

DFMEA Common Mistakes

- 1. Applying thresholds.
- 2. Failure to define the Function of the system/sub-system being analyzed.
- 3. Failure to include the Performance Requirement with the Function.
- 4. Not recognizing all potential failures.
- 5. Failure to properly identify the customer.
- 6. Misapplication of ranking scales.
- 7. Confusing Failure Modes with Effects or Failure Modes with Causes.
- 8. Failure to develop Recommended Actions or Recommended Actions that are neither actionable nor executable.
- 9. Applying Occurrence and Detection too optimistically.
- 10. Failure to consider the "Potential" nature of Failure, Effect, Cause.
- 11. Allowing the DFMEA to turn into a design review.

