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Introduction

Ground systems and operations are key elements of a space system and play an essential role in achieving mission success. Mission success is defined here as the achievement of the target mission objectives as expressed in terms of the quantity, quality and availability of delivered mission products and services within a given cost envelope.

Mission success requires successful completion of a long and complex process covering the definition, design, production, verification, validation, post-launch operations and post operational activities, involving both ground segment and space segment elements. It involves technical activities, as well as human and financial resources, and encompasses the full range of space engineering disciplines. Moreover it necessitates a close link with the design of the space segment in order to ensure proper compatibility between these elements of the complete space system.

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Scope

Within the framework of the overall engineering standards for space missions, this Standard contains the basic rules, principles and requirements applied to the engineering of the ground segment and mission operations, which form an integral part of the overall system implementing a space project.

This Standard also addresses the relationships between a customer and the ground segment supplier (GSS) and a customer and the operations supplier (OS).

The following topics are not considered:

- Ground systems (e.g. EGSE) and operations to support space segment verification which are covered within ECSS-E-ST-10-02.
- The launch segment and its operations.

This Standard has the following structure:

- definition of the ground segment and operations domain;
- requirements on ground segment engineering, i.e. the tasks required to design, implement and maintain a ground segment;
- requirements on operations engineering, i.e. the tasks required to prepare and carry out operations of a space project;
- identification of the relationships between the ground segment engineering and operations engineering processes and the space project lifecycle as defined in ECSS-M-ST-10.

This Standard may be tailored for the specific characteristics and constraints of a space project in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00.

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