

# Draft Chapter on Setup Validation

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## Chapter 1: Setup Validation

### 1.1 Introduction/Scope

This section provides requirements supporting the capability to verify that voting equipment is setup and configured properly for use in an election. The requirements support the inspection of the voting equipment to determine that: (a) only authorized EAC and jurisdiction certified software is installed; (b) non-authorized, non-certified software is not installed; (c) registers and variables contain proper values; (d) voting equipment components (such as touch screens, batteries, power supplies, etc.) are within proper tolerances, functioning properly, and ready for use in an election. These requirements support the inspection of the voting equipment after voting system (including election specific) software has been installed, logic and accuracy (L&A) testing has been performed, and before voting equipment is re-configured for another election. However, inspection of the voting equipment at other times during the voting process can be supported by the requirements. The verification of the voting equipment can take place at polling sites and/or central election facilities by authorized personnel. The requirements found in this section are derived from requirements found in commercial and federal standards such as Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2005 [VVSG 2005] and IEEE P1583 Draft Standard for the Evaluation of Voting Equipment [IEEE P1583].

## 1.2 Background

This section provides a brief overview of the components of voting system equipment that can be inspected and the limitations of the inspections. In addition, a discussion of the effects timing of the inspections has on the assurance provided to voting system equipment is included.

### 1.2.1 Inspection of software installed on voting equipment

Voting equipment can be inspected to locate and identify the software installed on the voting equipment. Voting equipment that stores software on devices with a file system can use directory paths and filenames to locate and identify software. When voting equipment stores software on devices without file systems, a device's storage locations (such as memory addresses) can be used to locate the software. However, other information (such as byte strings) may be needed identify software residing in the storage locations of the device.

The integrity of software installed on voting equipment can be inspected to determine if software has been modified. Software verification techniques use software reference information (such as digital signatures and performance measures) to determine if the software has been modified. Although software validation techniques can detect modifications, they cannot determine the reason a modification to the software occurs – malicious intent or accidental error. Depending on the characteristics of the software to being inspected, the effectiveness of software verification techniques will vary. Static software<sup>1</sup> can be inspected to determine if the software has been modified. The inspection of dynamic software is possible but provides limited information since determining the events that change the state of the software is impractical.

Software reference information (such as digital signatures and performance measures) from the VSTL, NSRL, EAC, or other notary repositories can be used to determine if EAC or jurisdiction approved software has been modified. However, VSTLs, NSRL, EAC, and other notary repositories can only provide software reference information for the voting system software they receive from vendors, VSTLs, and jurisdictions. Election specific and installation dependant software used by jurisdictions could be provided to the VSTLs, NSRL, EAC, and other notary repositories in order for them to generate the associated software reference information. In addition, jurisdictions can also generate software reference information associated with election specific and installation dependant software

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<sup>1</sup> Static software refers to software that not expected to change over time. Dynamic software refers to software that is expected to change over time but the specific time or value of the change is usually unknown in advance.

## 1.2.2 Inspection of voting equipment registers and variables

The registers and variables of voting equipment can be inspected to determine their contents. Registers and variables containing constant values will contain the same value whenever they are inspected. Registers and variables containing dynamic values – values that change over time such as accumulation registers – contain different values depending on the when they are inspected and events that have occurred prior to the inspection. In general, the initial values of dynamic registers and variables are known prior to using the voting equipment in specific elections such as accumulation registers with zero values. However, the intermediate and final values of dynamic registers and variables are dependant on the events that occur during the operation of the voting equipment for an election.

The proper initial and constant values of registers and variables can be determined before the voting equipment is used from documentation provided by vendors and jurisdictions. The proper intermediate and final values of dynamic registers and variables cannot be determined before the voting equipment is used. However, secondary information from the voting system such as poll check-in records might be used to derive the proper values of dynamic registers and variables. For example, the value of the register or variable that holds the number of ballots cast on the voting equipment can be compared to the record of the number of voters that used the voting equipment. However, some dynamic registers may require that the registers or variables be summed together in order to determine if they hold proper values. For example, if voters select one from a limited list of choices (such as for, against, or abstain) on an issue that are held in different accumulation registers or variables. A summation of the register or variable values can be compared to the record of the number of voter that used the voting equipment.

## 1.2.3 Inspection of the voting system's other properties

In addition to the inspection of the software, registers, and variables, other properties can be inspected to determine if the voting equipment is ready for use in an election. The other properties of the voting equipment that can be inspected include: (a) the connections of the cables (network, power, etc.), (b) the calibration and function of input and output interfaces such as touch screens, (c) the current level of consumables (paper, ink, battery, etc.), and (d) the state of physical mechanisms (such as locks, tamper evident tape, enclosure panels, etc.) used to protect input and output interfaces. In addition, the voting equipment can perform tests to exercise the functionality of voting equipment components to determine if the components are malfunctioning or miss configured

### 1.2.4 Personnel and logistics of voting equipment inspections

The inspection of voting equipment can take place at different locations (polling places and central election offices) and times (before and after ballot casting) in the voting process. In addition, the people (election officials and poll worker) performing the inspections can differ. Inspections of the voting equipment only provide information about the state of the voting equipment at the time of the inspection. As a result, a set of inspections taken during various times in the voting process is better than performing a single inspection at a specific point in the voting process.

The variables of when, where, and who performs the inspections of voting equipment impacts the assurance provide by the inspections. If an inspection takes place at the central election offices before the voting equipment is deployed to polling places, there is a window of opportunity for the state of the voting equipment to be altered before cast ballots are captured. If an inspection takes place at the polling place, the window of opportunity for the state of the voting equipment to be altered before cast ballots are captured decreases. However, the people performing the inspections at the central election offices may have better technical skills to perform the inspections properly versus the people at polling places. These three variables (when, where, and who) need to be considered to gain the maximum benefit provided by performing inspections of voting equipment.

The following example demonstrates how the when, where, and who variables related to voting equipment inspections could be varied to have inspections performed by different people, at different locations, and at different times during the voting process. Voting equipment inspections could be performed: (a) before the voting equipment leaves the central election offices; (b) after voting equipment arrives at polling places but before it is used to capture cast ballots; (c) after the voting equipment has finished capturing cast ballots for the election but before it leaves the polling place; and (d) when voting equipment arrives back at the central election offices before the equipment is reconfigured for the next election. This example incorporates multiple inspections throughout the election process performed by both election administrators and poll workers at both central election offices and polling places.

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### 1.3.1 Voting equipment setup validation process requirement

→ **1.3.1-A** Model setup validation process user documentation requirement.

Vendors **shall** provide a model setup validation process that the voting equipment was designed to support and description of the risks of deviating from the process in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

The model setup validation process ensures that the voting equipment is in a proper initial state before capturing or tallying cast ballots.

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→ **1.3.1-B** Model setup validation inspection requirement

A model setup validation process **shall** at a minimum include the inspection of voting equipment software (See requirements in section 1.3.2), registers and variables (See requirements in section 1.3.3), other voting equipment properties (See requirements section 3.4), and execution of logic and accuracy testing (See Section X.X) related to readiness of use in an election.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (a) and (f)

*Impact:* Extends the VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (a) and (f) requirements by requiring the execution of logic and accuracy

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*testing and inspection of items other than installed software and register and variable values.*

#### → 1.3.1.1-C Model setup validation record generation requirement

The model setup validation process **shall** describe the records that result from performing the setup validation process.

*Applies to: Voting System*

*Test Reference: Volume V, Section 4.1*

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*Source: VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2*

*Impact: Relates to VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2 requirements about records to be generated for system readiness*

## 1.3.2 Voting equipment software inspection requirements

The requirements found in this subsection provide the ability to determine that unmodified, certified voting system software is installed on election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

### 1.3.2.1 Software identification verification

#### → 1.3.2.1-A Installed software identification procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to identify all software installed on election management systems and networked vote capture devices in the user documentation.

*Applies to: Election management system, Networked vote capture device*

*Test Reference: Volume V, Section 4.1 (Review of documentation provided); Functional test to be performed in requirement 1.3.2.1-C.*

#### DISCUSSION

This requirement provides the ability to identify if the proper software is installed and no other software is present on election management systems and networked vote capture devices. This requirement covers software stored on election management systems and networked vote capture devices in storage devices with or without file system. The software distribution requirement **X.X.X** requires

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vendors to provide in the user documentation the list of all software installed on election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b)(ii)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b)(ii) by specifying that the procedures to identify software installed needs to be documented; and focuses scope of the requirement from voting equipment to election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

#### → 1.3.2.1-B Installed software identification technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the technical specifications of how election management systems and networked vote capture devices identify installed software in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1 (Review of documentation)

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The requirement provides implementation information for VSTLs to support the testing of the voting system.

*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (c)

*Impact:* This is requirement: (1) extends VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (c) by requiring technical documentation on how software installed on election management systems and networked vote capture devices is identified; (2) generalizes VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (c) by not assuming that the software being identified is stored in a device with a file system; and (3) focuses scope of the requirement from voting systems to election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

#### → 1.3.2.1-C Election management system and networked vote capture devices software identification requirement

Election management systems and networked vote capture devices **shall** identify all software installed on election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

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*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 5.2 (Functional Test)

#### DISCUSSION

Software stored on devices with file systems can use directory paths and filenames to locate and identify software. When software is stored on devices without file systems, a device's storage locations (such as memory addresses) can be used to locate the software. However, other information (such as byte strings) may be needed identify software residing in the storage locations of the device.

*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (c)

*Impact:* This requirements extends VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (c) by not assuming that the software being identified is stored in a device with a file system; and focuses scope of the requirement from voting systems to election management systems and networked vote capture devices.



#### 1.3.2.1-D Software identification verification log requirement

Software identification verification inspections of the election management systems and networked vote capture devices **shall** result in the system event log capturing the following information: time and date of the inspection, information that uniquely identifies the software (such as software name, version, build number, etc.) and location (such as full path name or memory address), identifying information of the individual that performed the inspection, and information that uniquely identifies the election management system or networked vote capture device that was inspected.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.3 (Review of design requirement);  
Functional test to be performed as part of the System Event Logging requirements.

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2

*Impact:* Relates to VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2 requirements about records to be generated for system readiness; and focuses the scope on readiness records for election management systems and networked vote capture devices instead of the voting system.

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1.3.2.2 Software integrity verification

→ **1.3.2.2-A** Software integrity verification requirement

Election management systems and networked vote capture devices **shall** verify the integrity of software installed on storage devices of election management systems and networked vote capture devices using software reference information from the EAC, NSRL, and State designated notary repositories.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture devices

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 5.2 (Functional Test)

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b) by creating a stand alone requirement to verify that software installed on election management software and networked vote capture devices has not been modified; and focuses scope of the requirement from voting equipment to election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

→ **1.3.2.2-B** Software integrity verification technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the integrity of software installed on storage devices of election management systems and networked vote capture devices is verified as part of the TDP.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1 (Review of documentation)

D I S C U S S I O N

Different techniques can be used to verify the integrity of software installed on voting equipment such as digital signature or performance based techniques (see [Perrig06]). Techniques not specifically designed to provide software integrity (such as error detection methods such cyclic redundancy codes (CRC)) do not satisfy the requirement. In addition, the requirement provides implementation information for VSTLs to support the testing of the voting system.

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*Impact:* This requirements extends VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (c) by requiring technical documentation on how the software integrity is implemented for election management systems [and networked vote capture devices]; and focuses scope of the requirement from voting systems to election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

#### → 1.3.2.2-B.1 Software integrity verification technique software non-modification requirement

Software integrity verification techniques **shall not** modify the software on election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.3 (Verification of design requirements)

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b)(iii)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b)(iii) with some word changes; and focuses scope of the requirement from voting systems to election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

#### → 1.3.2.2-C Software reference information generation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how to generate software reference information for software integrity techniques in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1 (Review of documentation)

#### D I S C U S S I O N

Software reference information (such as digital signatures and performance information) is used to determine if software has been modified. The requirements related to the generation of digital signature software reference information by VSTLs, NSRL, and EAC are found in Chapter X: Software Distribution and Installation. In addition, this requirement provides implementation information for VSTLs to support the testing of the voting system.

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#### → 1.3.2.2-D Software integrity verification procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** describe the procedures to verify the integrity of software installed on storage devices of election management systems and networked vote capture devices in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1 (Review of documentation); Functional test performed by requirement 1.3.2.2-A.

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b)(ii)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (b)(ii) by specifying that the procedures to verify the integrity of installed software needs to be documented; and focuses scope of the requirement from voting equipment to election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

#### → 1.3.2.2-E Software reference information generation requirement

VSTLs, EAC, and notary repositories **shall** generate software reference information for the software of election management systems and networked vote capture devices.

*Applies to:* N/A

*Test Reference:* N/A

#### DISCUSSION

Software reference information will be generated by based on the specifications provided by requirement 1.3.2.2-C. This needs to occur but is more a best practice or process requirement as opposed to a requirement for election management systems and vote capture devices.

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#### → 1.3.2.2-F Software reference information traceability requirement

Software reference information used to verify the integrity of software installed on election management systems and networked vote capture

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devices **shall** be traceable back to the source that created the reference information.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.3 (Review of design requirements)

#### DISCUSSION

Software reference information can be distributed on uniquely identifiable unalterable media or via electronic means with a digital signature generated by the source of the software reference information.

*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (d)(ii)

*Impact:* This requirement is a generalization of VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (d)(ii).

#### → 1.3.2.2-G Software integrity verification log requirement

Software integrity verification inspections **shall** result in the system event log capturing the following information: time and date of the verification, information that uniquely identifies the software (such as software name, version, build number, etc.), the software integrity verification technique used, results of the software verification, identifying information of the individual that performed the verification, and information that uniquely identifies the election management system or networked vote capture device that contained the software that was verified.

*Applies to:* Election management system, Networked vote capture device

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.3 (Review of design requirement);  
Functional Testing to be performed as part of the System Event Logging requirements.

#### DISCUSSION

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2

*Impact:* Relates to VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2 requirements about records to be generated for system readiness; and focuses scope of the requirement from voting equipment to election management systems and networked vote capture devices

### 1.3.3 Voting equipment register and variable inspection requirements

The requirements found in this subsection apply to registers and variables implemented in both hardware and software. See section 1.2.2 for a discussion of register and variable characteristics and limitations of register and variable inspection.

→ **1.3.3-A** Static register and variable value user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the values of all static registers and variables, except for the values set to conduct a specific election in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(ii)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(ii) with some word changes

→ **1.3.3-B** Dynamic register and variable value user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the initial starting values of all dynamic registers and variables for the voting system, except for the values set to conduct a specific election in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(ii)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(ii) with some word changes

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- **1.3.3-C** Maximum and minimum register and variable values user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the maximum and minimum values that static and dynamic registers and variables can store in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(ii)

*Impact:* This requirement extends VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(ii) by requiring the documentation of register and variable maximum and minimum values in addition to their initial values

- **1.3.3-D** Register and variable value inspection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to inspect the values of all registers and variables of the voting equipment in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(i)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(i) by requiring the procedures used to inspect register and variable values to be documented some

- **1.3.3-E** Register and variable value inspection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the inspection of all the voting equipment registers and variables is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(i)

*Impact:* This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f)(i) by requiring technical documentation on how inspection of registers and variables values is implemented

#### → 1.3.3-F Register and variable value inspection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to inspect all the values of the voting equipment registers and variables.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 5.2

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f); VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.5 (e); VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.6 (b)

*Impact:* This requirement extends VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (f) by requiring the register and variable values to be inspected beyond just their static and initial values; The requirement extends VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.5 (e) and 2.2.6 (b) by including all registers and variables and not just “candidate” and “active measure” registers

#### → 1.3.3-G Register and variable value inspection record generation requirement

Register and variable inspections of voting equipment **shall** result in a record including: time, date, and location of the inspection, information that uniquely identifies the register or variable, the value of each register and variable, name(s) of the individual(s) that performed the inspection, and information that uniquely identifies the voting equipment that was inspected.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2; VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.5; VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.6

*Impact:* Relates to VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2 requirements about records to be generated for system readiness; this requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.5 statement "...shall provide a formal record..." and VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.6 statement "...shall provide a printed record..." by specifying information to be included in the record

#### → 1.3.3-H Register and variable value inspection record storage media requirement

The record of the results of the register and variable inspections shall be made on unalterable media.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

#### DISCUSSION

Unalterable storage media includes technology such as a CD-R, but not CD-RW.

*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.5; VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.6

*Impact:* This requirement restricts VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.5 statement "...a formal record of the following, in any media..." by limiting the record to unalterable storage media; This requirement updates VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 2.2.6 statement "...shall provide on printed record..." by removing the restriction that the record be limited to printed media

### 1.3.4 Voting equipment properties inspection requirements

#### → 1.3.4-A Backup power operational range user documentation requirement

Vendors shall provide the nominal operational range for the backup power sources of the voting equipment in the user documentation.

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#### → 1.3.4-B Backup power inspection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to inspect the remaining charge of backup power sources without the use of software in quarterly increments (i.e. full, three-quarters full, half full, quarter full, empty) at a minimum.

*Applies to:* *Voting System*

*Test Reference:* *Volume V, Section 5.2*

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Backup power sources for voting equipment include but are not limited to batteries.

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#### → 1.3.4-C Backup power inspection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the inspection of the remaining charge of the backup power sources is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

*Applies to:* *Voting System*

*Test Reference:* *Volume V, Section 4.4*

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#### → 1.3.4-D Backup power inspection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to inspect the remaining charge of the backup power sources of the voting equipment in the user documentation.

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#### → 1.3.4-E Cabling connectivity inspection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to inspect the connectivity of cabling attached to the voting equipment without the use of software.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 5.2

#### DISCUSSION

For example, LEDs can be used to indicate when power cables are connected and conducting electricity. LEDs can also be used to indicate when network cables are connected and can transmit information.

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#### → 1.3.4-F Cabling connectivity inspection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the inspection of the connectivity of cabling attached to voting equipment is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

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→ **1.3.4-G** Cabling connectivity inspection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to inspect the connectivity of the cabling attached to the voting equipment in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

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→ **1.3.4-H** Communications operational status inspection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to determine the operational status of the communications capability of the voting equipment.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 5.2

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→ **1.3.4-I** Communication operational status inspection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the inspection of the operational status of the communications capability is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Voting System

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- **1.3.4-J** Communications operational status inspection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to inspect the operational status of the communications capabilities of the voting equipment in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* *Voting System*

*Test Reference:* *Volume V, Section 4.1*

#### DISCUSSION

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- **1.3.4-K** Communications on/off inspection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to determine when the communications capability of the voting equipment is on or off without the use of software.

*Applies to:* *Voting System*

*Test Reference:* *Volume V, Section 5.2*

#### DISCUSSION

For example, LEDs can also be used to indicate when a given device is on or off. Physical switches can be used to physical turn on or off devices.

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- **1.3.4-L** Communication on/off inspection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the inspection of the on/off status of the communications capability is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

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*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

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#### → 1.3.4-M Communications on/off status inspection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to inspect the on/off status of the communications capabilities of the voting equipment in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

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#### → 1.3.4-N Consumables inspection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to inspect the remaining amount of voting equipment consumables (i.e. ink, paper, etc.) in quarterly increments (i.e. full, three-quarters full, half full, quarter full, empty) at a minimum.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 5.2

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- **1.3.4-O** Consumables quantity of voting equipment user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a list of consumables associated with the voting equipment including estimated number of usages per consumable quantity in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

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- **1.3.4-P** Consumable inspection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the inspection of the remaining amount of each consumable is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

#### DISCUSSION

Requirement **1.3.4-O** documents the list of consumables used by the voting equipment.

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- **1.3.4-Q** Consumable inspection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to inspect the remaining amount of each consumable of the voting equipment in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

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#### DISCUSSION

Requirement **1.3.4-O** documents the list of consumables used by the voting equipment.

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- **1.3.4-R** Calibration of voting equipment components inspection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to inspect the calibration of voting equipment components that require calibration.

*Applies to:* [Voting System](#)

*Test Reference:* [Volume V, Section 5.2](#)

#### DISCUSSION

Examples of voting equipment components that may require calibration are touch screens and optical scan sensors.

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- 1.3.4-S** Calibration of voting equipment components nominal range user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a list of components associated with the voting equipment that require calibration and the nominal operating ranges for each component in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* [Voting System](#)

*Test Reference:* [Volume V, Section 4.1](#)

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- **1.3.4-T** Calibration of voting equipment components inspection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the inspection of the calibration for each component is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

#### DISCUSSION

Requirement **1.3.4-S** documents the list of voting equipment components that require calibration.

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- **1.3.4-U** Calibration of voting equipment components inspection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to inspect the calibration of each component in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

Requirement **1.3.4-S** documents the list of voting equipment components that require calibration.

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- **1.3.4-V** Calibration of voting equipment components adjustment technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how the adjustment to the calibration of each component is implemented by the voting equipment in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Voting System

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*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

#### DISCUSSION

Requirement **1.3.4-S** documents the list of voting equipment components that require calibration.

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- **1.3.4-W** Calibration of voting equipment components adjustment procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to adjust the calibration of each component in the user documentation.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

Requirement **1.3.4-S** documents the list of voting equipment components that require calibration.

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- **1.3.4-X** External interface secure protection capability requirement

Voting equipment **shall** provide the capability to secure external interfaces not being used by the voting equipment.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 5.2

#### DISCUSSION

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (e)(i)

*Impact:* This requirement is a generalization and extension of VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (e)(i) to all external interfaces of the voting equipment not just external interfaces used in software verification

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- **1.3.4-Y** External interface secure protection procedure user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide the procedures to secure external interfaces not being used by the voting equipment.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

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- **1.3.4-Z** External interface secure protection technical specification TDP documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a technical specification of how external interfaces are secured when not being used by the voting equipment in the TDP.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

#### DISCUSSION

Techniques and mechanisms used to secure external interfaces can be found in Chapter **X**: Physical Security

*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (e)(i), (ii), and (iii)

*Impact:* This requirement is a generalization VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 7.4.6 (e)(i), (ii), and (iii) by applying the requirement to all external interfaces and removing the restriction on the physical security techniques used to secure external interfaces

- **1.3.4-AA** Model checklist of properties to be inspected user documentation requirement

Vendors **shall** provide a model checklist of other properties of the voting equipment to be inspected including a description of the risks on not performing a given inspection in the user documentation.

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*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

Voting equipment may have other properties that need to be inspected that are not covered in Section 1.3.4. This requirement provides a mechanism for the properties not covered in Section 1.3.4 to be captured.

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#### → 1.3.4-BB Minimal voting equipment properties covered by model checklist requirement

The model checklist of other properties of the voting system to be inspected **shall** at a minimum include the inspection of backup power sources, cabling, communications capabilities, consumables, calibration of voting equipment components, general physical features of the voting equipment, and securing external interfaces of the voting equipment not being used.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.1

#### DISCUSSION

Voting equipment may have other properties that need to be inspected that are not covered in Section 1.3.4. This requirement provides a mechanism for the properties not covered in Section 1.3.4 to be captured.

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#### → 1.3.4-CC Vote equipment property inspection record generation requirement

Inspections of voting equipment properties **shall** result in a record including: time, date, and location of the inspection, a description of the inspections performed, results of each inspection, name(s) of the individual(s) that performed the inspection, and information that uniquely identifies the voting equipment that was inspected.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

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### DISCUSSION

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*Source:* VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2

*Impact:* Relates to VVSG 2005 Volume I, Section 5.4.2 requirements about records to be generated for system readiness

### → 1.3.4-DD Vote equipment property inspection record storage media requirement

The record of the results of the voting equipment property inspections **shall** be made on unalterable media.

*Applies to:* Voting System

*Test Reference:* Volume V, Section 4.4

### DISCUSSION

Unalterable storage media includes technology such as a CD-R, but not CD-RW.

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