



## **Failure Modes, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis**

Project:

Valves 512, 532, 314, 312, 554, 534, 354, 352, 550, 530, 555 and S40 with  
3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x

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## Management Summary

This report summarizes the results of the hardware assessment in the form of a Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis (FMEDA) of the Valves 512, 532, 314, 312, 554, 534, 354, 352, 550, 530, 555 and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x. A Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis is one of the steps to be taken to achieve functional safety certification per IEC 61508 of a device. From the FMEDA, failure rates are determined. The FMEDA that is described in this report concerns only the hardware of the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x. For full functional safety certification purposes all requirements of IEC 61508 must be considered.

Table 1 gives an overview of the different versions that were considered in this FMEDA of the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x.

**Table 1 Version Overview**

GEMÜ 0322	Designed for single mounting (straight through design) or for modular battery mounting of up to 12 valves (by using clips).
GEMÜ 0324	Designed for direct mounting (hollow bolt) to pneumatically operated valves or other devices.
GEMÜ 0326	Designed for mounting to a compact aluminum rail as a valve battery for mounting in control cabinets or as a valve manifold near the pneumatic components to be controlled. Battery rail for up to 10 valves.
GEMÜ 554, 534, 514, 532, 550, 530, 555 and S40	Pneumatically operated 2/2-way globe valve with angle and globe valve design and metal valve bodies. The valve bodies and the seat seals are available in various designs.
GEMÜ 312, 314, 352, 354	Pneumatically operated 3/2-way globe with metal valve bodies. The valve bodies and the seat seals are available in various designs.

The Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x is classified as a device that is part of a Type A<sup>1</sup> element according to IEC 61508, having a hardware fault tolerance of 0.

The failure rate data used for this analysis meets the *exida* criteria for Route 2<sub>H</sub>. See Section 5.1. Therefore, the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x can be classified as a 2<sub>H</sub> device when the listed failure rates are used. When 2<sub>H</sub> data is used for all of the devices in an element, then the element meets the hardware architectural constraints up to SIL 2 at HFT=0 per Route 2<sub>H</sub>. If Route 2<sub>H</sub> is not applicable for the entire final element, the architectural constraints will need to be evaluated per Route 1<sub>H</sub>.

<sup>1</sup> Type A element: "Non-Complex" element (using discrete components); for details see 7.4.4.1.2 of IEC 61508-2, ed2, 2010.



Based on the assumptions listed in 4.3, the failure rates for the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x are listed in section 4.4.

These failure rates are valid for the useful lifetime of the product, see Appendix A.

The failure rates listed in this report are based on over 350 billion-unit operating hours of process industry field failure data. The failure rate predictions reflect realistic failures and include site specific failures due to human events for the specified Site Safety Index (SSI), see section 4.2.2.

A user of the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x can utilize these failure rates in a probabilistic model of a safety instrumented function (SIF) to determine suitability in part for safety instrumented system (SIS) usage in a particular safety integrity level (SIL).



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## 1 Purpose and Scope

This document shall describe the results of the hardware assessment in the form of the Failure Modes, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis carried out on the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x. From this, failure rates for each failure mode/category, useful life, and proof test coverage are determined.

The information in this report can be used to evaluate whether an element meets the average Probability of Failure on Demand ( $PFD_{avg}$ ) requirements and if applicable, the architectural constraints / minimum hardware fault tolerance requirements per IEC 61508 / IEC 61511.

A FMEDA is part of the effort needed to achieve full certification per IEC 61508 or other relevant functional safety standard.



## 2 Project Management

### 2.1 *exida*

*exida* is one of the world's leading accredited Certification Bodies and knowledge companies specializing in automation system safety, availability, and cybersecurity with over 500-person years of cumulative experience in functional safety, alarm management, and cybersecurity. Founded by several of the world's top reliability and safety experts from manufacturers, operators and assessment organizations, *exida* is a global corporation with offices around the world. *exida* offers training, coaching, project-oriented consulting services, safety engineering tools, detailed product assurance and ANSI accredited functional safety and cybersecurity certification. *exida* maintains a comprehensive failure rate and failure mode database on electronic and mechanical equipment and a comprehensive database on solutions to meet safety standards such as IEC 61508.

### 2.2 Roles of the parties involved

GEMÜ Gebr. Müller Apparatebau GmbH & Co. KG Manufacturer of the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x

*exida* Performed the hardware assessment

GEMÜ Gebr. Müller Apparatebau GmbH & Co. KG contracted *exida* with the hardware assessment of the above-mentioned device.

### 2.3 Standards and literature used

The services delivered by *exida* were performed based on the following standards / literature.

[N1]	IEC 61508-2: ed2, 2010	Functional Safety of Electrical/Electronic/Programmable Electronic Safety-Related Systems
[N2]	Mechanical Component Reliability Handbook, 6th Edition, 2023	<i>exida</i> LLC, Electrical & Mechanical Component Reliability Handbook, Sixth Edition, 2023 (pending publication, not publicly available at the time of this report)
[N3]	Safety Equipment Reliability Handbook, 4th Edition, 2015	<i>exida</i> LLC, Safety Equipment Reliability Handbook, Fourth Edition, 2015, ISBN 978-1-934977-13-2
[N4]	Goble, W.M., 2010	Control Systems Safety Evaluation and Reliability, 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition, ISA, ISBN 97B-1-934394-80-9. Reference on FMEDA methods
[N5]	IEC 60654-1:1993-02, second edition	Industrial-process measurement and control equipment – Operating conditions – Part 1: Climatic condition
[N6]	O'Brien, C., Gavin, R., & Bredemeyer, L., 2023	<i>exida</i> LLC., Final Elements in Safety Instrumented Systems IEC 61511 Compliant Systems and IEC 61508 Compliant Products, Second Edition, 2023, ISBN 978-1-934977-24-8
[N7]	Bukowski, J.V. and Chastain-Knight, D., April 2016	Assessing Safety Culture via the Site Safety Index™, Proceedings of the AIChE 12th Global Congress on Process Safety, GCPS2016, TX: Houston

[N8]	Bukowski, J.V. and Stewart, L.L., April 2016	Quantifying the Impacts of Human Factors on Functional Safety, Proceedings of the 12th Global Congress on Process Safety, AIChE 2016 Spring Meeting, NY: New York
[N9]	Criteria for the Application of IEC 61508:2010 Route 2H, December 2016	<a href="#">Criteria for the Application of IEC 61508:2010 Route 2H   exida</a>
[N10]	Goble, W.M. and Brombacher, A.C., November 1999, Vol. 66, No. 2	Using a Failure Modes, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis (FMEDA) to Measure Diagnostic Coverage in Programmable Electronic Systems, Reliability Engineering and System Safety, Vol. 66, No. 2, November 1999.

## 2.4 Reference documents

### 2.4.1 Documentation provided by GEMÜ Gebr. Müller Apparatebau GmbH & Co. KG

[D1]	ba_0322_0324_0326_de_gb.pdf	Installation, Operating and Maintenance Instructions "Pilot Solenoid Valve, Plastic - 3/2 way, electrically controlled" for 0322, 0324, 0326; 11/2013 88333312
[D2]	db_0322_0324_0326_gb.pdf	Technical datasheet "Pilot Solenoid Valve, Plastic" for 0322, 0324, 0326; 04/2011 88332553
[D3]	6-0300-0156_ELEK_-MAG_-VENTIL-SITZ-KUNSTST_334345.PDF	Mechanical drawing "ELEK.-MAG.-VENTIL-SITZ-KUNSTST" 6-0300-0156 version C of 14.10.08
[D4]	Stückliste 0324_88322112.pdf	Parts list for 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valve 0324 of 10.02.2022
[D5]	554 25D 137 51 1 Stückliste.docx	Parts list for Valve 554 of 10.02.2022
[D6]	SIL-554_25D_137_52__1_Sitzventil Innengewinde+-DRW044174_1.pdf	Drawing for Valve 554 of 10.02.2022

### 2.4.2 Documentation generated by *exida*

[R1]	FMEDA GEMÜ 13-08-046 Valve_032x.xlsm	Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis – 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x - V1R0 – 09.04.2024
[R2]	FMEDA GEMÜ 13-08-046 Valve_554.xlsm	Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis – Valve 554 - V1R0 – 09.04.2024
[R3]	FMEDA GEMÜ 13-08-046 Valve_554 with 032x.xlsm	Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis – Valve 554 with 032x Pilot - V1R0 – 09.04.2024

### 3 Product Description

#### 3.1 Type 032x solenoid valves

The 032X series are direct operated 3/2-way pilot solenoid valves.

Various versions are available for direct mounting to pneumatically actuated valves using a hollow bolt, for modular battery mounting using clamps or for mounting on a compact aluminum strip as a valve battery for mounting in control cabinets or as a valve manifold.

Furthermore, various versions are available with different supply voltages of the solenoid in Normally Closed (NC) or Normally Open (NO) control function.

The 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x can be considered as Type A elements with a HFT of 0.



Figure 1 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x.

### 3.2 Type 3xx globe valves

Pneumatically operated 3/2-way globe with metal valve bodies with piston actuators. The valve bodies and the seat seals are available in various designs. It's also available in control function Normally Closed (NC) and Normally Open (NO).

The 3xx valves can be considered as Type A elements with a HFT of 0.

### 3.3 Type 5xx and S40 globe valves

Pneumatically operated 2/2-way globe valve with angle, piston actuators and globe valve design and metal valve bodies. The valve bodies and the seat seals are available in various designs. It's also available in control function Normally Closed (NC) and Normally Open (NO).

The 5xx and S40 valves can be considered as Type A elements with a HFT of 0.



Figure 2: Type 312



Figure 3: Type 530



Figure 4: Type 534



Figure 5: Type S40

## 4 Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis

The Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis was performed based on the documentation listed in section 2.4.1 and is documented in [R1].

### 4.1 Failure categories description

Fail-Safe State	The fail-safe state is defined as the state where the solenoid is de-energized and the valve is returned to the CLOSE position (DTT). At GEMÜ Gebr. Müller Apparatebau GmbH & Co. KG this configuration is called “switch position a1”.
Solenoid Valve	State where solenoid is de-energized and spring is extended.
Single, DTT	State where the solenoid is de-energized and spring is extended and the actuator is vented.
Valve, Full Stroke	State where the valve is closed.
Valve, Tight-Shut-Off	State where the valve is closed and sealed with leakage no greater than the defined leak rate; Tight shut-off requirements shall be specified according to the application, if shut-off requirements allow flow greater than ANSI class V, respectively ANSI class IV, then Full Stroke numbers may be used.
Valve, Open-To-Trip	State where the valve is open
Fail Safe	Failure that causes the device to go to the defined fail-safe state without a demand from the process.
Fail Dangerous	Failure that does not respond to a demand from the process (i.e. being unable to go to the defined fail-safe state).
Actuator	Failure that prevents the actuator from moving with sufficient force to move the final control element valve to its fail-safe state.
Valve	Failure that prevents the valve from moving to the defined fail-safe state within the normal time span.
Fail Dangerous Undetected	Failure that is dangerous and that is not being diagnosed by automatic diagnostics, such as Partial Valve Stroke Testing.
Fail Dangerous Detected	Failure that is dangerous but is detected by automatic diagnostics, such as Partial Valve Stroke Testing.
No Effect	Failure of a component that is part of the safety function but that has no effect on the safety function.
External Leakage	Failure that causes process fluids operating media to leak outside of the valve or actuator; External Leakage is not considered part of the safety function and therefore this failure rate is not included in any of the numbers. External leakage failure rates should be reviewed for secondary safety and environmental issues.

## 4.2 Methodology – FMEDA, failure rates

### 4.2.1 FMEDA

A FMEDA (Failure Mode Effect and Diagnostic Analysis) is a failure rate prediction technique based on a study of design strength versus operational profile stress in each application. It combines design FMEA techniques with extensions to identify automatic diagnostic techniques and the failure modes relevant to safety instrumented system design. It is a technique recommended to generate failure rates for each failure mode category [N10].

### 4.2.2 Failure rates

The accuracy of any FMEDA analysis depends upon the component reliability data as input to the process. Component data from consumer, transportation, military or telephone applications could generate failure rate data unsuitable for the process industries. The component data used by *exida* in this FMEDA is from the Electrical and Mechanical Component Reliability Handbooks [N2] which were derived using over 350 billion-unit operational hours of process industry field failure data from multiple sources and failure data from various databases. The component failure rates are provided for each applicable operational profile and application, see Appendix C. The *exida* profile chosen for this FMEDA was Profile 3 (General Field Equipment) and Profile 6 (Process Wetted Parts) for the Valves process wetted parts as this was judged to be the best fit for the product and application information submitted by GEMÜ Gebr. Müller Apparatebau GmbH & Co. KG. It is expected that the actual number of field failures will be less than the number predicted by these failure rates.

Early life failures (infant mortality) are not included in the failure rate prediction as it is assumed that some level of commission testing is done. End of life failures are not included in the failure rate prediction as useful life is specified.

The failure rates are predicted for a Site Safety Index of SSI=2 ([N7] & [N8]) as this level of operation is common in the process industries. Failure rate predictions for other SSI levels are included in the exSILentia® tool from *exida*.

The user of these numbers is responsible for determining the failure rate applicability to any particular environment. *exida* Environmental Profiles listing expected stress levels can be found in Appendix C. Some industrial plant sites have high levels of stress. Under those conditions the failure rate data is adjusted to a higher value to account for the specific conditions of the plant. *exida* has detailed models available to make customized failure rate predictions (Contact *exida*).

Accurate plant specific data may be used to check validity of this failure rate data. If a user has data collected from a good proof test reporting system such as *exida* SILStat™ that indicates higher failure rates, the higher numbers shall be used.

### 4.3 Assumptions

The following assumptions have been made during the Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis of the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x.

- The worst-case assumption of a series system is made. Therefore, only a single component failure will fail the entire Diaphragm Valve 554, and propagation of failures is not relevant.
- Failure rates are constant for the useful life period.
- Any product component that cannot influence the safety function (feedback immune) is excluded. All components that are part of the safety function including those needed for normal operation are included in the analysis.
- The stress levels specified in the exida Profile used for the analysis are limited by the manufacturer's published ratings.
- Materials are compatible with the environmental and process conditions.
- Clean and dry operating air is used per ANSI/ISA-7.0.01-1996 Quality Standard for Instrument Air.
- Only "switch position a1" is used for safety applications.
- The device is installed and operated per the manufacturer's instructions.
- Valves are installed such that the controlled substance will flow through the valve in the direction indicated by the flow arrow, located on the valve body.
- The valves are generally applied in relatively clean gas or liquid; therefore, no severe service has been considered in the analysis.
- Breakage or plugging of air inlet and outlet lines has not been included in the analysis.
- Loss of the Air Pressure supply is not included in these failure rates.
- In order to claim diagnostic coverage for Partial Valve Stroke Testing it is automatically performed at a rate at least ten times faster than the Demand frequency.
- Partial Valve Stroke Testing of the Safety Instrumented Function provides a full cycle test of the solenoid/pilot valve. In cases where this is not true, another method must be used to perform a full Valve cycle during automated diagnostics in order to use the PVST numbers.
- Partial Valve Stroke Testing of the final element includes position detection from actuator top mounted position sensors, typical of quarter turn installations.
- The failure of a Relief Valve not opening to mitigate a system over-pressurization is outside the scope of this report.
- Worst-case internal fault detection time is the PVST test interval time.

## 4.4 Results

Using reliability data extracted from the *exida* Electrical and Mechanical Component Reliability Handbook the following failure rates resulted from the FMEDA analysis of the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x.

Table 2 and Table 3 lists the failure rates for the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x according to IEC 61508 with a Site Safety Index (SSI) of 2 (good site maintenance practices). See Appendix D for an explanation of SSI and the failure rates for SSI of 4 (ideal maintenance practices).

**Table 2 Failure rates for Static Applications<sup>2</sup> with Good Maintenance Assumptions in FIT @ SSI=2**

Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x	$\lambda_{SD}$	$\lambda_{SU}^3$	$\lambda_{DD}$	$\lambda_{DU}$	#	E
DTT (NC), Clean Service	0	108	0	99	64	0
DTT (NO), Clean Service	0	131	0	76	64	0
DTT (NC), With PVST, Clean Service	107	1	69	30	64	0
DTT (NO), With PVST, Clean Service	130	1	48	28	64	0

**Table 3 Failure rates for Dynamic Applications<sup>4</sup> with Good Maintenance Assumptions in FIT @ SSI=2**

Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x	$\lambda_{SD}$	$\lambda_{SU}^5$	$\lambda_{DD}$	$\lambda_{DU}$	#	E
DTT (NC), Clean Service	0	108	0	69	63	0
DTT (NO), Clean Service	0	129	0	48	63	0
DTT (NC), With PVST, Clean Service	107	1	50	19	63	0
DTT (NO), With PVST, Clean Service	128	1	31	17	63	0

<sup>2</sup> Static Application failure rates are applicable if the device is static for a period of more than 200 hours.

<sup>3</sup> It is important to realize that the No Effect failures are no longer included in the Safe Undetected failure category according to IEC 61508, ed2, 2010.

<sup>4</sup> Dynamic Application failure rates may be used if the device moves at least once every 200 hours.

<sup>5</sup> It is important to realize that the No Effect failures are no longer included in the Safe Undetected failure category according to IEC 61508, ed2, 2010.



**Table 4 Failure rates for Static Applications with Good Maintenance Assumptions in FIT @ SSI=2**

<b>Valve 5xx, 3xx and S40</b>	$\lambda_{SD}$	$\lambda_{SU}$	$\lambda_{DD}$	$\lambda_{DU}$	<b>#</b>	<b>E</b>
Full Stroke, Clean Service	0	0	0	488	933	249
Tight Shut-Off, Clean Service	0	0	0	946	475	249
Open on Trip, Clean Service	0	209	0	279	933	249
Full Stroke with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	140	348	933	249
Tight Shut-Off with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	141	805	475	249
Open on Trip with PVST, Clean Service	207	2	140	139	933	249

**Table 5 Failure rates for Dynamic Applications with Good Maintenance Assumptions in FIT @ SSI=2**

<b>Valve 5xx, 3xx and S40</b>	$\lambda_{SD}$	$\lambda_{SU}$	$\lambda_{DD}$	$\lambda_{DU}$	<b>#</b>	<b>E</b>
Full Stroke, Clean Service	0	0	0	327	955	266
Tight Shut-Off, Clean Service	0	0	0	790	493	266
Open on Trip, Clean Service	0	209	0	118	955	266
Full Stroke with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	42	285	955	266
Tight Shut-Off with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	42	748	493	266
Open on Trip with PVST, Clean Service	207	2	42	76	955	266



**Table 6 Failure rates for Static Applications with Good Maintenance Assumptions in FIT @ SSI=2**

<b>Valve 5xx, 3xx and S40 with Pilot 032x</b>	$\lambda_{SD}$	$\lambda_{SU}^6$	$\lambda_{DD}$	$\lambda_{DU}$	#	E
Full Stroke, Clean Service	0	0	0	672	996	271
Tight Shut-Off, Clean Service	0	0	0	1130	539	271
Open on Trip, Clean Service	0	209	0	463	996	271
Full Stroke with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	181	491	996	271
Tight Shut-Off with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	182	948	539	271
Open on Trip with PVST, Clean Service	207	2	181	282	996	271

**Table 7 Failure rates for Dynamic Applications with Good Maintenance Assumptions in FIT @ SSI=2**

<b>Valve 5xx, 3xx and S40 with Pilot 032x</b>	$\lambda_{SD}$	$\lambda_{SU}$	$\lambda_{DD}$	$\lambda_{DU}$	#	E
Full Stroke, Clean Service	0	0	0	484	1018	287
Tight Shut-Off, Clean Service	0	0	0	946	556	287
Open on Trip, Clean Service	0	209	0	274	1018	287
Full Stroke with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	67	417	1018	287
Tight Shut-Off with PVST, Clean Service	0	0	66	880	556	287
Open on Trip with PVST, Clean Service	207	2	66	208	1018	287

Where:

- $\lambda_{SD}$  = Fail Safe Detected
- $\lambda_{SU}$  = Fail Safe Undetected
- $\lambda_{DD}$  = Fail Dangerous Detected
- $\lambda_{DU}$  = Fail Dangerous Undetected
- # = No Effect Failures
- E = External Leaks

<sup>6</sup> It is important to realize that the No Effect failures are no longer included in the Safe Undetected failure category according to IEC 61508, ed2, 2010.



As the External Leak failure rates are a subset of the No Effect failure rates, the total No Effect failure rate is the sum of the listed No Effect and External Leak rates. External leakage failure rates do not directly contribute to the reliability of the device but should be reviewed for secondary safety and environmental issues.

These failure rates are valid for the useful lifetime of the product, see Appendix A.

According to IEC 61508-2 the architectural constraints of an element must be determined. This can be done by following the  $1_H$  approach according to 7.4.4.2 of IEC 61508-2 or the  $2_H$  approach according to 7.4.4.3 of IEC 61508-2, or the approach according to IEC 61511:2016 which is based on  $2_H$  (see Section 5.1).

The  $1_H$  approach involves calculating the Safe Failure Fraction for the entire element.

The  $2_H$  approach involves assessment of the reliability data for the entire element according to 7.4.4.3.3 of IEC 61508.

The failure rate data used for this analysis meets the *exida* criteria for Route  $2_H$  which is more stringent than IEC 61508. Therefore, the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x meets the hardware architectural constraints for up to SIL 2 at HFT=0 (or SIL 3 @ HFT=1) when the listed failure rates are used.

The architectural constraint type for the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x is A. The hardware fault tolerance of the device is 0. The SIS designer is responsible for meeting other requirements of applicable standards for any given SIL.

## 5 Using the FMEDA Results

The following section(s) describe how to apply the results of the FMEDA.

### 5.1 *exida* Route 2<sub>H</sub> Criteria

IEC 61508, ed2, 2010 describes the Route 2<sub>H</sub> alternative to Route 1<sub>H</sub> architectural constraints. The standard states:

"based on data collected in accordance with published standards (e.g., IEC 60300-3-2: or ISO 14224); and, be evaluated according to

- the amount of field feedback; and
- the exercise of **expert judgment**; and when needed
- the undertaking of specific tests,

in order to estimate the average and the uncertainty level (e.g., the 90% confidence interval or the probability distribution) of each reliability parameter (e.g., failure rate) used in the calculations."

*exida* has interpreted this to mean not just a simple 90% confidence level in the uncertainty analysis, but a high confidence level in the entire data collection process. As IEC 61508, ed2, 2010 does not give detailed criteria for Route 2<sub>H</sub>, *exida* has established the following:

1. field unit operational hours of 100,000,000 per each component; and
2. a device and all of its components have been installed in the field for one year or more; and
3. operational hours are counted only when the data collection process has been audited for correctness and completeness; and
4. failure definitions, especially "random" vs. "systematic" are checked by *exida*; and
5. every component used in an FMEDA meets the above criteria.

This set of requirements is chosen to assure high integrity failure data suitable for safety integrity verification.

## 6 Terms and Definitions

Automatic Diagnostics	Tests performed online internally by the device or, if specified, externally by another device without manual intervention.
Device	A device is something that is part of an element; but, cannot perform an element safety function on its own.
Dynamic Applications	The movement interval of the final element device is less than 200 hours. Movement may be accomplished by PVST, full stroke proof testing or a demand on the system.
Element	A collection of devices that perform an element safety function such as a final element consisting of a logic solver interface, actuator and valve.
<i>exida</i> criteria	A conservative approach to arriving at failure rates suitable for use in hardware evaluations utilizing the 2 <sub>H</sub> Route in IEC 61508-2.
Fault tolerance	Ability of a functional unit to continue to perform a required function in the presence of faults or errors (IEC 61508-4, 3.6.3).
FIT	Failure in Time ( $1 \times 10^{-9}$ failures per hour)
FMEDA	Failure Mode Effect and Diagnostic Analysis
HFT	Hardware Fault Tolerance
High demand Mode	Mode, where the demand interval for operation made on a safety-related system is less than twice the proof test interval.
Low demand mode	Mode, where the demand interval for operation made on a safety-related system is greater than twice the proof test interval.
PFD <sub>avg</sub>	Average Probability of Failure on Demand
PVST	Partial Valve Stroke Test - It is assumed that Partial Valve Stroke Testing, when performed, is automatically performed at least an order of magnitude more frequently than the proof test; therefore, the test can be assumed an automatic diagnostic. Because of the automatic diagnostic assumption, the Partial Valve Stroke Testing also has an impact on the Safe Failure Fraction.
SIF	Safety Instrumented Function
SIS	Safety Instrumented System – Implementation of one or more Safety Instrumented Functions. A SIS is composed of any combination of sensor(s), logic solver(s), and final element(s).
SSI	Site Safety Index (See Appendix D)
Static Applications	The movement interval of the final element device is greater than 200 hours. Movement may be accomplished by PVST, full stroke proof testing or a demand on the system.
Type A element	“Non-Complex” element (using discrete components); for details see 7.4.4.1.2 of IEC 61508-2



## 7 Status of the Document

### 7.1 Liability

*exida* prepares FMEDA reports based on methods advocated in International standards. Failure rates are obtained from *exida* compiled field failure data and a collection of industrial databases. *exida* accepts no liability whatsoever for the use of these numbers or for the correctness of the standards on which the general calculation methods are based.

Due to future potential changes in the standards, product design changes, best available information and best practices, the current FMEDA results presented in this report may not be fully consistent with results that would be presented for the identical model number product at some future time. As a leader in the functional safety market place, *exida* is actively involved in evolving best practices prior to official release of updated standards so that our reports effectively anticipate any known changes. In addition, most changes are anticipated to be incremental in nature and results reported within the previous three-year period should be sufficient for current usage without significant question. Most products also tend to undergo incremental changes over time. If an *exida* FMEDA has not been updated within the last three years, contact the product vendor to verify the current validity of the results.

## 7.2 Version History

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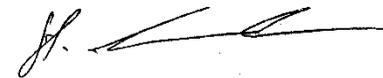
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## Appendix A Lifetime of Critical Components

According to section 7.4.9.5 of IEC 61508-2, a useful lifetime, based on experience, should be determined and used to replace equipment before the end of useful life.

Although a constant failure rate is assumed by the *exida* FMEDA prediction method (see section 4.2.2) this only applies provided that the useful lifetime<sup>7</sup> of components is not exceeded. Beyond their useful lifetime the result of the probabilistic calculation method is therefore meaningless, as the probability of failure significantly increases with time. The useful lifetime is highly dependent on the subsystem itself and its operating conditions.

This assumption of a constant failure rate is based on the bathtub curve. Therefore, it is obvious that the  $PFD_{avg}$  calculation is only valid for components that have this constant domain and that the validity of the calculation is limited to the useful lifetime of each component.

It is the responsibility of the end user to maintain and operate the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x per manufacturer's instructions. Furthermore, regular inspection should show that all components are clean and free from damage.

A major factor influencing the useful life is the air quality used.

Based on general field failure data a useful life period of approximately 15 years (actuators, valves, actuator-valve combinations) is expected for the Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x.

When site experience indicates a shorter useful lifetime than indicated in this appendix, the number based on site experience should be used.

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<sup>7</sup> Useful lifetime is a reliability engineering term that describes the operational time interval where the failure rate of a device is relatively constant. It is not a term which covers product obsolescence, warranty, or other commercial issues.

## Appendix B Proof Tests to Reveal Dangerous Undetected Faults

According to section 7.4.5.2 f) of IEC 61508-2, proof tests shall be undertaken to reveal dangerous faults which are undetected by automatic diagnostic tests. This means that it is necessary to specify how dangerous undetected faults which have been noted during the Failure Modes, Effects, and Diagnostic Analysis can be detected during proof testing.

### B.1 Suggested Proof Test

The suggested Proof Test consists of a full stroke of the associated device, see Table 8. Refer to the table in B.2 for the Proof Test Coverages.

**Table 8 Suggested Proof Test – Valve 3xx, 5xx and S40 with 3/2-Way Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x**

Step	Action
1.	Bypass the safety function and take appropriate action to avoid a false trip.
2.	Interrupt or change the air supply/input to the Actuator to force the Actuator/Valve assembly to the Fail-Safe state and confirm that the Safe State was achieved and within the correct time. Note:-This tests for all failures that could prevent the functioning of the Control Valve as well as the rest of the final control element.
3.	Inspect the Actuator and Valve for any leaks, visible damage or contamination
4.	Re-store the original air supply/input to the Actuator and confirm that the normal operating state was achieved.
5.	Remove the bypass and otherwise restore normal operation.

For the test to be effective the movement of the Valve must be confirmed. To confirm the effectiveness of the test both the travel of the Valve and slew rate must be monitored and compared to expected results to validate the testing.

## B.2 Proof Test Coverage

The Proof Test Coverage for the various device configurations are given in Table 9 and Table 10.

**Table 9 Proof Test Results – Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x – Static Application**

Application	Safety Function	$\lambda_{DUPT}^8$ (FIT)	Proof Test Coverage	
			No PVST	with PVST
Clean Service	DTT (NC) (Out to Vent)	8	92%	74%
	DTT (NO) (Supply to Out)	8	90%	73%

**Table 10 Proof Test Results – Pilot Solenoid Valves 032x – Dynamic Application**

Application	Safety Function	$\lambda_{DUPT}^9$ (FIT)	Proof Test Coverage	
			No PVST	with PVST
Clean Service	DTT (NC) (Out to Vent)	5	93%	74%
	DTT (NO) (Supply to Out)	5	90%	72%

<sup>8</sup>  $\lambda_{DUPT}$  = Dangerous undetected failure rate after performing the recommended proof test.

<sup>9</sup>  $\lambda_{DUPT}$  = Dangerous undetected failure rate after performing the recommended proof test.



**Table 11 Proof Test Results – Valve 554, 550, 514, S40 – Static Application**

Application	Safety Function	$\lambda_{DUPT}^{10}$ (FIT)	Proof Test Coverage	
			No PVST	with PVST
Clean Service	Close On Trip – Full Stroke	277	43%	20%
	Close On Trip – Tight Shutoff	735	22%	9%
	Open On Trip	68	76%	51%

**Table 12 Proof Test Results –Valve 554 – Dynamic Application**

Application	Safety Function	$\lambda_{DUPT}$ (FIT)	Proof Test Coverage	
			No PVST	with PVST
Clean Service	Close On Trip – Full Stroke	264	19%	7%
	Close On Trip – Tight Shutoff	727	8%	3%
	Open On Trip	55	53%	28%

**Table 13 Proof Test Results – Valve 554, 550, 514, S40 with 032x– Static Application**

Application	Safety Function	$\lambda_{DUPT}$ (FIT)	Proof Test Coverage	
			No PVST	with PVST
Clean Service	Close On Trip – Full Stroke	400	40%	19%
	Close On Trip – Tight Shutoff	858	24%	9%
	Open On Trip	191	59%	32%

**Table 14 Proof Test Results – Valve 554, 550, 514, S40 with 032x – Dynamic Application**

Application	Safety Function	$\lambda_{DUPT}$ (FIT)	Proof Test Coverage	
			No PVST	with PVST
Clean Service	Close On Trip – Full Stroke	384	21%	8%
	Close On Trip – Tight Shutoff	847	10%	4%
	Open On Trip	175	36%	16%

<sup>10</sup>  $\lambda_{DUPT}$  = Dangerous undetected failure rate after performing the recommended proof test.



## Appendix C *exida* Environmental Profiles

Table 15 *exida* Environmental Profiles

<i>exida</i> Profile	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Description (Electrical)</b>	Cabinet mounted/ Climate Controlled	Low Power Field Mounted no self-heating	General Field Mounted self-heating	Subsea	Offshore	N/A
<b>Description (Mechanical)</b>	Cabinet mounted/ Climate Controlled	General Field Mounted	General Field Mounted	Subsea	Offshore	Process Wetted
<b>IEC 60654-1 Profile</b>	B2	C3 also applicable for D1	C3 also applicable for D1	N/A	C3 also applicable for D1	N/A
<b>Average Ambient Temperature</b>	30 °C	25 °C	25 °C	5 °C	25 °C	25 °C
<b>Average Internal Temperature</b>	60 °C	30 °C	45 °C	5 °C	45 °C	Process Fluid Temp.
<b>Daily Temperature Excursion (pk-pk)</b>	5 °C	25 °C	25 °C	0 °C	25 °C	N/A
<b>Seasonal Temperature Excursion (winter average vs. summer average)</b>	5 °C	40 °C	40 °C	2 °C	40 °C	N/A
<b>Exposed to Elements / Weather Conditions</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Humidity<sup>11</sup></b>	0-95% Non-Condensing	0-100% Condensing	0-100% Condensing	0-100% Condensing	0-100% Condensing	N/A
<b>Shock<sup>12</sup></b>	10 g	15 g	15 g	15 g	15 g	N/A
<b>Vibration<sup>13</sup></b>	2 g	3 g	3 g	3 g	3 g	N/A
<b>Chemical Corrosion<sup>14</sup></b>	G2	G3	G3	G3	G3	Compatible Material
<b>Surge<sup>15</sup></b>						
Line-Line	0.5 kV	0.5 kV	0.5 kV	0.5 kV	0.5 kV	N/A
Line-Ground	1 kV	1 kV	1 kV	1 kV	1 kV	
<b>EMI Susceptibility<sup>16</sup></b>						
80 MHz to 1.4 GHz	10 V/m	10 V/m	10 V/m	10 V/m	10 V/m	N/A
1.4 GHz to 2.0 GHz	3 V/m	3 V/m	3 V/m	3 V/m	3 V/m	
2.0GHz to 2.7 GHz	1 V/m	1 V/m	1 V/m	1 V/m	1 V/m	
<b>ESD (Air)<sup>17</sup></b>	6 kV	6 kV	6 kV	6 kV	6 kV	N/A

<sup>11</sup> Humidity rating per IEC 60068-2-3

<sup>12</sup> Shock rating per IEC 60068-2-27

<sup>13</sup> Vibration rating per IEC 60068-2-6

<sup>14</sup> Chemical Corrosion rating per ISA 71.04

<sup>15</sup> Surge rating per IEC 61000-4-5

<sup>16</sup> EMI Susceptibility rating per IEC 61000-4-3

<sup>17</sup> ESD (Air) rating per IEC 61000-4-2

## Appendix D Site Safety Index

Numerous field failure studies have shown that the failure rate for a specific device (same Manufacturer and Model number) will vary from site to site. The Site Safety Index (SSI) was created to account for these failure rates differences as well as other variables. The information in this appendix is intended to provide an overview of the Site Safety Index (SSI) model used by *exida* to compensate for site variables including device failure rates.

### D.1 Site Safety Index Profiles

The SSI is a number from 0 – 4 which is an indication of the level of site activities and practices that contribute to the safety performance of SIF's on the site. Table 16 details the interpretation of each SSI level. Note that the levels mirror the levels of SIL assignment and that SSI 4 implies that all requirements of IEC 61508 and IEC 61511 are met at the site and therefore there is no degradation in safety performance due to any end-user activities or practices, i.e., that the product inherent safety performance is achieved.

Several factors have been identified thus far which impact the Site Safety Index (SSI). These include the quality of:

- Commission Test
- Safety Validation Test
- Proof Test Procedures
- Proof Test Documentation
- Failure Diagnostic and Repair Procedures
- Device Useful Life Tracking and Replacement Process
- SIS Modification Procedures
- SIS Decommissioning Procedures
- and others

**Table 16** *exida* Site Safety Index Profiles

Level	Description
SSI 4	Perfect - Repairs are always correctly performed, Testing is always done correctly and on schedule, equipment is always replaced before end of useful life, equipment is always selected according to the specified environmental limits and process compatible materials. Electrical power supplies are clean of transients and isolated, pneumatic supplies and hydraulic fluids are always kept clean, etc. <b>Note:</b> This level is generally considered not possible but retained in the model for comparison purposes.
SSI 3	Almost perfect - Repairs are correctly performed, Testing is done correctly and on schedule, equipment is normally selected based on the specified environmental limits and a good analysis of the process chemistry and compatible materials. Electrical power supplies are normally clean of transients and isolated, pneumatic supplies and hydraulic fluids are mostly kept clean, etc. Equipment is replaced before end of useful life, etc.
SSI 2	Good - Repairs are usually correctly performed, Testing is done correctly and mostly on schedule, most equipment is replaced before end of useful life, etc.
SSI 1	Medium – Many repairs are correctly performed, Testing is done and mostly on schedule, some equipment is replaced before end of useful life, etc.
SSI 0	None - Repairs are not always done, Testing is not done, equipment is not replaced until failure, etc.