

Measurement Systems Analysis

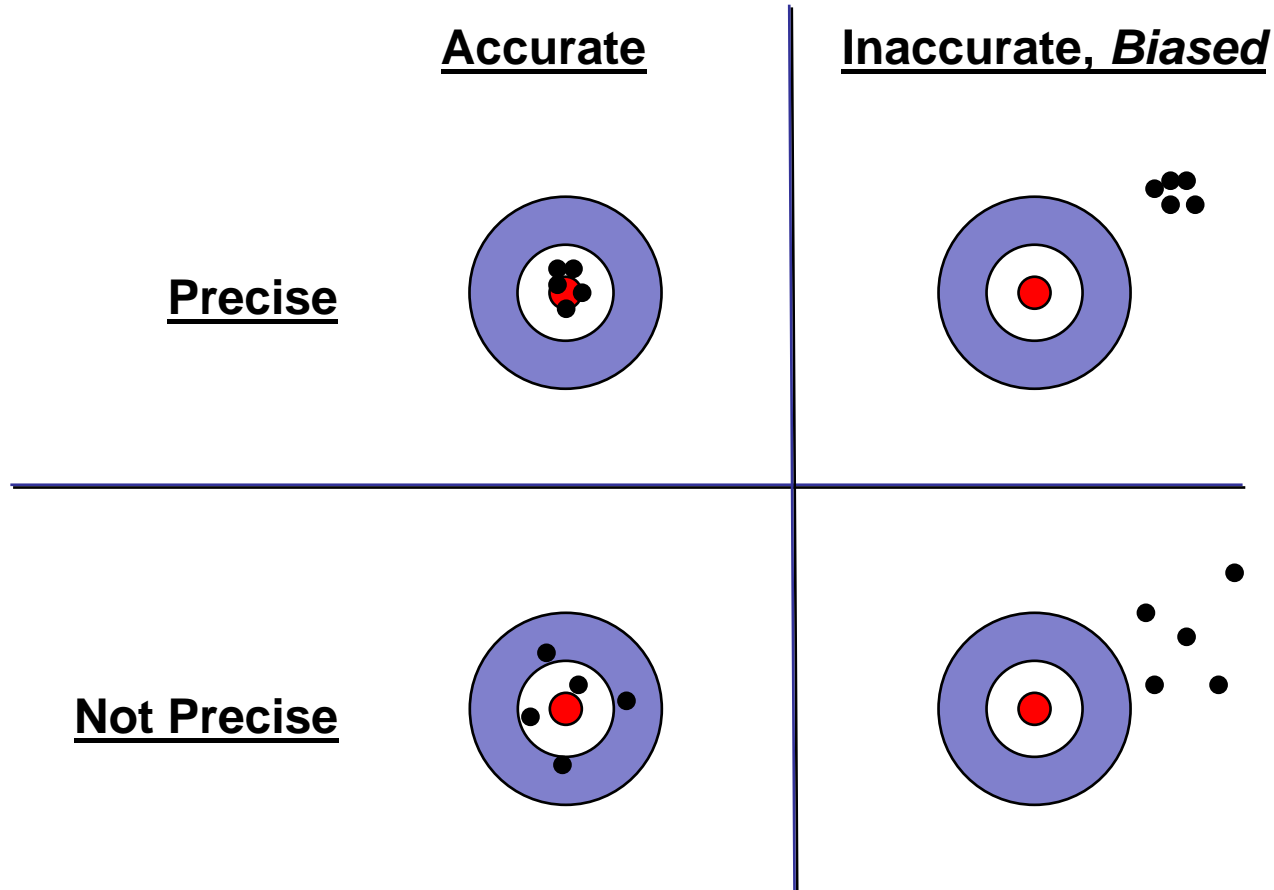
MSA for Suppliers

MSA Objective

Qualification of a measurement system for use by quantifying its accuracy, precision, and stability

- Understand the quality characteristics of measurement
- Understand the method for establishing measurement capability
- Define the requirements of the measurement system

The Importance of Good Measurement



You cannot improve what you cannot measure

The Qualities of Measurement

- Resolution
- Accuracy (Bias)
- Linearity
- Repeatability
- Reproducibility
- Stability

Resolution

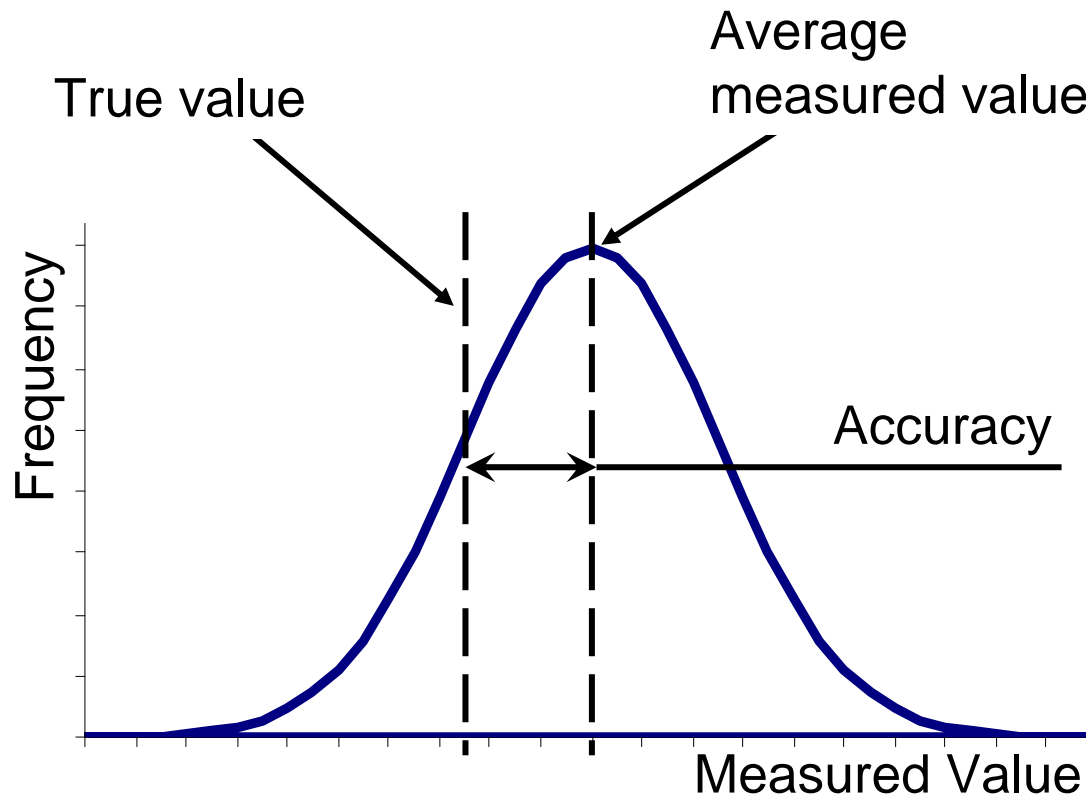


Resolution is the incremental ability of a measurement system to discriminate between measurement values.

The measurement system should have a **minimum of 20 measurement increments** within the product tolerance (e.g, for a full tolerance of 1, minimum resolution is .05)

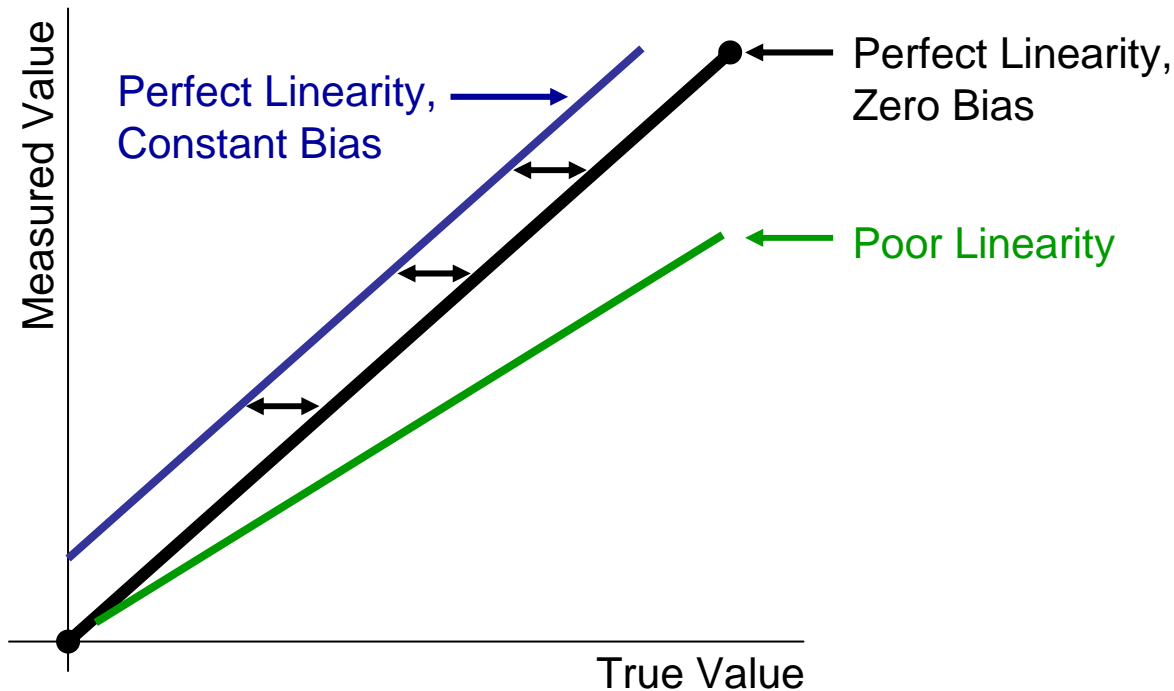


Accuracy—or **bias**—is a measure of the distance between the average value of the measurement of a part and the True, certified, or assigned value of a part



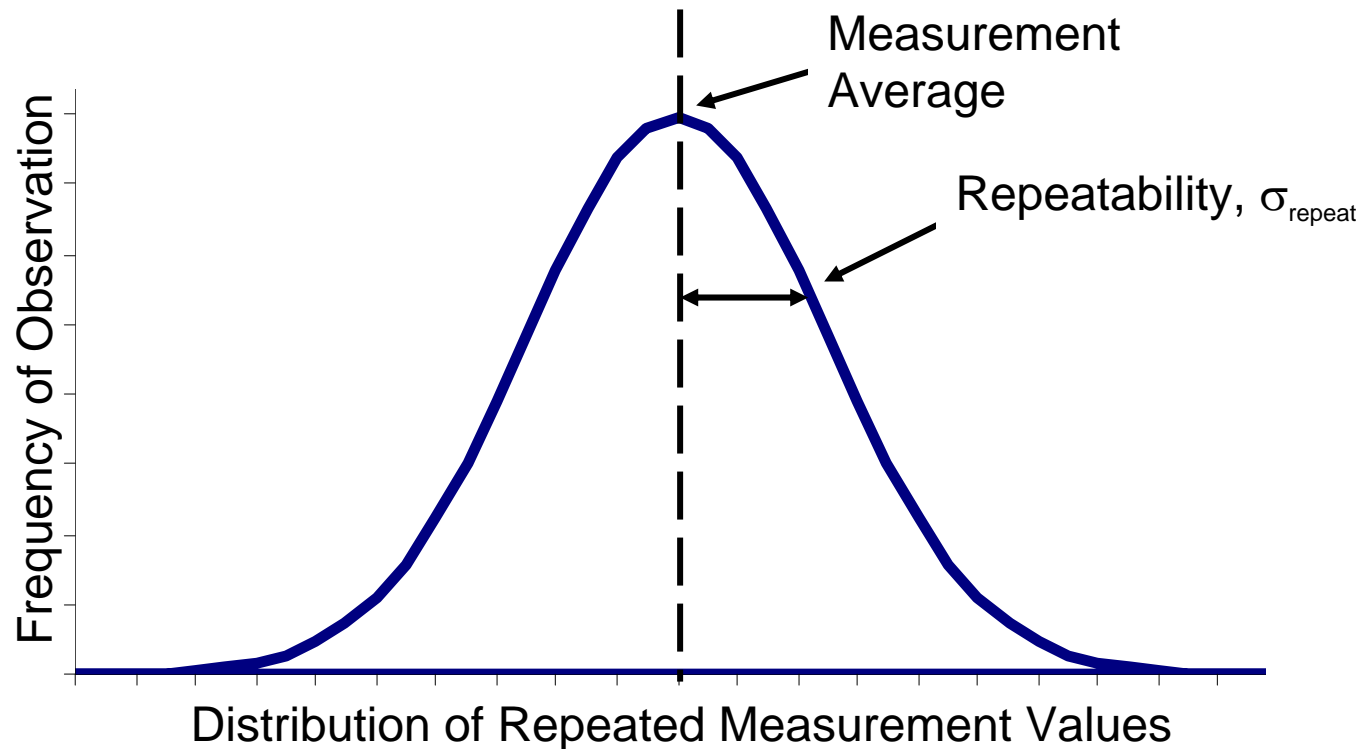
Linearity

Linearity is the consistency of **accuracy (bias)** over the range of measurement; a slope of one (unity) between measured and true value is perfect



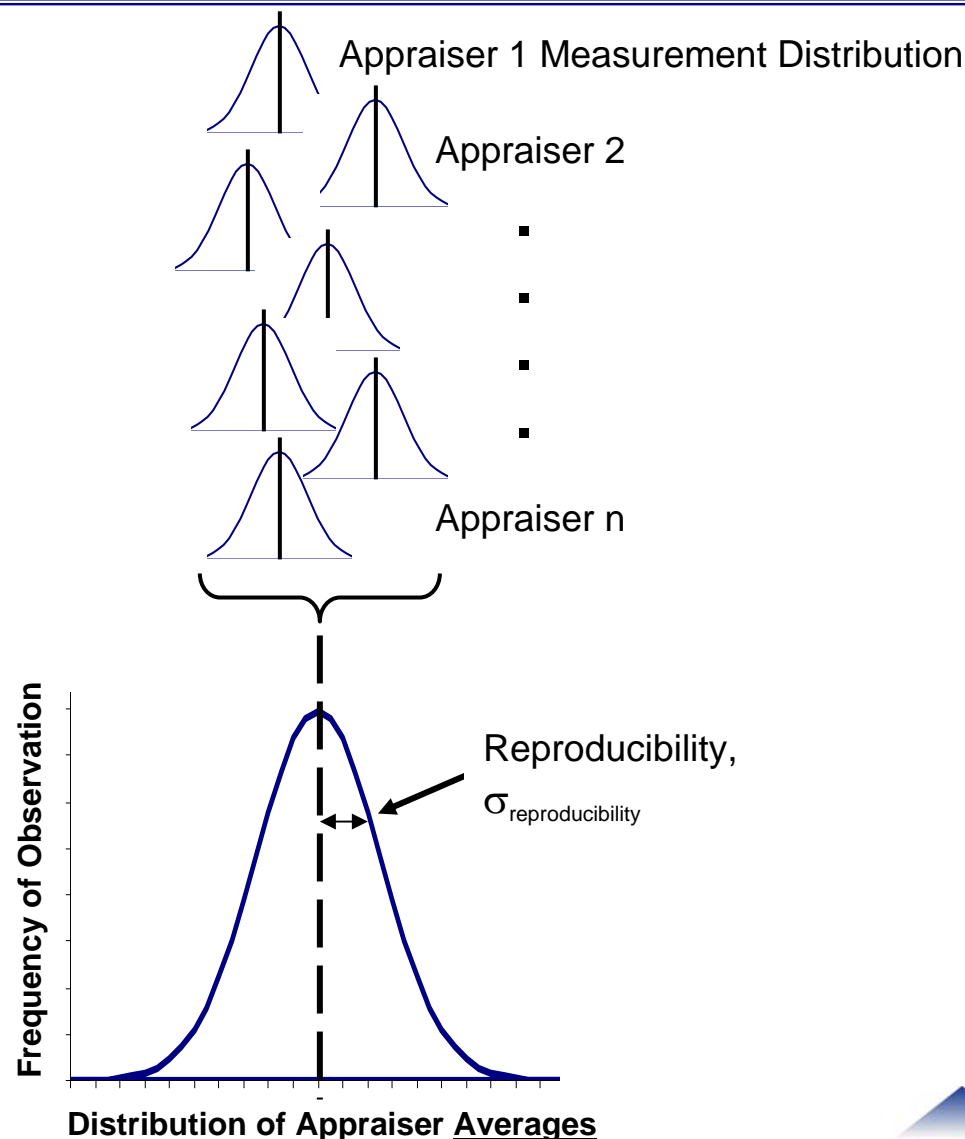
Repeatability

Repeatability is the consistency of a single appraiser to measure the same part multiple times with the same measurement system; it is related to the standard deviation of the measured values



Reproducibility

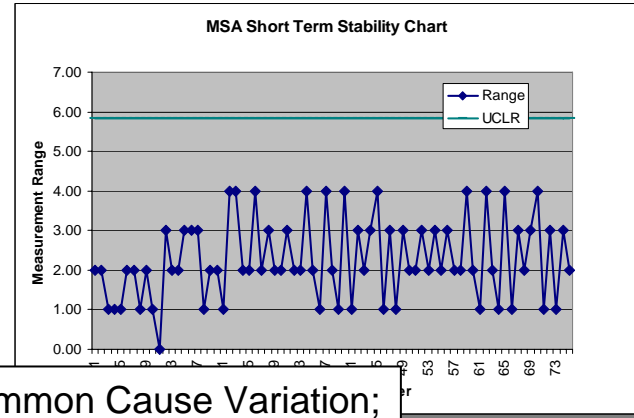
Reproducibility is the consistency of different appraisers in measuring the same part with the same measurement system; it is related to standard deviation of the distribution of appraiser averages



Stability

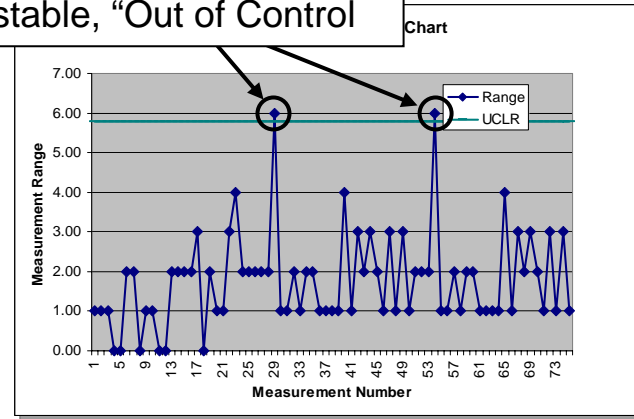
Stability is the ability of a measurement system to produce the same values over time when measuring the same sample

As with statistical process control charts, **stability means the absence of “Special Cause Variation”** which is indicated by an “in control” condition, leaving only “Common Cause” or random variation



Common Cause Variation;
Stable, “In Control”

Special Cause Variation;
Unstable, “Out of Control”



Measurement Systems Metrics

- Generally, **precision is the principle concern**; inaccuracy due to linearity or constant bias can typically be corrected through calibration
- **Measurement Error** is the statistical summing of the error generated by Repeatability (the variation within an appraiser) and Reproducibility (the variation between appraisers)
 - $\sigma_{\text{error}} = \sqrt{(\sigma_{\text{repeatability}})^2 + (\sigma_{\text{reproducibility}})^2}$
- **Total Measurement Error** spans the interval that contains 99% of probable measurement values from a measurement system, using a single part
 - Total Measurement Error = $5.15 * \sigma_{\text{error}}$
- Measurement system **precision** is defined by the **Precision/Tolerance Ratio**, the ratio between Total Measurement Error and the part tolerance
 - P/T Ratio = $5.15 * \sigma_{\text{error}} / (\text{Upper Spec Limit} - \text{Lower Spec Limit})$

Measurement Systems Metrics

- **Error Independence** is defined by the **lack of a relationship between measurement error and the measurement value**; error generated by the measurement process should be independent of the measured value
- **Stability** is defined by the **randomness of the measurement error**; purely random measurement error is evidence of good stability
- **Linearity** is defined by the slope of measured value vs. true value; a slope of 1 (a 1:1 relationship) is perfect
- **Bias Offset** is defined by the average difference between the measured value and the true value at the specification target; a value of zero is perfect
 - The combination Bias Offset and Linearity define the amount of systematic measurement error across the entire measurement range; they are typically corrected through calibration

Measurement System Requirements

MSA Parameter	Requirement
Precision/Tolerance Ratio	P/T<10% Accept 10%<P/T<30% Marginal Accept >30% Fail
Error Independence	<u>Pass</u> the hypothesis test that error is independent of measured value
Stability	Measurement error is <u>in control</u> when plotted on a control chart
Bias	<u>Pass</u> the hypothesis test that no offset exists between true and measured value at the spec target
Linearity	<u>Pass</u> the hypothesis test that slope between the true and measured values is equal to one (unity)

Conducting the MSA

- Raytheon provides two template versions for the MSA
 - **Short Study**, which **requires 10 parts** to be measured a minimum of two repetitions by two different operators (or up to three times with three operators)
 - **Standard Study**, which **requires 25 parts** to be measured a minimum of two repetitions by two different operators (or up to three times with three operators)
- For the purposes of analysis, **a part is equivalent to a dimension**
 - 25 different (but similar) dimensions on a single part is equivalent to a single dimension on 25 parts
- Parts selected for use in the MSA should **span the full tolerance range**
- The **measurement system being assessed must be properly calibrated** using standard operating practice prior to the MSA
- The quality of the assessment is related to the number of parts, repetitions and operators, thus **we recommend the standard study**
- Randomizing the order of measurement during the MSA is a best practice



MSA Standard Study



MSA Short Study

Using the MSA Study Template

- Use the MSA Form worksheet in the MSA Excel file to capture measurement data on the parts
- **The “True Value” of a part is necessary to assess system linearity and accuracy;** parts with values that span the tolerance should be used; we recommend a minimum of six parts with true values for the linearity analysis
- **A minimum of two repeated measures of each part is required;** this is the minimum number needed to establish a measurement range for an individual part; three is recommended
- **A minimum of two appraisers is required;** this allows us to estimate reproducibility; three is recommended

MSA Data Acquisition Form				
Appraiser Name:				
Gage Name:				
Gage Type:				
Gage Number:				
Calibration Date:				
Date:				
Part #	True Value	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
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Using the MSA Study Template

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Data Input Sheet for Measurement Systems Analysis

Input data into green boxes

Gage Name:	AMS100	Characteristic:	Gap
Gage Type:	Line Width Measurement	Upper Specification Limit:	50
Gage Number:	23	Lower Specification Limit:	10
Date:	24-Oct-07	Number of Appraisers	3
Appraiser 1 Name:	Jim	Trials/Appraiser	3
Appraiser 2 Name:	Larry		
Appraiser 3 Name:	Brian		

Jim						
Part #	True Value	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Average	Range
1	2.5	2	3	1	2.00	2.00
2		3	2	4	3.00	2.00
3		2	3	3	2.67	1.00
4		3	4	3	3.33	1.00
5	4	4	4	3	3.67	1.00
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12	5.2					
13						
14						
15		6	4	3	4.33	3.00
16	5	4	2	5	3.67	3.00
17		6	3	3	4.00	3.00
18		5	5	6	5.33	1.00
19		4	6	6	5.33	2.00
20		6	5	4	5.00	2.00
21	4	5	4	4	4.33	1.00
22		4	7	3	4.67	4.00
23		2	6	5	4.33	4.00
24	4.5	4	6	6	5.33	2.00
25		5	3	4	4.00	2.00

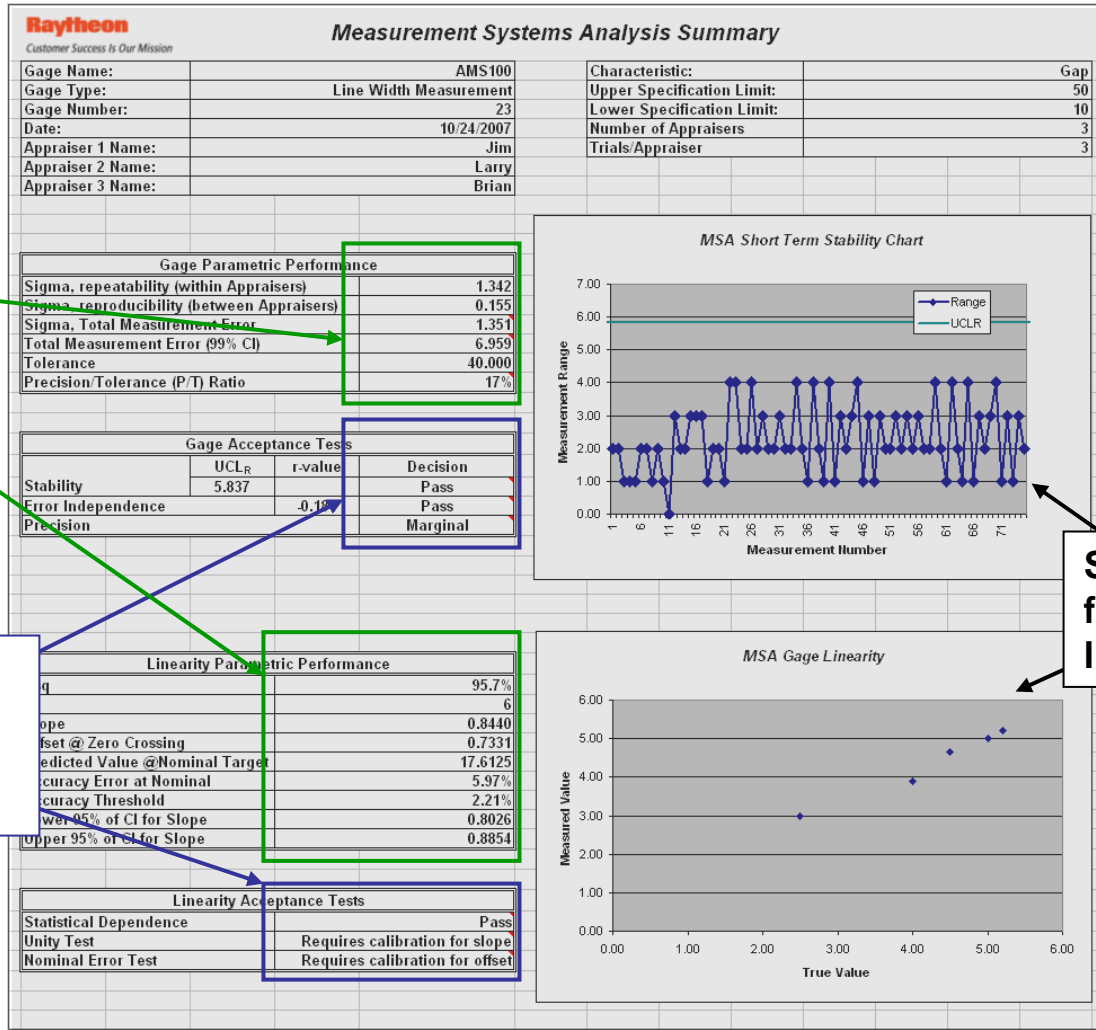
Larry					
Part #	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Average	Range
1	1	3	5	3.00	4.00
2	4	6	4	4.67	2.00
3	3	5	2	3.33	3.00
4	4	6	4	4.67	2.00
5	3	4	5	4.00	2.00
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15	3	7	4	4.67	4.00
16	5	6	6	5.67	1.00
17	3	6	4	4.33	3.00
18	5	3	3	3.67	2.00
19	6	3	5	4.67	3.00
20	4	2	6	4.00	4.00
21	4	3	4	3.67	1.00
22	3	5	6	4.67	3.00
23	5	4	5	4.67	1.00
24	6	3	4	4.33	3.00
25	4	5	6	5.00	2.00

Brian					
Part #	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Average	Range
1	4	3	5	4.00	2.00
2	3	6	4	4.33	3.00
3	3	5	4	4.00	2.00
4	3	6	4	4.33	3.00
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Transcribe or import the measurement data into the green highlighted boxes on the MSA Input Sheet; the workbook calculates all of the MSA metrics from this data

Linearity Assessment Performed

Interpreting the Results



Precision and accuracy performance metrics for the gage

Acceptability results; based on requirements from slide 13

Supporting graphs for stability and linearity

Call to Action

- MSA assures that the measurement equipment precision is aligned to the application requirement so that you don't pay for precision you don't need, or don't get the precision you do need
- Raytheon template is easy to use and requires no calculation or data manipulation from the user
- Utilizing MSA processes on production measurement equipment is an ISO requirement

References and Resources

Textbooks:

- [Quality Through Statistical Thinking](#): Robertson, Gordon
- [Statistics for Management](#): Levin, Richard

On the Web:

- <http://www.moresteam.com/toolbox/t403.cfm>

Questions? [Ask the expert!](#)

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