



ENGINEERING CONTROL FRAMEWORK FOR PROJECT HEADS

From Design Approval to Handover

A Five-Gate Control System for Engineering
Accountability

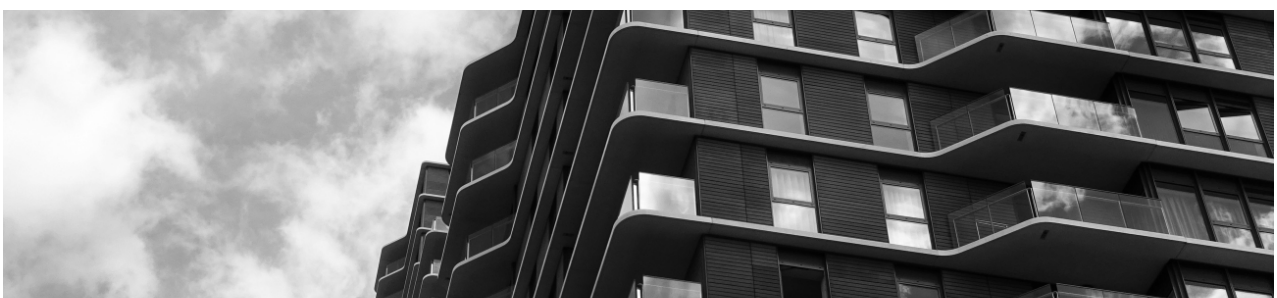
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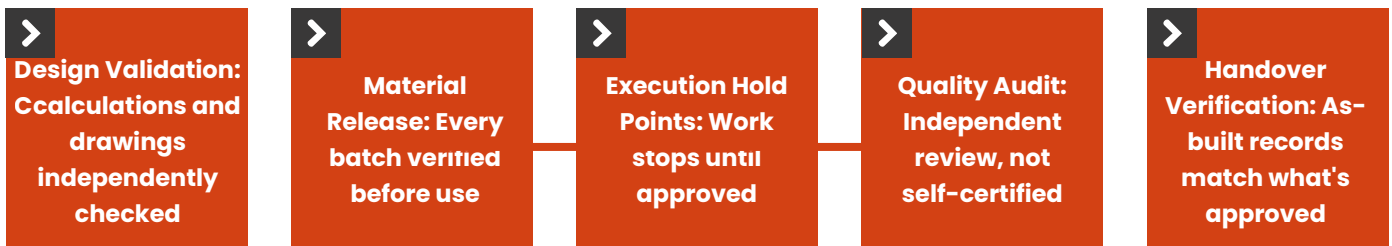


EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE AUTHORITY GAP

Between design approval and handover, no stage has one named, accountable owner. Decisions get made without a written sign-off.

FRAMEWORK AT A GLANCE



WHO THIS IS FOR

Project Heads. Site engineers. The person accountable for every gate above.

WHAT CHANGES

Every stage gets a named authority, a pass/fail standard, and a documented release. No verbal approvals.

 Poor quality control on construction sites costs the global industry an estimated 9% of total project value in rework alone.

THE AUTHORITY GAP

The Problem

No single stage between approval and handover has one named, accountable owner.

How It Happens

- Site decisions made verbally, never logged
- Sign-offs assumed, not documented
- Responsibility shifts depending on who's available that day

The Result

By the time a defect surfaces, no one can say who approved the step that caused it.

The Fix

Five gates. Each with one accountable signatory. No gate releases without a name attached.

GATE ARCHITECTURE: THE CONTROL LANGUAGE

FOUR TYPES OF CHECKPOINT

Hold Point (H)



Work stops. Cannot proceed without written release.

Witness Point (W)



Authority is notified. Work may proceed if they don't attend.

Surveillance Point (S)



Periodic spot-check, not every instance.

Review Point (R)



Document review only, no physical inspection.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Every gate in this framework uses one of these four classifications. No ambiguity about what "approved" means.

 26% of rework on construction sites is linked to poor communication, most of it traceable to unclear ownership at a checkpoint.

GATE 1: STRUCTURAL PROOF CHECKING & DESIGN VALIDATION

What This Gate Checks



Drawings, load calculations, and design assumptions, verified by a party independent of the original designer.

Inputs Required



- Good-for-construction drawings
- Design basis report
- Load and seismic calculations

Classification



Hold Point, construction drawings are not released until proof checking is complete.

Authority



Independent structural reviewer, named and signed.

GATE 2: MATERIAL RELEASE GATE

> **What This Gate Checks**

Every material batch against its approved specification before it's used, not after.

> **Process**

- MTC verified against specifications
- NABL lab sample testing
- Non-conforming batches quarantined

> **Classification**

Hold Point for structural materials (steel, concrete).
Witness Point for secondary materials.

> **Authority**

Site quality engineer +
lab certification, jointly.

GATE 3: EXECUTION HOLD POINTS



What This Gate Checks

Physical work, at the exact moments it becomes irreversible.



Checkpoint Sequence

- Reinforcement inspection, before formwork closes
- Formwork alignment, before pour
- Concrete pour, supervised, logged
- Embedded items, verified before they're covered



Classification

Hold Point at each step above. No exceptions for schedule pressure.



Authority

Site engineer, with Project Head sign-off on any deviation.

GATE 4: INDEPENDENT QUALITY AUDIT CYCLE

1

What This Gate Checks

Work already passed at earlier gates re-verified by a team with no role in execution.

2

Method

NDT-backed verification (rebound hammer, UPV) at defined milestones, not fixed calendar dates.

3

Why Independence Matters

An auditor who built the wall cannot be the one certifying it.

4

Classification

Surveillance Point, escalating to Hold Point if findings warrant it.

 Stat. 56% of firms with consistent QA/QC processes keep rework costs under 5% of project budget, compared to only 37% of firms without standards.

DEVIATION CONTROL: THE NCR CYCLE

What Happens When a Gate Fails



**Containment,
non-conforming
work isolated
immediately**



**Root Cause
investigated, not
assumed**



**Corrective
Action, defined,
assigned, dated**



**Closure verified
and signed off,
not just marked
complete**



Classification

Every failure is logged as a Non-Conformance Report (NCR), minor or major.



Why This Is the System, Not a Checklist

A checklist has no answer for failure. This system assigns a corrective action and a closure date to every failure.

GATE 5: HANDOVER VERIFICATION

What This Gate Checks



That what's built matches what was approved, on paper, not just on site.

Process



- As-built drawings reconciled against approved design
- O&M manual compiled and handed over
- Punch list closed, not just logged
- Defects Liability Period activated

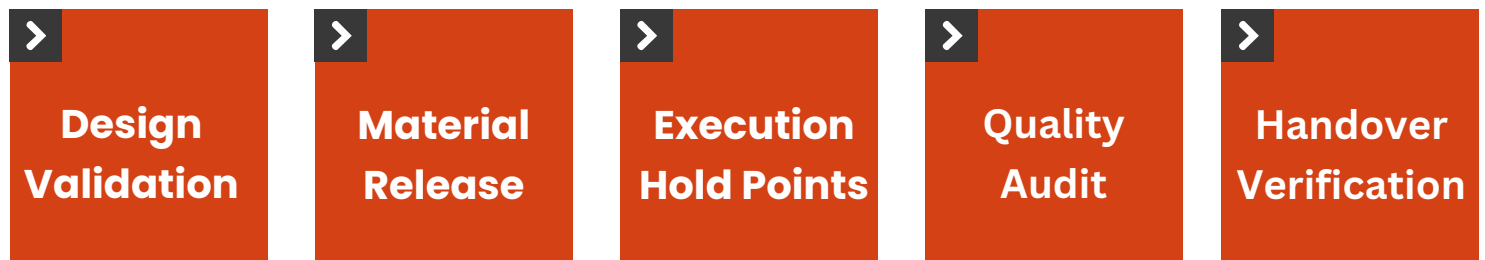
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Hold Point: Handover certificate isn't issued until reconciliation is complete.

CONTROL FLOW SEQUENCE

The Five-Gate Sequence



> On Failure

A failed gate returns to the previous gate. The deviation is logged as an NCR. Work resumes only after re-verification.

> Escalation

Every gate reports to one authority, the Project Head. The same person holds escalation rights at every stage, regardless of which gate is active.

> Legend

H = Hold Point · W = Witness Point · S = Surveillance Point · R = Review Point

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