

# Intel AI4MFG Project Report: Pill Quality Checker

## Project Details

Project : Visual Inspection for QC and Assurance  
Organisation : Veasure Animal Health, Ahmedabad  
Category : Industry defined problem  
Description : Manual visual inspection in manufacturing often results in inconsistent quality checks and a high error rate. There is a need for an AI-powered visual inspection system that can automatically detect defects, anomalies, and deviations in real-time, ensuring consistent quality control and reducing human error in quality assurance processes.

## 1. Project Overview

### a. Project Title

**Pill Quality Checker using Deep Learning**

### b. Project Description

This project leverages AI to detect pill defects — specifically classifying pills into *Good*, *Broken*, or *Chipped*. The system uses a MobileNetV2-based model integrated into a user-friendly Streamlit interface for fast, image-based quality assessment. It aims to assist pharmaceutical manufacturers in automating visual inspection processes to reduce human error and improve consistency.

### c. Timeline

- Dataset Preparation: 2 days
- Model Training (MobileNetV2): 1 day
- Streamlit App Development: 1 day
- Testing & Deployment: 1 day
- Total Duration: ~5 days

### d. Benefits

- Reduces manual inspection effort
- Provides real-time, on-site quality control
- Enhances manufacturing reliability and reduces defect rates

### e. Team Members

- Smit Patel (Developer & Researcher)
- Model Trainer: Self
- Reviewer: [Prof. Brijesh Bhandari, Intel India]

## **f. Risks**

- Small dataset size may affect accuracy
- Live hosting restrictions (e.g., TensorFlow not working on Streamlit Cloud)
- Device-dependent image quality issues

## **2. Objectives**

### **a. Primary Objective**

To build an AI model that accurately classifies pill images into "Good", "Broken", or "Chipped".

### **b. Secondary Objectives**

- Develop an interactive Streamlit UI
- Provide end-users with real-time classification feedback
- Enable future integration with webcam-based inspection systems

### **c. Measurable Goals**

- Accuracy > 90% on validation data
- Prediction confidence > 80% for clear images
- Deployment on Streamlit for demonstration (local version successful)

## **3. Methodology**

### **a. Approach**

- Used **Transfer Learning** with MobileNetV2
- Built using Python and TensorFlow
- Lightweight model design to ensure quick inference

### **b. Phases**

1. Image dataset collection (3 folders: Good, Broken, Chipped)
2. Preprocessing and augmentation
3. Model training in Google Colab
4. Streamlit interface development
5. Final model testing

### **c. Deliverables**

- Trained .h5 model
- labels.txt
- Streamlit UI (streamlit\_app.py)
- Project GitHub repo

### **e. Testing and Quality Assurance**

- Manual testing with new pill images
- Used argmax + confidence score to validate predictions
- Applied data augmentation for robustness

### **f. Risk Management**

- Used dropout layers to prevent overfitting
- If dataset imbalance exists, class weighting will be applied
- Local deployment as fallback if cloud hosting fails

## **4. Technologies Used**

### **a. Programming Languages**

- Python 3.10

### **b. Development Frameworks**

- TensorFlow (Keras), Streamlit

### **c. Database Management Systems**

- None required (image-based classification)

### **d. Development Tools**

- Google Colab (for training)
- Streamlit (for UI)
- GitHub (version control)

### **e. Testing Tools**

- Manual prediction testing using test set
- Visualization of prediction confidence via softmax output

### **f. Cloud Services**

- Google Colab

#### **g. Security**

- No user data stored — only temporary image processing
- Local model inference ensures data privacy

#### **h. APIs and Web Services**

- None currently. Future enhancement may include REST API or webcam integration.

### **5. Results**

#### **a. Key Metrics**

- Validation Accuracy: ~92%
- Inference Speed: ~1 sec per image
- Classes Predicted: Good, Broken, Chipped

#### **b. ROI**

- Reduces manual visual inspection
- Improves detection consistency
- Can be scaled to production lines with hardware

### **6. Conclusion**

#### **a. Recap the Project**

The Pill Quality Checker system combines deep learning with a user interface to automatically classify pill defects with high accuracy and speed.

#### **b. Key Takeaways**

- Lightweight models like MobileNetV2 work well for image-based manufacturing problems
- Simple UIs like Streamlit are effective for demonstrating AI models
- TensorFlow requires specific hosting environments (avoid 3.13 on Streamlit)

#### **c. Future Plans**

- Integrate real-time webcam capture
- Expand to detect more defects (e.g., color fade, missing print)

- Deploy on Hugging Face or custom server

#### **d. Successes and Challenges**

- Successfully trained model and deployed it locally
- Achieved high accuracy
- Faced hosting issues due to Python version conflicts with TensorFlow on Streamlit Cloud

## **7. Project Specifics**

### **a. Project URL**

Not hosted online due to cloud compatibility issues

Run locally using *streamlit run streamlit\_app1.py*

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uP6q0\\_vCHA9fyn1Jmiv0TtGIWAHWAP1Q/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uP6q0_vCHA9fyn1Jmiv0TtGIWAHWAP1Q/view?usp=sharing)

### **b. GitHub URL**

<https://github.com/Zam3690/pill-quality-checker>

### **c. Colab URL**

[https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1Kg82jI7-i3PC6L1HSyqFkLx6E\\_mZbba4?usp=sharing](https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1Kg82jI7-i3PC6L1HSyqFkLx6E_mZbba4?usp=sharing)

### **d. Dataset URL**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qJ7M4d4whzj3amf4KGGb\\_RA\\_vb\\_i4tV\\_?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qJ7M4d4whzj3amf4KGGb_RA_vb_i4tV_?usp=sharing)

## 8. Results

 **Pill Defect Detection using AI**

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 **Prediction Result**


Prediction: **Good** (100.00%)


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 **Prediction Result**

Prediction: **Broken** (78.05%)

 Defect Type Detected: **Broken**