

## 9.308-1 Testing performed by the contractor.

(a)

(1) The *contracting officer shall* insert the clause at [52.209-3, First Article Approval-Contractor Testing](#), in *solicitations* and contracts when a fixed-price contract is contemplated and it is intended that the contract require-

(i) *First article approval*; and

(ii) That the contractor be required to conduct the *first article testing*.

(2) If it is intended that the contractor be required to produce the *first article* and the production quantity at the same facility, the *contracting officer shall* use the clause with its *Alternate I*.

(3) If it is necessary to authorize the contractor to purchase material or to commence production before *first article approval*, the *contracting officer shall* use the clause with its *Alternate II*.

(b)

(1) The *contracting officer shall* insert a clause substantially the same as the clause at [52.209-3, First Article Approval—Contractor Testing](#), in *solicitations* and contracts when a cost-reimbursement contract is contemplated and it is intended that the contract require

(i) *First article approval* and

(ii) That the contractor be required to conduct the *first article* test.

(2) If it is intended that the contractor be required to produce the *first article* and the production quantity at the same facility, the *contracting officer shall* use a clause substantially the same as the clause at [52.209-3, First Article Approval—Contractor Testing](#), with its *Alternate I*.

(3) If it is necessary to authorize the contractor to purchase material or to commence production before *first article approval*, the *contracting officer shall* use a clause substantially the same as the clause at [52.209-3, First Article Approval—Contractor Testing](#), with its *Alternate II*.

**Parent topic:** [9.308 Contract clauses](#).