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**Subject:** ESR on manufacturing – Temporary device for manufacturing

**Question:** Do the essential safety requirements apply to temporary components used by the equipment manufacturer either during the manufacturing or for the proof test of a pressure equipment?

**Answer:** No, unless the joining of this temporary component, for example by welding, is likely to affect the safety of the equipment during its future operation.

However, the manufacturer is responsible for the application of these components, which must have an adequate level of safety and meet the national labour regulation. Examples of temporary components: temporary closure for proof testing, lifting lugs welded on an additional thickness to be removed later.