



## GR 90™ Granulator IQ/OQ



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# LFA Signature Identification



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### Disclaimer

This IQ/OQ is intended as a guide only and is not an exhaustive list. All qualification tests will need to be adapted to the industry and product, following industry regulations and the material safety data sheets that come with specific products. Please check with your Quality Control Manager/Department or other relevant internal departments at your company before using.

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# Qualification Protocol



## Purpose and Background

The purpose of this Installation Qualification (IQ)/Operational Qualification (OQ) Protocol is to establish documented evidence that the GR 90™ and its ancillary systems have been installed according to the system specifications, have been configured per applicable manufacturer's recommendations, design specifications, and process requirements, and performs the intended functions as specified in the protocol.

## Scope

### Equipment

This IQ/OQ Protocol applies to the following equipment:

Items	System Information
URS Reference	N/A
Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) Reference	
Project Master Validation Plan Number	N/A
Site Master Validation Plan Number	N/A
Equipment Name/Description	GR 90/Granulator
Manufacturer	LFA Machines
Version Number	1
Serial Number	
Equipment ID Number or Asset Number	
Previous Qualification/Validation Number(s) (if applicable)	N/A
Is system new, modified, moved, periodic review, or revalidation?	
If revalidation, attach necessary change control document(s) and record attachment number. Provide reason for revalidation.	

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## System Requirements

This IQ/OQ Protocol applies to the following system requirements:

System Requirement	Target
Output Speed Target	50 rotations per minute
Availability	90% (10% of potential availability taken up by cleaning, maintenance, etc.)
Quality Rate	+/-5% accuracy
Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE)	90-95%
Crew Target	1 person

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## Responsibilities

The table below displays information regarding the individuals involved in developing this qualification protocol.

Department/Individual	Responsibilities
Validation Author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develops the process validation plan, protocol, and report.</li><li>• Confirms accuracy and completeness of the validation and qualification deliverables.</li></ul>
Validation Project Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defines validation and qualification deliverables (i.e., process validation plan, protocol, and report, project monitoring, protocol execution).</li><li>• Acquires inputs from any needed technical experts to determine the activities appropriate to the validation.</li><li>• Identifies the resources required to conduct the validation.</li></ul>
Technical Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides knowledge with regard to the equipment/process/product undergoing validation and qualification.</li><li>• Provides assistance to the Validation Project Leader with respect to the technical aspects of the equipment/process/product.</li><li>• Provides help with study designs, acceptance criteria, and statistical analysis, as necessary.</li></ul>
Quality Assurance/Quality Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reviews and approves validation and qualification documentation.</li><li>• Ensures that each document is complete, accurate, and compliant with applicable validation requirements.</li><li>• Reviews and approves deficiencies that occur during validation.</li></ul>

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## General Requirements

Completion of Installation Qualification (IQ) and Operational Qualification (OQ) shall be governed by the following general guidelines:

- Prior to starting any test case, the individual(s) involved in the test execution shall be trained on both the protocol and applicable procedure(s) required to execute the test cases.
- Except for the protocol approvers, each person who performs or reviews any section of tests within this document must complete the Signature Identification sheet.
- All tests that require the person executing the protocol to make a comparison, calculation or a judgment of satisfactory completion, will include a “Pass” or “Fail” column. This section will require the person executing the protocol to enter the disposition of each test or test step as appropriate.
- Any discrepancy encountered during execution will be documented as a deviation and will require analysis to determine the root cause, assessment of deviation risk, and corrective action recommendation, including repeat testing as appropriate. The deviation must be reviewed and approved prior to completing the associated test case. Each deviation shall be sequentially numbered and listed in a supported report log. The corresponding test case should reference the related deviation number.
- All test instruments used in the execution of this protocol must have a current calibration certification, traceable to NIST or applicable international standards. When the certificates for these instruments are held in the quality system (i.e., site calibration program), a verification of certification is sufficient. For all other instruments, current calibration must be demonstrated through calibration certificates.
- Any comments regarding the test case(s) will be recorded on the data sheets under the “Comments” section.
- The “Reviewed By” signature line will be signed by an independent reviewer who has read the respective test case and agrees with execution and conclusions.
- All supporting documentation and attachments must be identified or labeled with the minimum of the identification number, pagination (page of page), protocol number, and applicable test case(s).

## General Acceptance Criteria

- The test case is successful and passes when all test steps meet the acceptance criteria.
- Successful completion of the protocol is achieved when all test cases have been successfully completed and all deviations resolved.

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## Codes and Abbreviations

Code	Meaning
CE	Certification mark that indicates conformity with health, safety, and environmental protection standards sold within the European Economic Area
°C	Degree centigrade
Dev No.	Deviancy number
IQ	Installation Qualification
kg	Kilogram
m	Meter
mm	Millimeter
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
OQ	Operational Qualification
PPE	Personal protective equipment
RH	Relative humidity

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## Equipment and Process Description

### GR 90™ Process

The basic mechanism of the GR™ Powder Granulator involves filling the Hopper with ingredients and powering the machine to move the Oscillating Rotor against the Mesh Screen.

### Filling the Hopper with Materials and Granulating Them

The materials are poured into the Hopper. As the machine operates, the Oscillating Rotor moves and works against the Mesh Screen, which pushes the materials through the sieve resulting in granulation.

### Discharging the Granulated Materials

The granulated materials are then pushed through the Mesh Screen and caught in a container. For larger models of the machine, the Lower Hopper funnels the granulated materials out of the machine.

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# Qualification Protocol



## Test Equipment

Equipment	Serial Number	Calibration Certificate Number	Calibration Date	Initial and Date
Graduated steel ruler				
Indoor thermometer				
Hygrometer				
Multimeter				
Scale (kg or lbs)				

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# Installation Qualification Protocol

## Document Qualification



### GR 90™ - Serial Number

The objective of Document Qualification is to confirm the presence and validity of the appropriate documents.

TEST No. GR01	PACKING LIST		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the presence of the packing list with the appropriate information.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Locate packing list with the shipping container.		
2	Confirm the package list includes description of products, quantity, net weight, and gross weight.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Description of products is present.		
2	Quantity of products is present.		
3	Net weight of shipment is present.		
4	Gross weight of shipment is present.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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TEST No. GR02	QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the presence of CE qualification certificate.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Inspect the CE certification.		
2	Confirm signature of authorized LFA personnel.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	CE qualification certificate is complete.		
2	Signature of authorized LFA personnel is present.		
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TEST No. GR03	FACTORY ACCEPTANCE TEST REPORT AND QUALITY CONTROL CHECKLIST		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the presence of factory acceptance test (FAT) report.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Inspect the FAT report.		
2	Confirm quality control checklist from LFA Taiwan location is included.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	FAT report is complete.		
2	Quality control checklist from LFA Taiwan location is complete.		
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TEST No. GR04	MATERIAL CERTIFICATE		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the presence of materials certificate.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Point of contact materials are certified by third party.		
2	Confirm materials are accurate to LFA standard.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Hopper material is confirmed to be SUS304.		
2	Mesh screen material is confirmed to be SUS304.		
3	Oscillating rotor material is confirmed to be SUS304.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

### Disclaimer

This materials certificate does not come with the machine. The point of contact materials on the machine must be tested and certified by a third party.

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TEST No. GR05	PRODUCT MANUAL		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the presence of product manual.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Find the GR 90™ product manual at <a href="https://www.lfatabletpresses.com/product-data">https://www.lfatabletpresses.com/product-data</a> in Product Manuals section.		
2	Confirm product manual link is accessible.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Product manual PDF is accessible and can be downloaded.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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TEST No. GR06	ELECTRICAL WIRING DIAGRAM		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the presence of electrical wiring diagram.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Find the appropriate product manual at <a href="https://www.lfatabletpresses.com/product-data">https://www.lfatabletpresses.com/product-data</a> in Product Manuals section.		
2	Inspect the electrical wiring diagram in the product manual's appendix.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Electrical wiring diagram is accessible within the manual.		
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# Installation Qualification Protocol

## Installation Position and Space Qualification



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The objective of Installation Position and Space Qualification is to confirm the space and environmental conditions required for installation and operation.

TEST No. GRIS01	WORKSPACE SURFACE		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the workspace surface accounts for the machine's weight and force exerted by machine and user.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Ensure workspace surface supports machine's weight of 150 kg (around 331 lbs).		
2	Ensure the workspace surface supports an additional 41 kg (around 90 lbs).		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria	Pass/Fail	
1	Workspace surface is sturdy enough to support 191 kg (around 421 lbs).		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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Consult either a civil engineer or building manager to complete and verify the workspace surface qualification test.

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TEST No. GRIS02	WORKSPACE TEMPERATURE		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the workspace's temperature levels are acceptable for machine operation.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Measure the workspace's temperature with an indoor thermometer.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria	Pass/Fail	
1	Workspace temperature measures within 18-24 °C (64-75 °F).		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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<b>TEST No. GRIS03</b>	<b>HUMIDITY</b>		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm the workspace's relative humidity levels are acceptable for machine operation.			
<b>Method</b>			
<b>1</b>	Measure the workspace's humidity with a hygrometer.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
<b>1</b>	Workspace relative humidity measures within 45-65% RH.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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# Installation Qualification Protocol

## Safety Measures Qualification



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The objective of Safety Measures Qualification is to confirm that machine installation meets requirements of safe production.

TEST No.	LIFTING EQUIPMENT		
GRSM01			
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm that the proper lifting equipment is available for mounting the machine.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Ensure hoist and lifting strap are available.		
2	Ensure lifting strap supports the machine and does not induce any swinging or tilting of the machine.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Engine hoist and lifting strap are in position.		
2	Lifting strap is secure and supports the machine's weight in a balanced way.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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TEST No.	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT		
GRSM02			
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm user has access to the following items of personal protective equipment (PPE) for use during machine operation.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Ensure protective equipment is on hand before using the machine.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Steel toe boots are in possession.		
2	Heavy duty grip gloves are in possession.		
3	Back support belt is in possession.		
4	Safety goggles are in possession.		
5	Disposable latex/rubber gloves are in possession.		
6	Hairnet and/or beard net are in possession (if applicable).		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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## Safety Measures Qualification



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<b>TEST No.</b> GRSM05	<b>CORRECT LOCAL VOLTAGE</b>		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm that the workspace has the correct local voltage for the machine.			
<b>Method</b>			
<b>1</b>	Ensure the workspace has the correct voltage.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
<b>1</b>	Workspace electrics support single phase 440 V or 220 V.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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Consult a licensed electrician to complete and verify the correct local voltage qualification test.

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# Installation Qualification Protocol

## Equipment Appearance Qualification



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The objective of Equipment Appearance Qualification is to confirm no damage to the machine's appearance during installation.

TEST No. GREAO1	NAMEPLATE		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm that the nameplate is securely fixed onto the machine and its information is clear.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Ensure that the nameplate is securely fitted to the machine.		
2	Ensure that the nameplate contains details that are pertinent to the operation of the machine.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria	Pass/Fail	
1	Nameplate is present.		
2	Nameplate displays machine name.		
3	Nameplate displays version number.		
4	Nameplate displays serial number.		
5	Nameplate displays voltage and power requirements.		
6	Nameplate displays motor type.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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TEST No. GREAO2	MACHINE BODY AND WIRING		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm that the machine has no obvious damage to body and/or wiring.			
<b>Method</b>			
<b>1</b>	Inspect the machine body for obvious indentations, spots, scratches, cracks, or any other damages.		
<b>2</b>	Inspect the wiring, cables, and electrical box for damage.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
<b>1</b>	Machine body has no obvious damage.		
<b>2</b>	Machine's wiring, cables, and electrical box have no damage.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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# Operational Qualification Protocol

## Production and Output Qualification



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The objective of Production and Output Qualification is to confirm the maximum production and output values of the machine.

TEST No. GROQ01	ELECTRICAL OUTPUT LEVELS		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm that the machine's kilowatt, voltage, and hertz levels are correct.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Use a multimeter to measure the machine for each unit.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Maximum kilowatts is 0.25.		
2	Maximum volts is 440.		
3	Maximum hertz is 60.		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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TEST No. GROQ04	MAXIMUM ROTATION SPEED		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm that the machine's maximum agitation speed is 50 rotations per minute.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Automatically operate the machine for one minute using Firmapress as a test mix (purchase at <a href="https://www.lfatabletpresses.com/ready-mix-firmapress">https://www.lfatabletpresses.com/ready-mix-firmapress</a> ).		
2	Record the amount of times the oscillating rotor rotates in one minute.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Maximum agitation speed is 50 rotations per minute (+/-5%).		
Result	Dev No.	Completed by (Initial/Date)	Verified by (Initial/Date)

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# Operational Qualification Protocol

## Production and Output Qualification



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TEST No. GROQ05	APPROXIMATE GRANULATING TIME		
<b>Purpose of Test</b>			
To confirm that the amount of time the machine takes to thoroughly granulate 50-100 kg of powder is approximately no more than 1 hour.			
<b>Method</b>			
1	Automatically operate the machine using 50-100 kg of powder for 1 hour.		
2	Discharge the powder into a container.		
3	Visually inspect the powder to see the quality of the granulation.		
<b>Results</b>			
Test	Acceptance Criteria		Pass/Fail
1	Approximate granulating time for 50-100 kg is 1 hour.		
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# Protocol Deviation Log



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Record each of the deviations raised during the completion of the protocol and the date the deviation is resolved.

<b>Deviation No.</b>	<b>Deviation Description</b>	<b>Date Resolved</b>	<b>Initial and Date</b>

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