



Fitness for Service

HSB, a Munich Re company, is a technology-driven company built on a foundation of specialty insurance, engineering, and technology, all working together to drive innovation in a modern world.

Fitness for Service (FFS) is a comprehensive engineering evaluation methodology used to determine the structural integrity and operational viability of equipment or components in various industries, particularly in the oil and gas, chemical, petrochemical, and power generation sectors. This fact sheet aims to provide an overview of FFS, its importance, methodologies, and applications.

What is Fitness for Service?

FFS is a systematic approach used to assess the structural integrity, safety, and reliability of equipment or components that are in-service or subjected to operational conditions. It involves evaluating the condition of the equipment to determine whether it can continue to operate safely and efficiently in a specific operating environment without compromising its intended function.

Importance of Fitness for Service

Safety assurance	FFS assessments ensure that equipment operates within safe limits, preventing catastrophic failures that could lead to accidents, injuries, or environmental damage.
Cost reduction	By extending the operational life of equipment through FFS evaluations, companies can avoid unnecessary replacements and downtime, resulting in significant cost savings.
Regulatory compliance	Compliance with industry standards and regulations often requires FFS evaluations to ensure equipment meets specified safety and performance criteria.
Asset management	FFS assessments help in optimizing asset management strategies by identifying critical equipment that requires maintenance, repair, or replacement.
Risk management	FFS provides valuable insights into potential failure modes, allowing companies to mitigate risks and prioritize maintenance activities effectively.

Applications of Fitness for Service

Pressure vessels	FFS assessments are conducted to evaluate the integrity of pressure vessels subjected to corrosion, cracking, or other forms of damage.
Piping systems	FFS evaluations help in assessing the condition of piping systems to determine their fitness for continued service, considering factors such as corrosion, erosion, mechanical damage, or, in high-temperature applications, creep damage.
Storage tanks	FFS assessments are performed on storage tanks to evaluate their structural integrity and susceptibility to defects such as corrosion, brittle fracture, and fatigue.

FFS studies play a crucial role in ensuring the safe and reliable operation of equipment and components in various industries. By employing systematic assessment methodologies, companies can effectively manage risks, comply with regulatory requirements, and optimize asset performance while minimizing costs and downtime. FFS assessments are essential for maintaining the integrity and longevity of critical infrastructure, ultimately contributing to the overall safety and sustainability of industrial operations.

Solutions that differentiate. Innovation in every step.

HSB is highly proficient in codes and standards from around the world, and ATC specializes in optimized service solutions. Together, we provide the most qualified and experienced staff in the industry, committed to the highest ethical standards. The coordinated service solutions we offer our clients are trusted, knowing we act ethically and with integrity, ensuring a high level of dependability in the services and guidance we provide.



Qualified and experienced

Clients know that the guidance and direction we provide them are coming from the most knowledgeable and highly trained technical staff in the industry. From the proposal to the final invoice, we ensure our clients are provided with the best service, support, and information available at the time. Additionally, we leverage our expertise to develop technical literature and publications providing valuable insights and guidance to our clients.



The highest ethical standards

HSB and ATC are held in high esteem because of our ethical approach. Acting with integrity is our core value. Our partnership makes us your preferred service provider because we conduct our business fairly while working within the code and in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.



High value

The value of service HSB provides is defined by our people, our technical knowledge and expertise, and the untarnished reputation we have built as an industry leader for over 150 years. ATC has a wealth of experience to deliver customer-focused, cost-effective solutions that drive reliability and flexibility.

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