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# DSA 03.OME Part 1: Defence Code of Practice (DCOP) 114

## Gun Barrel Proof



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## Further Advice and Feedback

7. For further information about any aspect of this document, or questions not answered within the subsequent sections, or to provide feedback on the content, contact the DOSR Regulations and Publications Team.

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# Amendment Record

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1.0	all	all	Document created	Regs ATL	Nov 2023
1.1	all	all	Reformatted in line with DSA accessibility requirements.	Regs ATL	Aug 2024
2.0	1	Reg and Para 3	Regulation removed and parts moved from DSA 02.OME Reg 114	Regs- Pubs-2	Feb 2026

# DSA 03.OME DCOP 114: Gun Barrel Proof

## Introduction

1. Compliance with DSA 03.OME Regulation 114 should be carried out in accordance with DefStan 05-101 – Proof of Ordnance, Munitions, Armour, and Explosives.
2. DefStan 05-101 is currently beyond the recommended review date; readers are referred to [DOSR Notice 02/23 - Proof of Ordnance, Munitions, Armour, and Explosives](#) which provides interim guidance alongside DefStan 05-101. Following the review and up-issue of DefStan 05-101, DCOP 114 will be up-issued and published.
3. Proof of articles under the control of S of S of Defence should be proofed by a recognised proof house, or by QinetiQ under the Long-Term Partnership Agreement (LTPA). APs are required to review proof test results provided by test houses and provide permission to QQ to apply the MOD proof stamp
4. Ordnance Proof is a type of verification and validation/quality assurance test activity performed by/on behalf of MOD. It should be managed via a similar methodology to other test services provided to Project/Delivery Teams (P/DTs) by industry. A pragmatic approach towards managing Proof Marking for Ordnance is as follows:
  - a. Adherence by P/DTs to DefStan 05-101 for establishing proof requirements and a Proof Schedule.
  - b. The AP should assess the suitability of any Test House to conduct proof including:
    - (1) Ensuring the Test House maintains appropriate accreditation to conduct test activities - minimum ISO 9001 and UKAS (or international equivalent) accreditation.
    - (2) Where necessary, conducting an audit of the contractor to assess their suitability to conduct proof.
  - c. The P/DT should control and influence the Proof Schedule to be followed by the appropriate contractor, including:
    - (1) P/DT should reserve the right to have a Crown Witness in attendance for the conduct of the proof activity. A Crown Witness should attend at least part of the proof activity to ensure that it is being conducted appropriately.

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- (2) Ensuring the Contractor delivers proof evidence / documentation to P/DT.
- (3) The AP should review proof evidence and documentation to assess whether:
  - (a) Proofing has been carried out appropriately in accordance with the Proof Schedule.
  - (b) Materiel under test met the requirements of the Proof Schedule and are suitable for Crown acceptance.
- d. Where the AP assesses that Proof requirements have been met for the materiel under test, the P/DT may authorise the contractor to mark the item of supply with MOD Proof Mark.
- e. Contractor delivers item of supply to MOD.