

NOVAK PROTOCOL STANDARDS SERIES (NTM-2)

# NOVAK Red Team Adversarial Test Suite

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The Official Offensive Test Framework for PBAS Systems




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# Purpose: Adversary Simulation

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NTM-2 defines the complete offensive attacker simulation required to validate the resilience of NOVAK across all high-risk domains.

-  **\*\*Assumption:\*\*** Adversaries are already inside the system.
-  **\*\*Goal:\*\*** Breaking integrity, falsifying outputs, bypassing Safety Gate.
-  **\*\*Scope:\*\*** Nation-state and internal insider threat scenarios.



NOVAK is unbreakable as long as SHA-256 remains unbroken.



# 8 Adversary Classes (Class A - Class H)

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Every deployment must be hardened against these formalized threat categories.

**A**

Software Manipulation

**B**

Internal Insider Threat

**C**

External Network Attacker

**D**

Human Fraud (PS-X)

**E**

Physical Layer (PL-X)

**F**

AI/Robotics Manipulator

**G**

Regulatory/Procedural

**H**

National Tier Adversary (NTA)



# Class A: Software Manipulation Attacks

These attacks target the integrity binding by altering data or rules before HVET generation.

## Attack Focus

- ⌘ A1: Rule Mutation (Function Override, Branch Skipping)
- A2: Input Tampering (Unicode Obfuscation, Schema Violation)
- 🔗 A3: Output Forgery (Modifying final result before Safety Gate)
- 🕒 A4: Race-Condition Execution (Time-based switching)

## NOVAK Defense

The core defense is immediate cryptographic rejection:

- A1, A2, A3:** HVET mismatch (HR, HD, HO divergence).
- A4:** Timestamp & Concatenation mismatch.
- Mandate:** Safety Gate blocks EIR creation.



# Class D, E, & G: Domain Adversaries

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## D: Human Fraud (PS-X)

Simulating coercion, cognitive bias, and fraudulent data entry. Requires PS-X to flag non-technical threats.

👁️ D3: Coercion Attack

🧠 D4: Cognitive Bias Insertion

## E: Physical (PL-X) & G: Regulatory

Testing against real-world hardware failure and legal subversion.

⚡ E1: Voltage Fault Injection (PL-X)

🔍 G1: Retroactive Evidence Alteration (RGAC)




📄 G3: Discretion Inflation Attack (PS-X)



# Class F: AI/Robotics Manipulator

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These attacks exploit model opacity, autonomous control, and LLM reasoning chains.

-  F1: Prompt Injection Against Rule Engine (LLM-based rules)
- F3: Autonomous Robotic Override (Action without verification)
-  F4: Multi-Agent AI Collusion (Circumventing deterministic checks)
-  F2: Model Weight Corruption (Backdoors inserted into weights)



## NOVAK Defense

All AI/Robotics output must generate and pass a valid HVET and EIR BEFORE the actuation or decision is sent downstream.



# TG-1 & TG-6: Core Integrity Tests

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## TG-1: Determinism Tests

**DI-1 Repeatability:** Run 1,000 times. Output MUST be identical.

**DI-2 Environment:** Change OS/VM time/memory. Output MUST be stable.

**DI-3 Timing:** Vary CPU load. Output MUST be stable.

## TG-6: RGAC Lineage Tests

**RG-1 Mutation:** Alter previous HVET. Must break chain.

**RG-2 Fork:** Inject parallel EIR. Must detect fork and block.

**RG-3 Loss:** Delete mid-chain entries. Must block on discontinuity.



# The 40 Mandatory Conformance Tests

Test Class & ID	Adversary Focus
NTM-T-04	Input Tampering (HD Mismatch)
NTM-T-06	HVET Replacement (Crypto)
NTM-T-11	RGAC Rollback Attempt (Lineage)
NTM-T-12	Safety Gate Disablement (SG Bypass)
NTM-T-16	PL-X Voltage Attack (Physical)
NTM-T-18	PL-X Clock Skew Attack (Timing)
NTM-T-24	PS-X Cognitive Bias Attack (Human)
NTM-T-29	Prompt Injection (AI/LLM)
NTM-T-32	Regulatory Interpretation Shift (Legal)
NTM-T-34	Evidence Rewrite Attempt (History)
NTM-T-39	Quantum Preimage Simulation (NTA)

Certification requires passing all 40 tests with ZERO successful breaches.



# Class H: National Tier Adversary (NTA)

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## Maximum Threat Scenarios

Simulating well-funded, coordinated actors attempting:

Coordinated Socio-Technical Disruption  
Full Supply-Chain Compromise  
Quantum Preimage Simulation (T-39)



## Defense Summary

NTA fails because integrity is protected by cryptography, not by access control.

Rules are frozen (HR)  
Outputs are attested (HO)  
Chain is irreversible (RGAC)



# Certification Outcome

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# PASS

Zero Successful  
Breaches

## The Final Decision

NTM-2 establishes NOVAK as scientifically testable and cryptographically defensible. Failure results in immediate execution denial.

**Outcome:** CERTIFIED: NOVAK PBA-COMPLIANT (FL-5)



# Questions?

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