



## Shift Verification And Retesting On Mobile Vans

T K Group customarily verifies 10 dB STS and/or Potentially Recordable shifts on-board our mobile vans. Threshold “rechecks” are conducted at the 2000, 3000 and 4000 Hz test frequencies. This is not considered an official OSHA 30 day retest, but simply a verification of test results.

In the event that your facility schedules multiple days at one site, we have the capability of generating 10 dB STS and Recordable listings upon request. Employees indicating shift events may return to the van a second time for retest. To qualify as an official “30-day retest”, 24 hours must elapse between the initial time of STS identification and retest. Please confer with our corporate scheduling staff to work out scheduling details, as our technicians are not permitted to revise test schedules.

OSHA considers retests optional; however, T K Group strongly urges retests. Based on our experience, up to 50 % of initial STS indications may repeat upon retest (false positive) due to the inherent test variability associated with audiometric testing, test subject attention span, and waning test subject interest.

By conducting STS verifications and retests, T K Group is working to reduce your costs associated with follow-up testing, which can be significant when time off the job, driving/fuel expenses, and clinic fees are considered.

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