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This bulletin announces the addition of the following new proficiency tests (PTs) offered by Collaborative Testing Services (CTS), the PT provider for the NVLAP Fasteners & Metals Testing Laboratory Accreditation Program:

- Analysis 129, Fastener Double Shear
- Analysis 145, Case Depth
- Analysis 101, Round Dimensional

NVLAP Fasteners and Metals laboratories that are accredited for double shear, case depth, or dimensional testing are now required to obtain a CTS subscription to the new PTs that apply to their accreditation. CTS has scheduled the next Round Dimensional PT for the Third Quarter 2008, and the next Fastener Double Shear and Case Depth PTs for the Fourth Quarter 2008 rounds of proficiency testing. Subscription deadlines for the third and fourth quarter PTs are May 26, 2008, and July 14, 2008, respectively.

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