

Checklist for Choosing a Precision Machine Shop

- 1. How big is the shop? Is it big enough to ensure that more than one aspect of your job can be worked on at the same time?
- 2. How long has the shop been in business?
- 3. How often are the instruments used for quality assurance recalibrated?
- 4. Its one thing to state a quality control policy but how does the shop actually make it happen"
- 5. Do they have a regular second shift?
- 6. Can they offer full service? In other words can they complete the job within the shop rather than having to send parts of it outside to contractors?
- 7. What is the process to correct a problem with a job after it has been delivered to you?
- 8. What certifications do they have especially those from ISO?
- 9. What is the experience of their workforce and what is the average length of employment?
- 10. How often do they purchase new equipment and is there a policy for this?