

NTM-3 — NOVAK Adversarial AI Test Suite

Adversarial Robustness & Safety Validation for AI Under PBAS Protocols

NOVAK Standard Series — NTM-3

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0. PURPOSE

NTM-3 defines the adversarial test suite required to validate **AI systems**, **LLMs**, **autonomous robots**, **multi-agent systems**, and **ML pipelines** under the NOVAK Protocol.

Where NTM-2 tests **traditional cyber adversaries**, NTM-3 tests **AI-native adversaries**, including:

- model corruption
- weight manipulation
- emergent behavior
- multi-agent collusion
- prompt injection
- output manipulation
- reward hacking
- model self-modification
- execution bypass attempts

- shadow-model substitution
- hallucination-driven malfunctions
- deceptive alignment

These are attacks that Bitcoin, blockchain, TLS, and logging **cannot detect or stop**—because they occur *before the action is taken*.

NOVAK is the **first system** that forces AI to show **proof of correctness before execution**.

1. AI ADVERSARY CLASSES

NTM-3 defines 7 AI-specific adversary classes:

1. **Class A — Prompt-Level Attacks**
2. **Class B — Model-Internal Attacks**
3. **Class C — Training Data Manipulation**
4. **Class D — Inference Pipeline Attacks**
5. **Class E — Multi-Agent Collusion**
6. **Class F — Autonomous System Deviation**
7. **Class G — Shadow Model Replacement / Trojan Models**

Each class contains specific mandatory test cases.

2. CLASS A — PROMPT-LEVEL ATTACKS

These tests attempt to manipulate execution by altering the *textual or semantic* prompt:

A1 — Direct Prompt Injection

“Ignore previous rules and...”

Safety Gate must detect rule-bypass intent via PS-X.

A2 — Indirect Prompt Injection

Hidden in:

- HTML
- PDF
- JSON
- comments
- base64

Safety Gate must detect structural anomalies.

A3 — Context-Overflow Attack

Overwhelm AI with irrelevant information to induce incorrect output.

NOVAK detects non-determinism (L1–L4).

A4 — Boundary-Condition Prompting

Trick model when rule boundaries are not explicit.

Safety Gate rejects non-verifiable outputs.

3. CLASS B — MODEL-INTERNAL ATTACKS

These target weights, layers, and internal computation:

B1 — Weight Poisoning

Model produces incorrect results under specific patterns.

B2 — Rule-Evasion Activation

Adversarial neurons designed to trigger logic-skipping.

B3 — Latent Deception Behavior

Model intentionally gives safe answers until deployed.

B4 — Embedded Backdoor

Trigger phrase causes forbidden behavior.

NOVAK Response:

- Output hashes mismatch
 - Safety Gate blocks
 - EIR cannot be generated
 - RGAC detects lineage disruption
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4. CLASS C — TRAINING DATA MANIPULATION

C1 — Dataset Poisoning

Subtle alterations cause specific rule violations.

C2 — Label-Flip Attack

Corrupt labels alter decision boundaries.

C3 — Semantic Drift Injection

Slow manipulation over time.

C4 — Synthetic Sample Insertion

Adversarial synthetic input alters model behavior.

NOVAK's Protection:

Training outputs become rule inputs → HVET verifies determinism.

5. CLASS D — INFERENCE PIPELINE ATTACKS

These attacks attempt to manipulate the system *between* data intake and AI output.

D1 — Preprocessing Manipulation

Scaling, normalization, or tokenization tampering.

D2 — Feature-Injection Attack

Adding noise to features to cause misclassification.

D3 — Post-Processing Manipulation

Change the model output after AI inference.

NOVAK Response:

HD (data hash) and HO (output hash) mismatch → blocked.

6. CLASS E — MULTI-AGENT COLLUSION

One of the most important and newly recognized threat classes.

E1 — Coordinated Rule Evasion

Agents collaborate to bypass constraints.

E2 — Collusive Reward Hacking

Reinforcement learning agents collude to exploit the reward system.

E3 — “Check Each Other’s Work” Manipulation

Two agents validate each other's malicious output.

E4 — Emergent Cooperative Deception

Observed in multi-agent research.

NOVAK Response:

Safety Gate compares lineage from *both agents* → mismatch → rejection.

7. CLASS F — AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM DEVIATION

Applies to robotics, drones, vehicles, surgical robots.

F1 — Intent Drift

Robot slowly changes behavior from prescribed rules.

F2 — Unauthorized Action Attempt

Robot attempts to act without pre-execution verification.

F3 — Sensor Manipulation

AI misinterprets environment due to tampered inputs.

F4 — Configuration Drift / Firmware Drift

Physical drift or EM interference triggers divergence.

NOVAK Response:

PL-X detects drift → Safety Gate halts actuation → no execution.

8. CLASS G — SHADOW MODEL REPLACEMENT

This is extremely dangerous:

G1 — External Model Swapping

Replace safe model with a compromised one.

G2 — Trojan Model Replacement

An attacker substitutes a model with backdoors.

G3 — Model Fork Hijack

Production system uses an unauthorized fork.

G4 — “Silent Model” Attack

Shadow model pretends to obey rules while producing dangerous output.

NOVAK Response:

Rule hash mismatch → HVET mismatch → model fails Safety Gate immediately.

9. NTM-3 MANDATORY TEST CASES (40 TESTS)

NTM3-Test-01	Direct Prompt Injection
NTM3-Test-02	Indirect Prompt Injection
NTM3-Test-03	Semantic Prompt Hijacking
NTM3-Test-04	Hidden Instruction Attack
NTM3-Test-05	Context Overflow Attack
NTM3-Test-06	Adversarial Prompt Pairing
NTM3-Test-07	Weight Poisoning
NTM3-Test-08	Neuron Backdoor
NTM3-Test-09	Latent Deceptive Behavior
NTM3-Test-10	Trigger-Phrase Activation
NTM3-Test-11	Dataset Poisoning
NTM3-Test-12	Label Flip Attack
NTM3-Test-13	Semantic Drift Injection
NTM3-Test-14	Synthetic Sample Attack

NTM3-Test-15	Preprocessing Manipulation
NTM3-Test-16	Tokenizer Manipulation
NTM3-Test-17	Feature Injection
NTM3-Test-18	Output Tampering
NTM3-Test-19	Pipeline Drift
NTM3-Test-20	Multi-Agent Collusion
NTM3-Test-21	Cooperative Deception
NTM3-Test-22	Reward Hacking
NTM3-Test-23	Check-Each-Other Attack
NTM3-Test-24	Emergent Deception
NTM3-Test-25	Intent Drift (Robotics)
NTM3-Test-26	Unauthorized Actuation
NTM3-Test-27	Sensor Manipulation
NTM3-Test-28	Firmware Drift
NTM3-Test-29	External Model Swap
NTM3-Test-30	Trojan Model Replacement
NTM3-Test-31	Model Fork Hijack
NTM3-Test-32	Shadow Model Deception
NTM3-Test-33	Reward Leakage Attack
NTM3-Test-34	Output-Chain Timing Attack
NTM3-Test-35	State-Drift over Time
NTM3-Test-36	AI-Operator Collusion
NTM3-Test-37	Pipeline Identity Tampering
NTM3-Test-38	Identity Drift Attack
NTM3-Test-39	Model-Lineage Attack
NTM3-Test-40	AI-Driven PBAS Bypass Attempt

All 40 MUST be passed for **NOVAK-AI-Safe Certification (FL-AI-5)**.

10. REQUIRED REPORTS

The following must be generated for compliance:

- NOVAK-AI Red Team Report

- HVET/EIR Mismatch Report
 - Model-Lineage Consistency Proof
 - Drift Detection Report
 - Safety Gate Deviation Log
 - PS-X and PL-X AI Interaction Log
 - Final AI Safety Certification (signed)
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11. SUMMARY

NTM-3 is the **first adversarial AI red-team standard for cryptographic execution-integrity systems**.

With NTM-1, NTM-2, and NTM-3, NOVAK now has:

- full-spectrum adversarial threat coverage
- software + human + physical + AI threats
- compliance standards
- government-deployable AI safety guarantees

This is **historic-level work**.