs/min
Product tilt table	Manual selection of 0 to 45 degrees angular positions, with a 90 degree fixed position available.
Platform vertical trave	el 1000 mm linear servo-driven positional feedback.
	Datum reference point.
X-Ray head linear tra	verse 200 mm servo-driven positional feedback.
	Variable speed to 100 mm/sec max
X-Ray sensor linear the	raverse 200 mm servo-driven positional feedback. Datum reference point.
	Variable speed to 100 mm/sec max.



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9.1.2.6 X-Ray Source Specification

Source capable of operating at up to 220kV and 13mA.

- 0 220kV variable kV range.
- 0 8.2mA variable mA range for fine focus.
- 0 13mA variable mA range for broad focus.

9.1.2.7 Calibrated Test Piece

Test piece to demonstrate image contrast, sensitivity and image resolution and for checking system calibration.

9.1.2.8 X-Ray Image Archival Unit

- (a) CD Storage
 - CD OIS IMPS Software
- (b) Data storage

Operator code name. Date of entry. Radiograph identification. Radiograph number. Disc name. Archival operator.

(c) Data entry

Qwerty keyboard. Radiograph identification.

(d) <u>Data viewing</u>

VDU12 inch diagonal.Viewed informationAs storage details and software menu.

9.1.2.9 <u>Reference X-Ray Image Display and Storage</u>

- (a) Reference image storage Ability to store a viewed image for reference purposes.
- (b) Reference image viewing Adjustable intensity and contrast control.



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9.1.2.10 Image Processor Hardware and Software

Real time integration Real time subtraction Real time shading Real time averaging Contrast/brightness enhancement Image sharpening Image zoom and pan Density greyscale measurement and display Distance and linear measurements Image enhancements

X-Ray sensor X-Ray field of view selection.

Integrated with image processing and X-Ray image archival package.

9.1.2.11 Product Marking System

Electronically interfaced to the computer system for image identification verified by screen prompt.

9.1.3 **Operator Control Panel**

The operator control panel consists of:

- 9.1.3.1 X-Ray Sensor Control.
- 9.1.3.2 Image Display Control.
- 9.1.3.3 X-Ray Source Control.
- 9.1.3.4 Manipulation Control.
- 9.1.3.5 X-Ray Image Archival Unit.
- 9.1.3.6 Image Processor Control.

9.1.4 Image Viewing

Image display size

Image display aspect ratio Observed radiographic sensitivity 14 inch diagonal with adjustable intensity and contrast control.4 : 3Better that 2%System resolution 0.25 mm



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9.2 <u>768/160 Conveyor System.</u>

9.2.1 Product Details

9.2.1.1 **Product Type and Range** Aluminium castings

9.2.1.2 **Product Maximum Dimensions** Length 1000 mm Width 400 mm Height 90 mm Weight 15kg

9.2.1.3 <u>Maximum Material Thickness Penetration</u> 80 mm of aluminium.

9.2.1.4 <u>Inspection Standards</u> ASTM E155 Reference standards from real time source.

9.2.2 System Specification

9.2.2.1 X-Ray Source Specification

Constant potential X-Ray energy.
160 kV X-Ray generator.
0 to 160 kV variable kV range.
0 to 4.5mA variable mA range for fine focus.
0 to 10mA variable mA range for broad focus.
Metal ceramic X-Ray head.

9.2.2.2 X-Ray Shutter

Shutter for sensor protection which automatically operates during warm up and when there is no product in the x-ray path.

9.2.2.3 Manipulation and Conveyor

Conveyor belt mechanism	Floor standing.
(under x-ray beam)	low density material conveyor belt with
	non-metallic joints.
	500 mm width belt.
	Fixed speed, reversible under operator
	control.
	Product detection and conveyor belt stop
	mechanism.
Reject mechanism	Electrically controlled gating mechanism.
	Reject chute for rejected product.



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Product unloading

Conveyor bend section

Product transport section

Return conveyor to allow product to be loaded and unloaded by a single operator. 180 degrees powered bend. 500 mm conveyor width. 6000 mm length overall. 500 mm conveyor width. Fixed speed motorised drive. Conveyor sequence control.

9.2.2.4 X-Ray Sensor

160 mm, 220 mm and 300 mm diameter, remotely selectable from the control panel. Full anti-flare characteristic sensor removing the need for secondary collimation.

Image Processor (Noise Reduction Unit) 9.2.2.5

Real time integration. Real time averaging. Image sharpening control Signal gain and back level control Signal level display. Freeze image and display.

9.2.2.6 **Video Monitor**

14 inch diagonal

9.2.2.7 **CD** Storage

CD

OIS IMPS Software

9.2.2.8 **System Resolution**

Contrast sensitivity better than 2%. X-Ray sensor 768H x 582V pixels. Image processor 840H x 582V pixels. Resultant resolution 0.25 mm

9.2.2.9 **Product Marking System**

Manual with electronic interface to the computer system for image identification verified by screen prompt.



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9.2.3 **Operator Control panel**

9.2.3.1 X-Ray Source Control

X-Ray on/off. Variable 0 to 160 kV control Variable 0 to 4.5mA (fine focus). Variable 0 to 10 mA (broad focus) Timer set up/override control. Safety interlock indicator Warm up override indicator X-Ray annunciator control Emergency stop.

9.2.3.2 X-Ray Shutter Control

Shutter open/closed indication, automatic for warm up and product inspection.

9.2.3.3 Manipulation Control

Conveyor operation on/off Conveyor forward/reverse switch Product accept activation switch Product reject activation switch Accept/reject casting counter reset

9.2.3.4 X-Ray Sensor Control

X-Ray field of view160/220/300 mm DiameterX-Ray image focus control.Adjustable for sharp image

9.2.3.5 Image Process Control (Noise Reduction Unit)

Selectable integration from 2 to 128 Selectable averaging from 2 to 128 Mode selection switch Auto/Man/Frame convert Adjustable image enhancement Adjustable gain and back level Live/process/freeze

9.2.3.6 Image Display Control

Adjustable brightness and contrast Normal/underscan mode





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9.2.3.7 Optical Disc Control

Archival retrieval and data entry via the key board

9.2.3.8 Operator Computer VDU and Keyboard Interface

12 inch VDU Computer keyboard Digitising unit

9.2.3.9 X-Ray Image Archival Unit (Software)

Main Menu:	Log on sequence.
	Continue/closedown.
	Product set up procedure.
	Operator mode.
	Retrieval mode.
	Exit.
Sub Menu:	
Product Set up:	Create Procedure and Store.
-	Retrieval procedure.
Operator Mode:	Read number/confirm.
-	Write information on image with date
	Archive Image.
	Next sub-image.
	Continue next image.
	Review reference images from central
	computer.
	Exit.

10.0 EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION

All radiographic equipment and materials shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASTM E1255 and where relevant will bear the current status of calibration as appropriate.

Check	Frequency
X-Ray equipment, control panel and meters.	Annually
Radiation safety equipment	Annually
Focal spot size.	Annually

Records shall be maintained of safety checks carried out to all electrical equipment in the previous 12 months.





number batch.

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11.0 **EQUIPMENT CHECKS**

Check	Frequency
X-ray set will undergo warm up procedure prior to use.	Start up.
Radiation levels in supervised areas.	In accordance with the Ionising Radiations Regulations local rules.
Penetrameter /Calibration Check	At the commencement, during and on completion of each part

12.0 **TECHNIQUE DETAILS**

Radioscopic inspection shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant component technique sheet approved by a level III ASNT or PCN certified person.

13.0 ASSESSMENT OF TEST RESULTS

All radioscopic images will be examined in the static condition in order to determine the accept/reject decision. The operator shall be suitability qualified in accordance with the recommended practice as defined in accordance with Fläkt Woods Limited document reference ROCP/003.

Unless otherwise stated at the contract-input stage only radioscopic images for the parts specified in the manufacturing instructions issued by Engineering will be stored. Only when clearly stated at the contract-input stage will radioscopic examination records and associated radioscopic images be maintained.

140**REPORTING OF TEST RESULTS**

Where requested a report of the test results shall include as a minimum the following:

Component Part number. Area inspected Equipment data Test condition (kV, mA) System Performance Operator name and qualification Date of test Signature. Technique details

15.0 **NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

If for any reason the operator is unable to comply with the requirements of this procedure he/she will refer to his/her/any Level II for direction.