

Demonstration Safety Case Argument for the Gravity Ventilator (gVent)

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A Representative Example

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Background and Context

COSMIC Medical began in early 2020 in Vancouver as a volunteer-driven, open-source initiative to tackle critical equipment shortages triggered by the global COVID-19 pandemic. As hospitals worldwide braced for surges in respiratory failure and ventilator demand, the founders — a mix of physicians, engineers and students — launched multiple rapid-response projects aiming to provide low-cost, easily manufactured respiratory support devices.

Within this effort, gVent emerged as a novel alternative to traditional ventilators and bag-valve-mask (BVM) systems. Rather than relying on complex, specialized medical-grade parts, which became scarce during the pandemic, gVent was designed entirely with readily available materials and simple mechanical principles, making it potentially deployable in resource-limited settings or under emergency circumstances.

Project Objectives and Overview

gVent is a gravity- and water-based positive-pressure ventilator that uses two cylindrical vessels and a water seal to generate pressurized gases for patient ventilation. As hospital-supplied medical air/oxygen enters the system, the rising pressure pushes an inner cylinder upward; when a valve is opened, this pressurized mixture is delivered to the patient. Through control of the valve (via electronics), the system can regulate key respiratory parameters, such as inspiratory pressure, tidal volume, respiratory rate, and I:E ratio, offering both mandatory ventilation (for sedated patients) and patient-triggered support (for spontaneously breathing patients).

Because of the water-seal mechanism, gVent delivers ventilation with constant plateau pressures, reducing risk of barotrauma compared with many other low-cost ventilator designs. Prototype testing (including at a hospital simulation lab) demonstrated proof-of-concept functionality over multi-hour cycles, with pressure, flow, tidal volume, and alarm systems performing as intended.

Following the development of the technology, Critical Systems Labs Inc. developed a safety case argument for gVent as a demonstration of the Eliminative Argumentation (EA) methodology applied to a prototype medical device. This safety case was developed using CSL's *Socrates – Assurance Case Editor* product³.

¹ <https://www.cosmicmedical.ca/>

² <https://github.com/COSMIC-medical/gVent>

³ <https://criticalseystems.com/socrates-assurance/>

The following system overview is intended to orient the reader gVent device as presented on COSMIC Medical's website (<https://www.cosmicmedical.ca/gvent>).

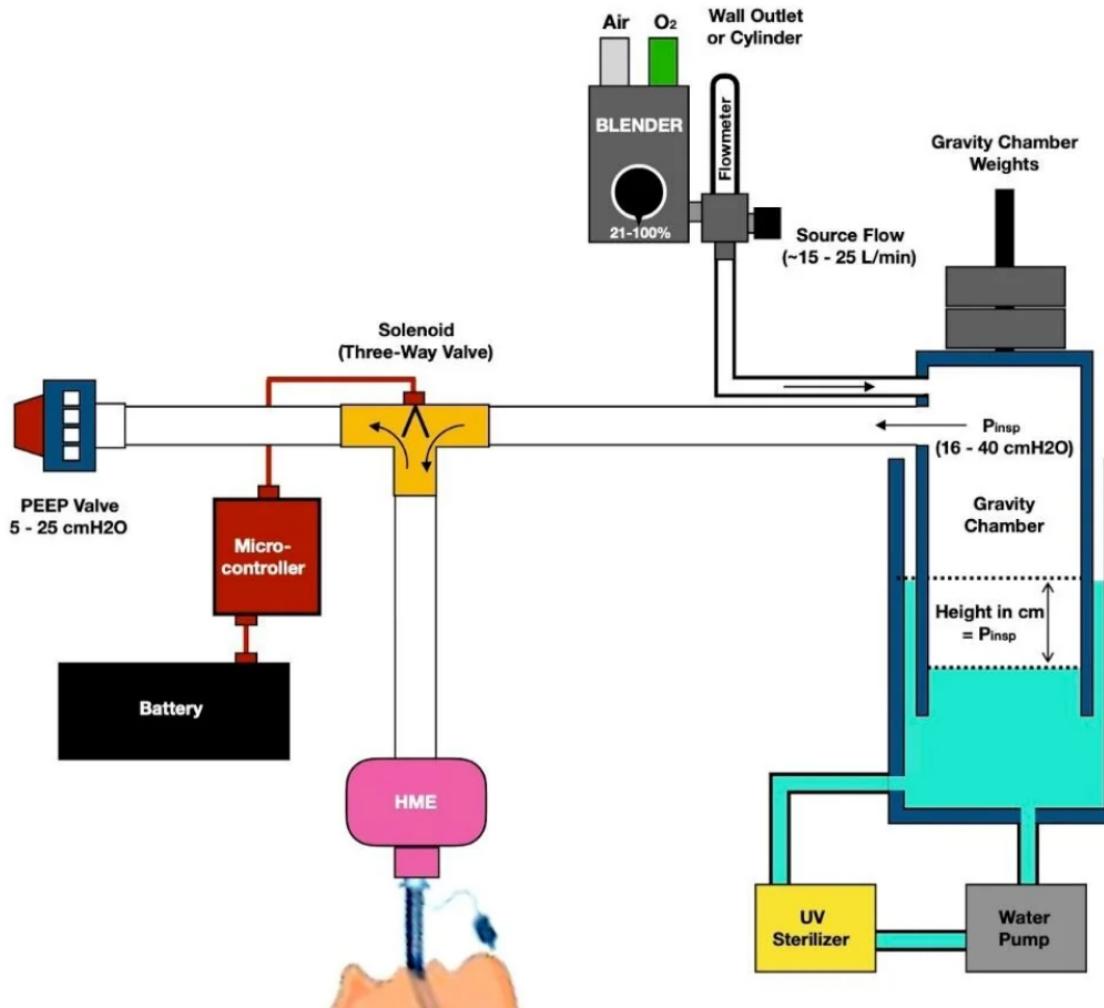


Figure 1 - System design (from <https://www.cosmicmedical.ca/gvent>)

Argument Visualization and Supporting Artifacts

The safety case argument is presented in the remainder of this document. Each diagram corresponds to a “sub-argument” fragment. When composed together, the sub-arguments collectively make the safety case argument.

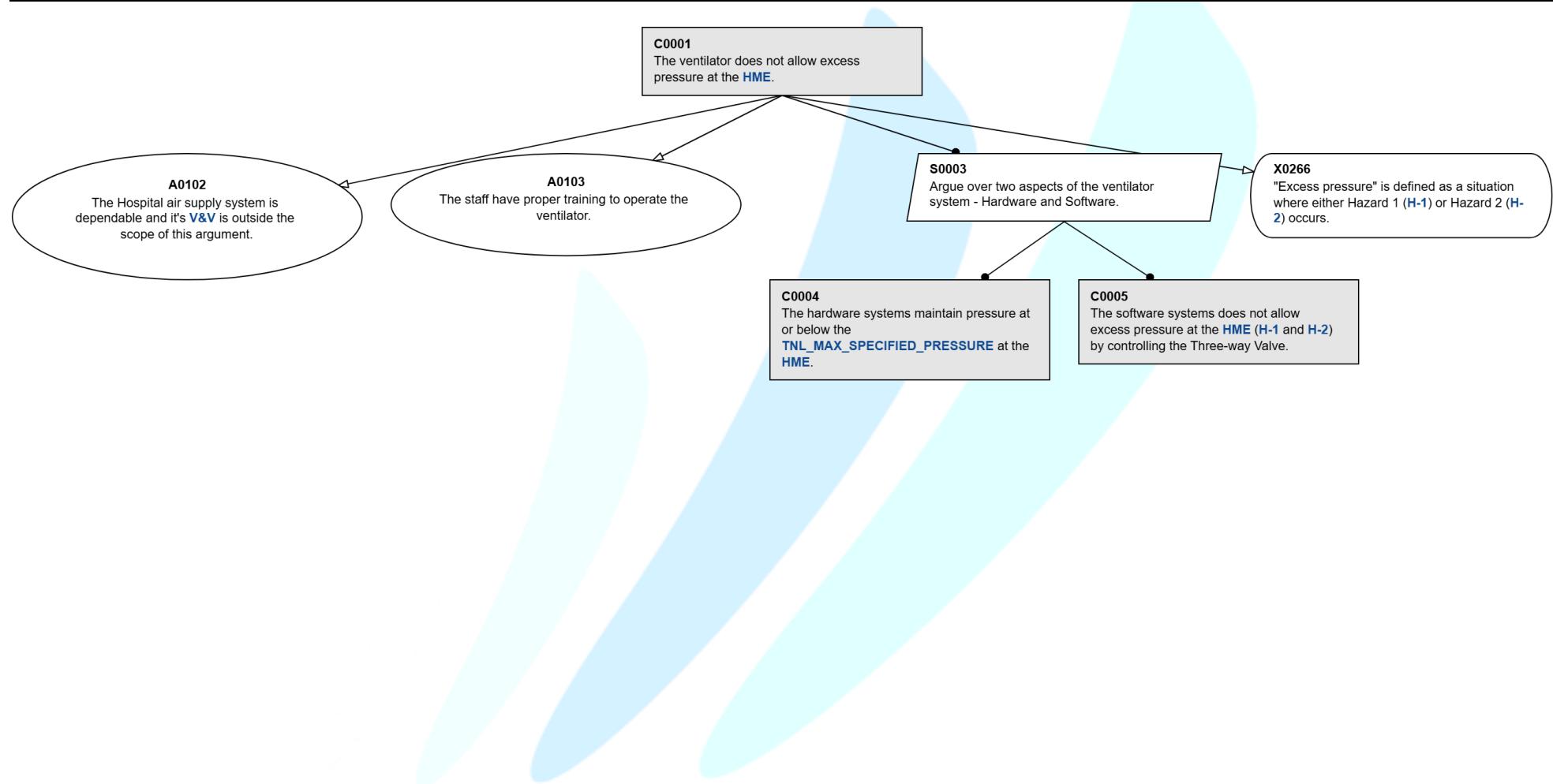
A version of this argument is available in an archival JSON format on CSL's website:

- <https://criticalseystems.com/resources-hub/2025GVent/gvent-argument.json>

Argument

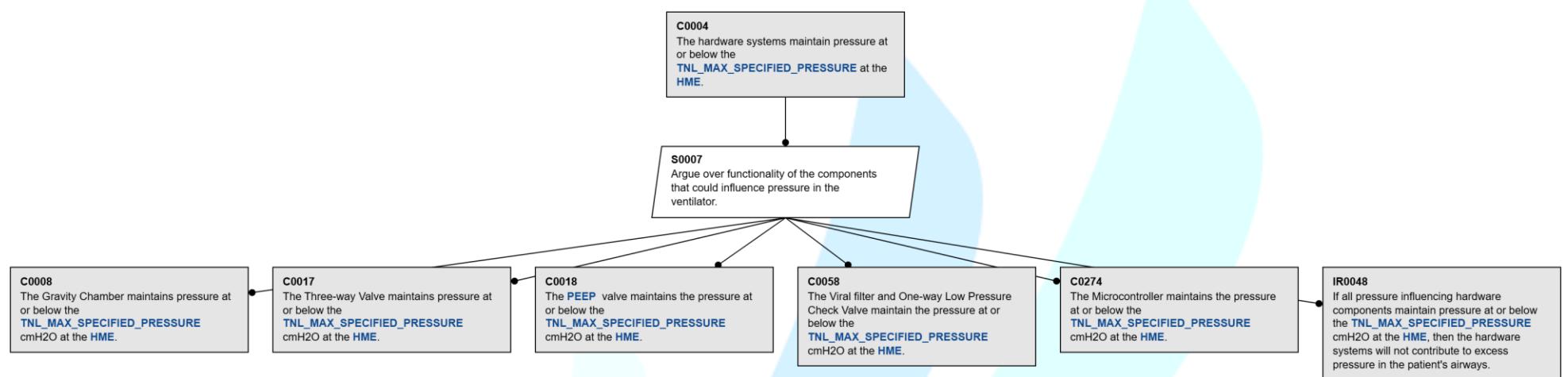
C0001 - The ventilator does not allow excess pressure at the HME.

Parent subtree(s)	None	Descendant subtree(s)	C0004 , C0005
Glossary Terms	HME , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , H-1 , H-2 , V&V		

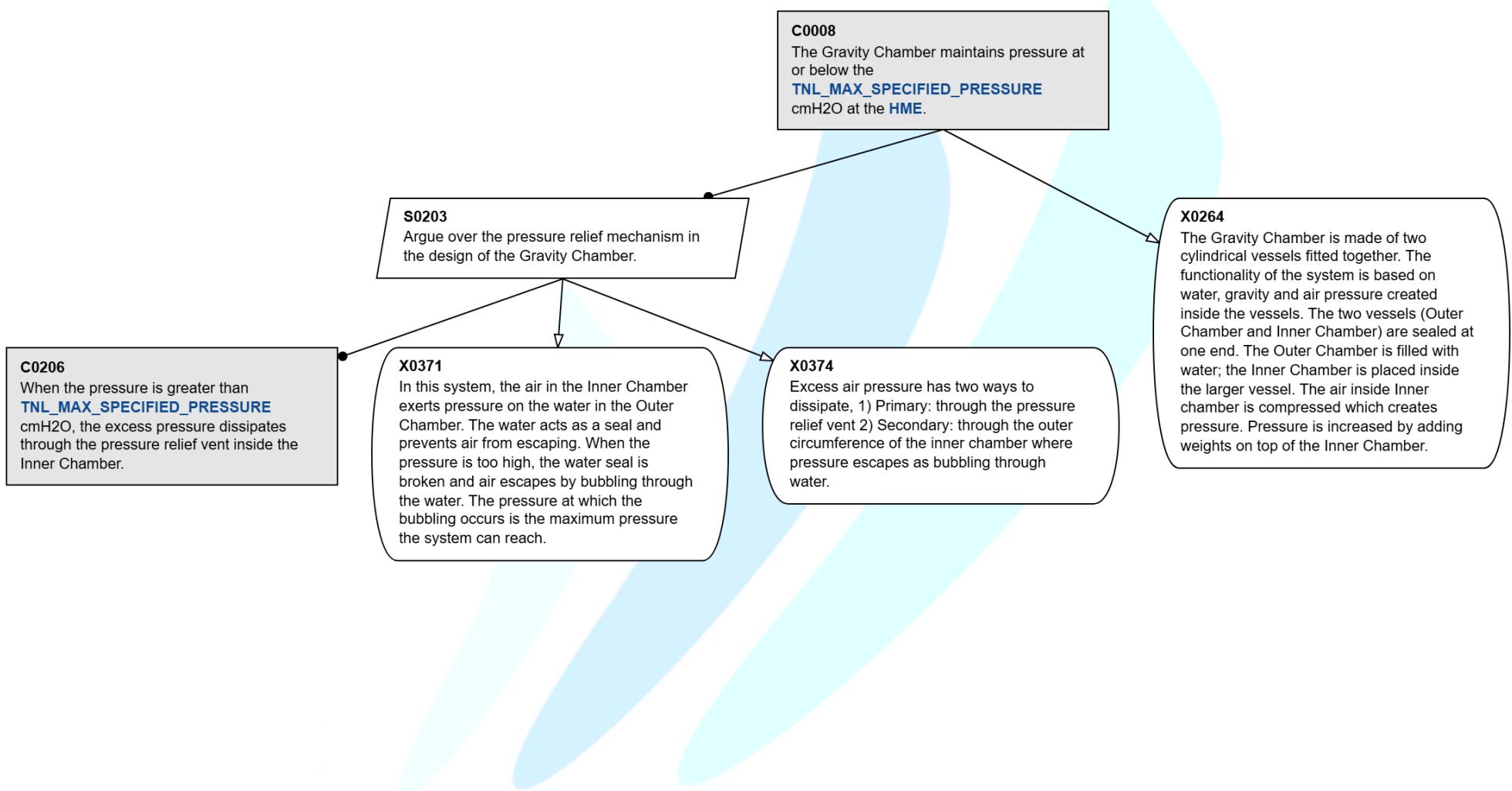


C0004 - The hardware systems maintain pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE at the HME.

Parent subtree(s)	C0001	Descendant subtree(s)	C0008 , C0017 , C0018 , IR0048 , C0058 , C0274
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , PEEP		

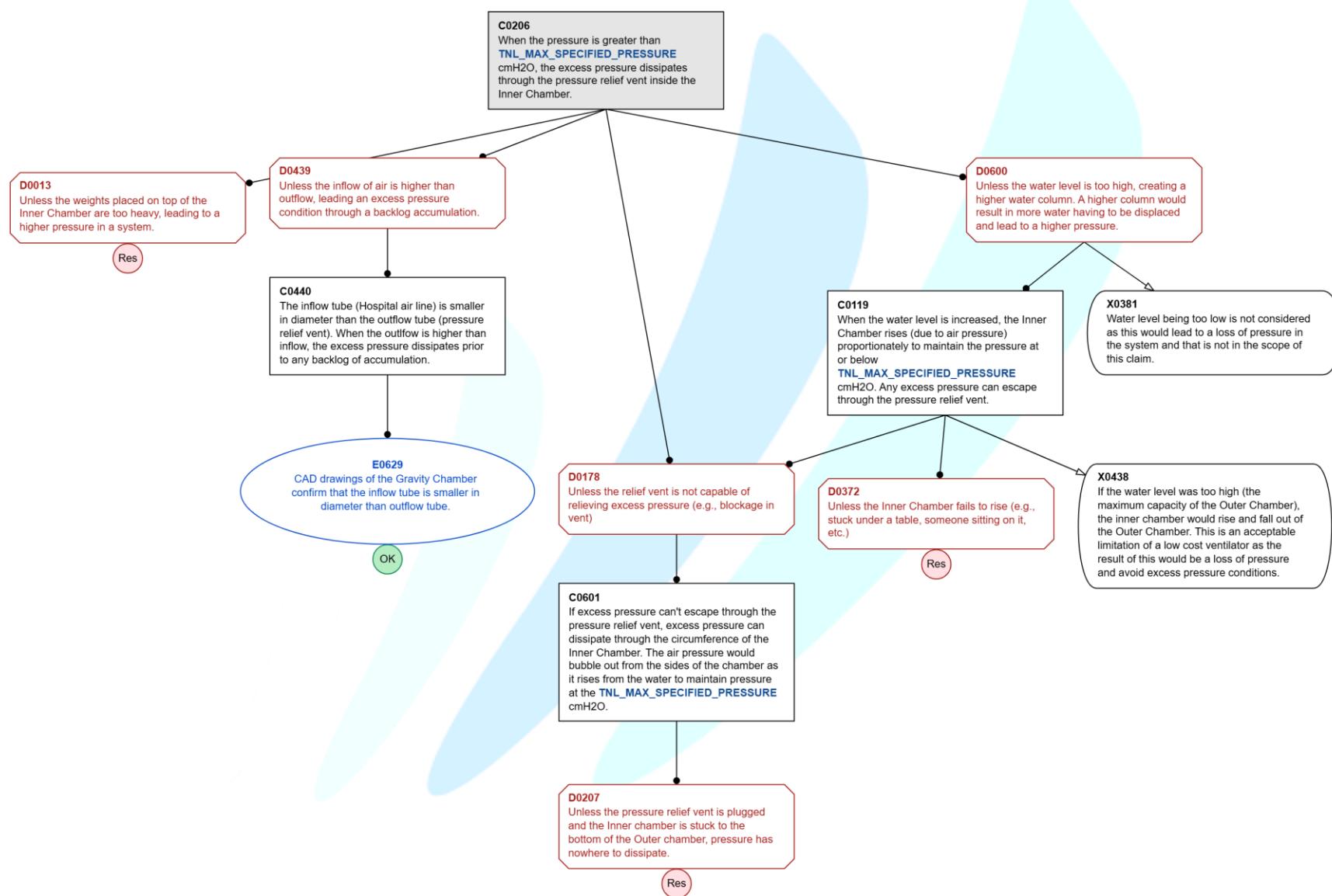


C0008 - The Gravity Chamber maintains pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0004	Descendant subtree(s)	C0206
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



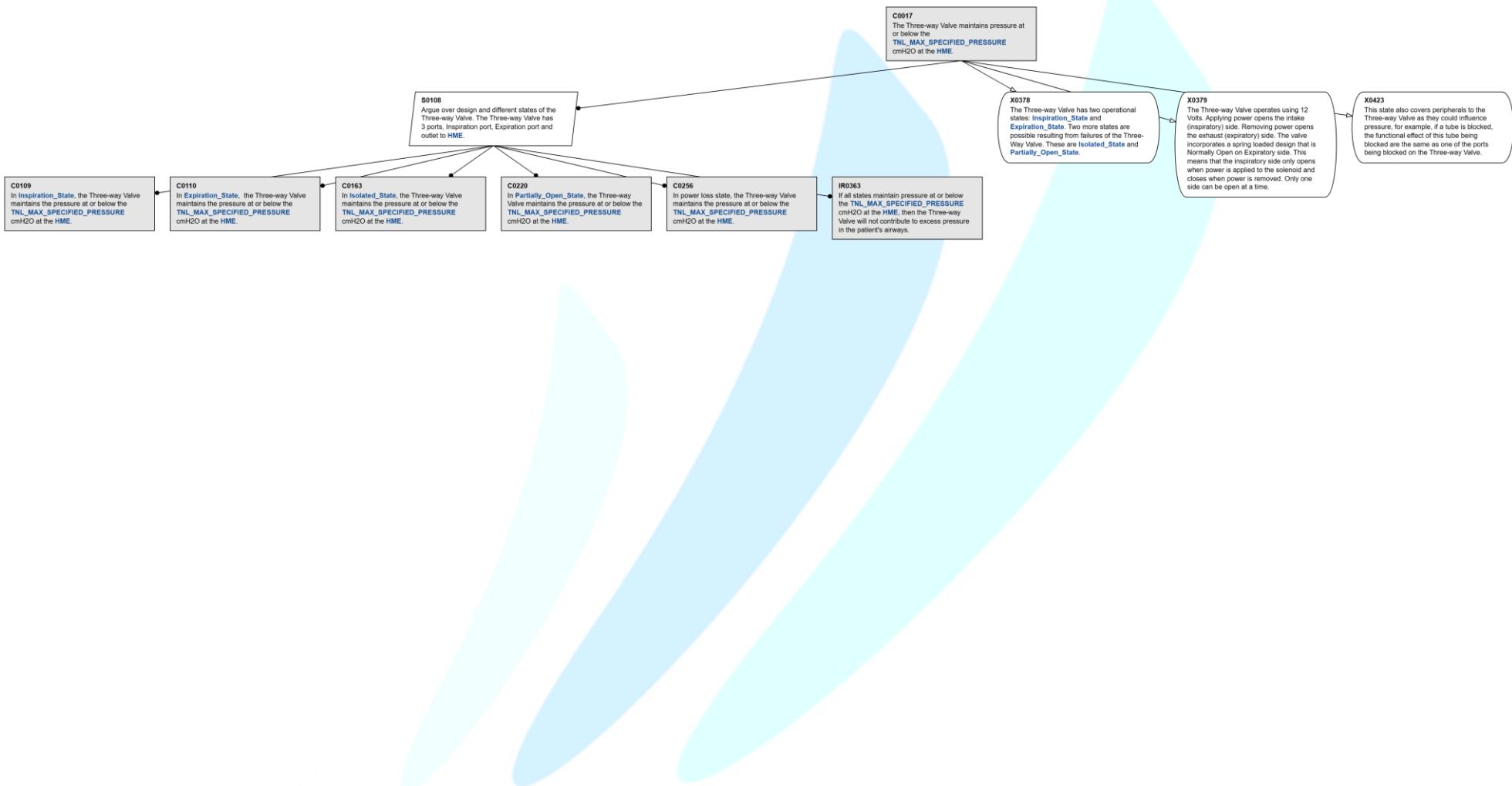
C0206 - When the pressure is greater than TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O, the excess pressure dissipates through the pressure relief vent inside t...

Parent subtree(s)	C0008	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE		

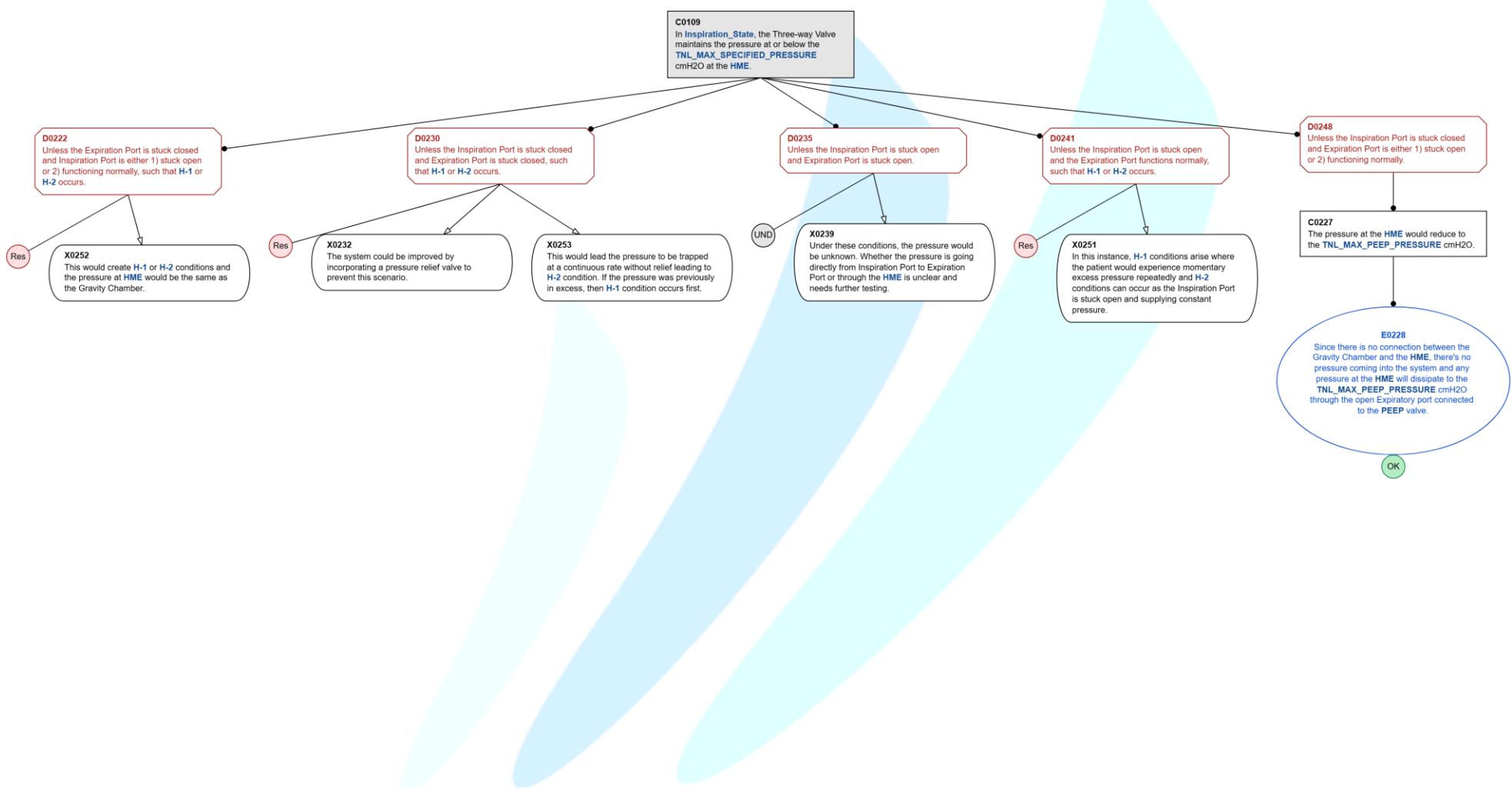


C0017 - The Three-way Valve maintains pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.

Parent subtree(s)	C0004 , D0580	Descendant subtree(s)	C0109 , C0110 , C0163 , C0220 , C0256 , IR0363
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , PEEP , Inspiration_State , Expiration_State , Isolated_State , Partially_Open_State		

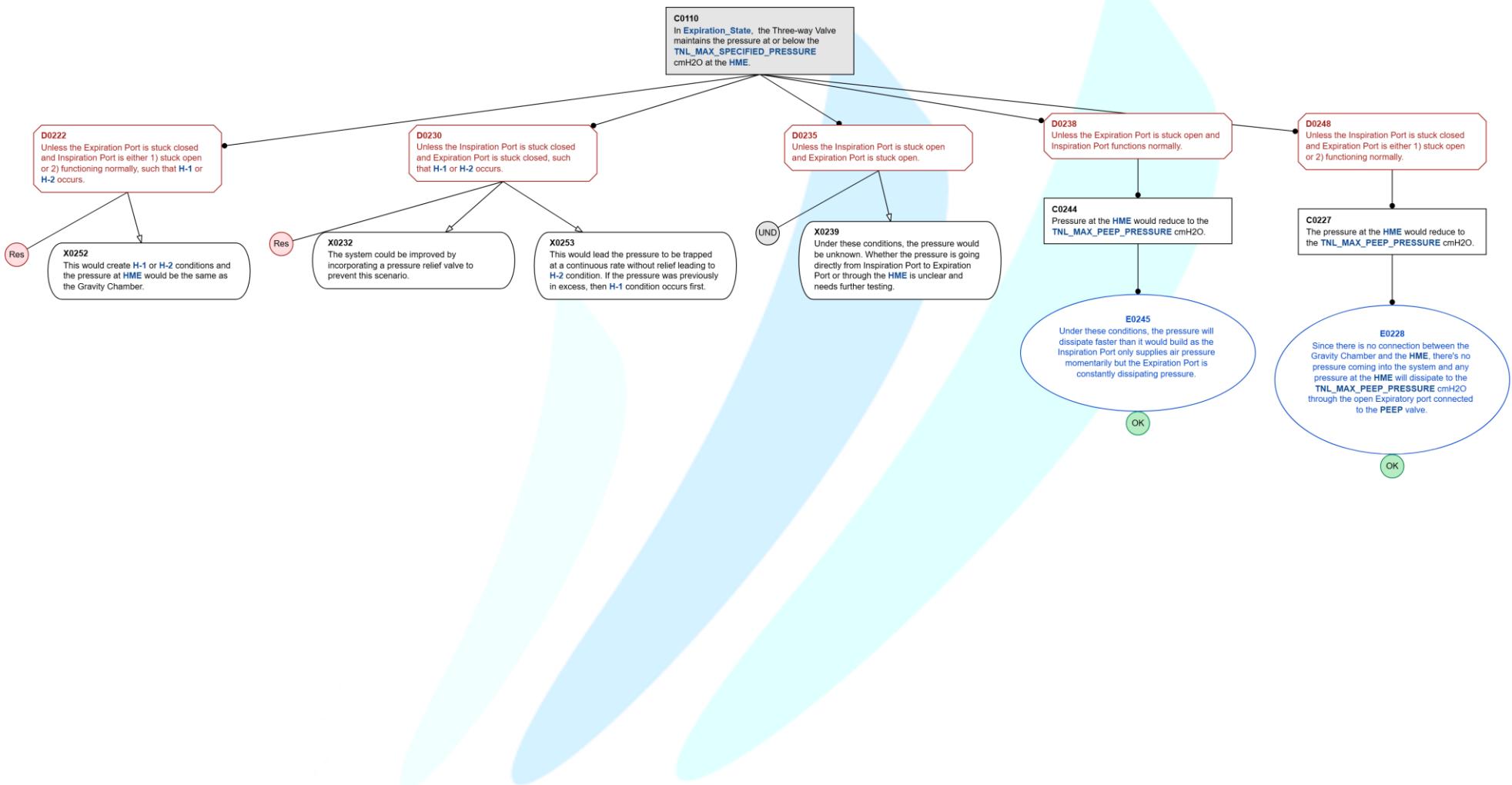


C0109 - In Inspiration_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0017	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	Inspiration_State , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , H-1 , H-2 , TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE , PEEP		

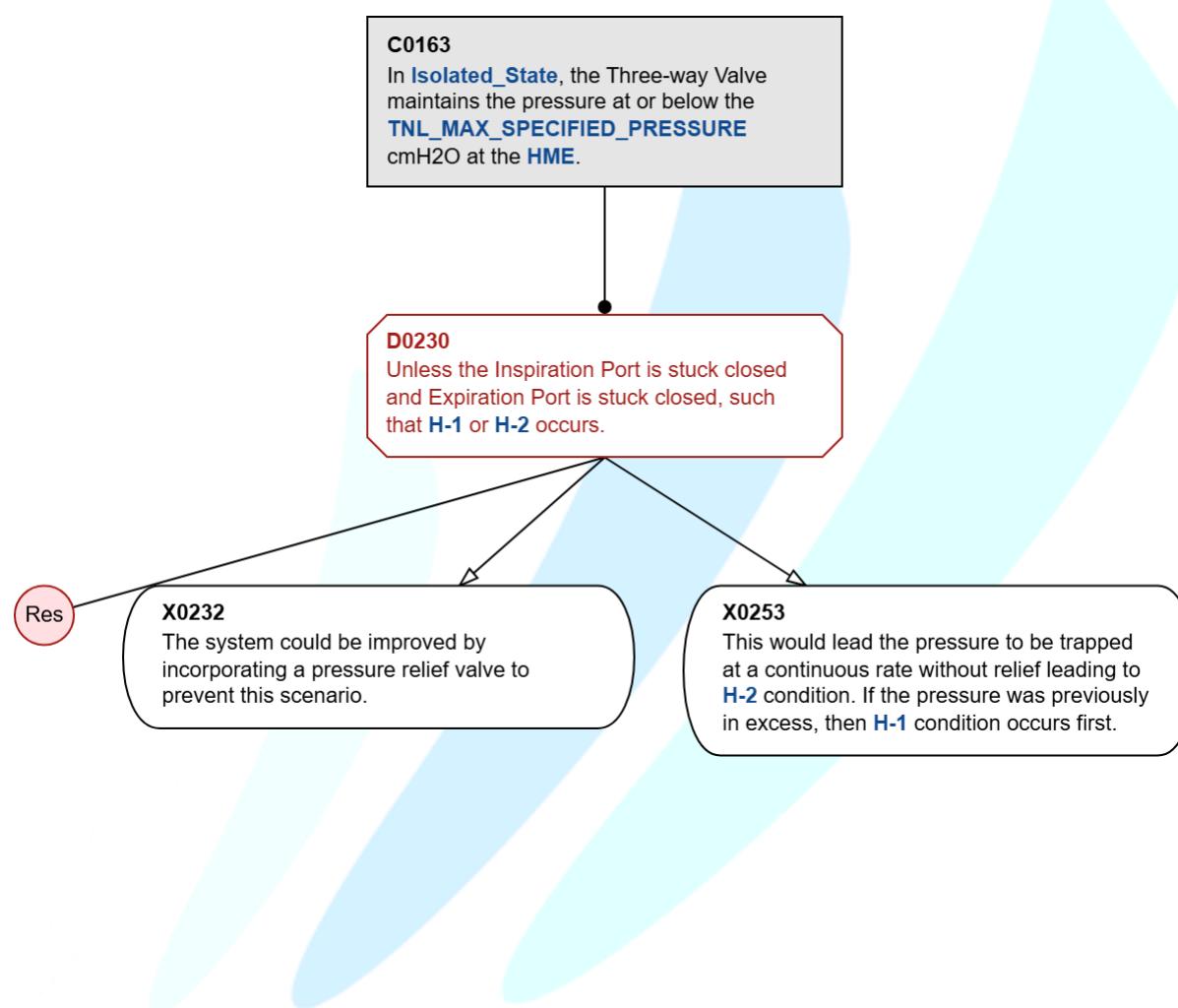


C0110 - In Expiration_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.

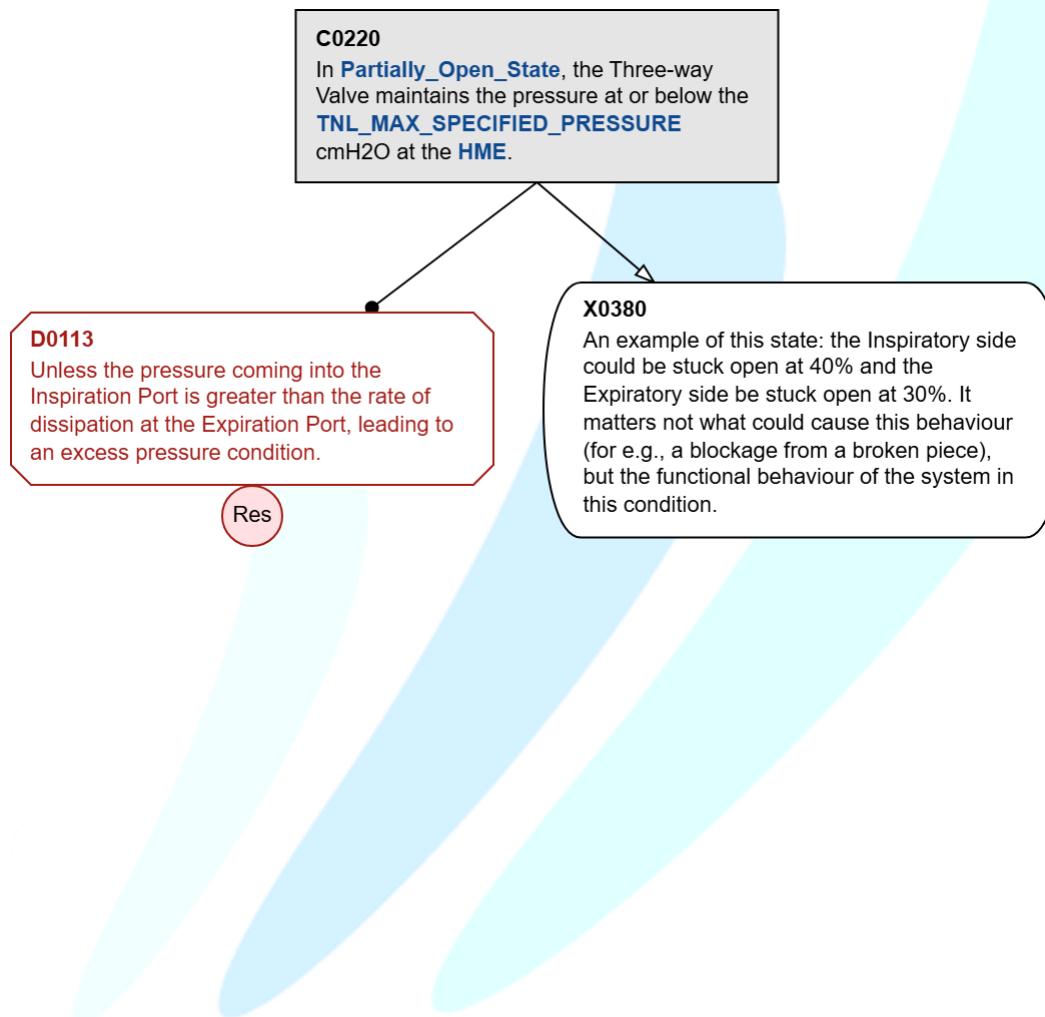
Parent subtree(s)	C0017	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	Expiration_State , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , H-1 , H-2 , TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE , PEEP		



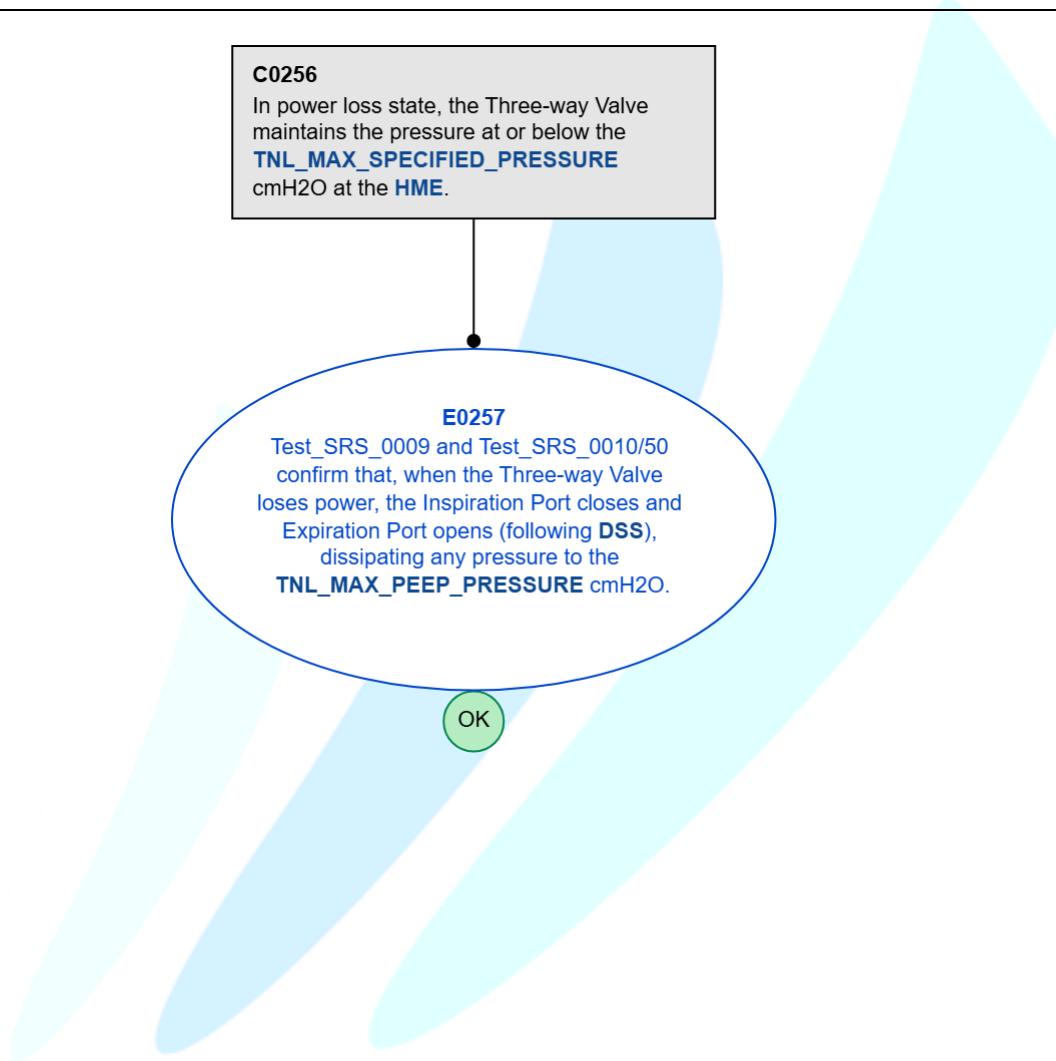
C0163 - In Isolated_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0017	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	Isolated_State , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , H-1 , H-2		



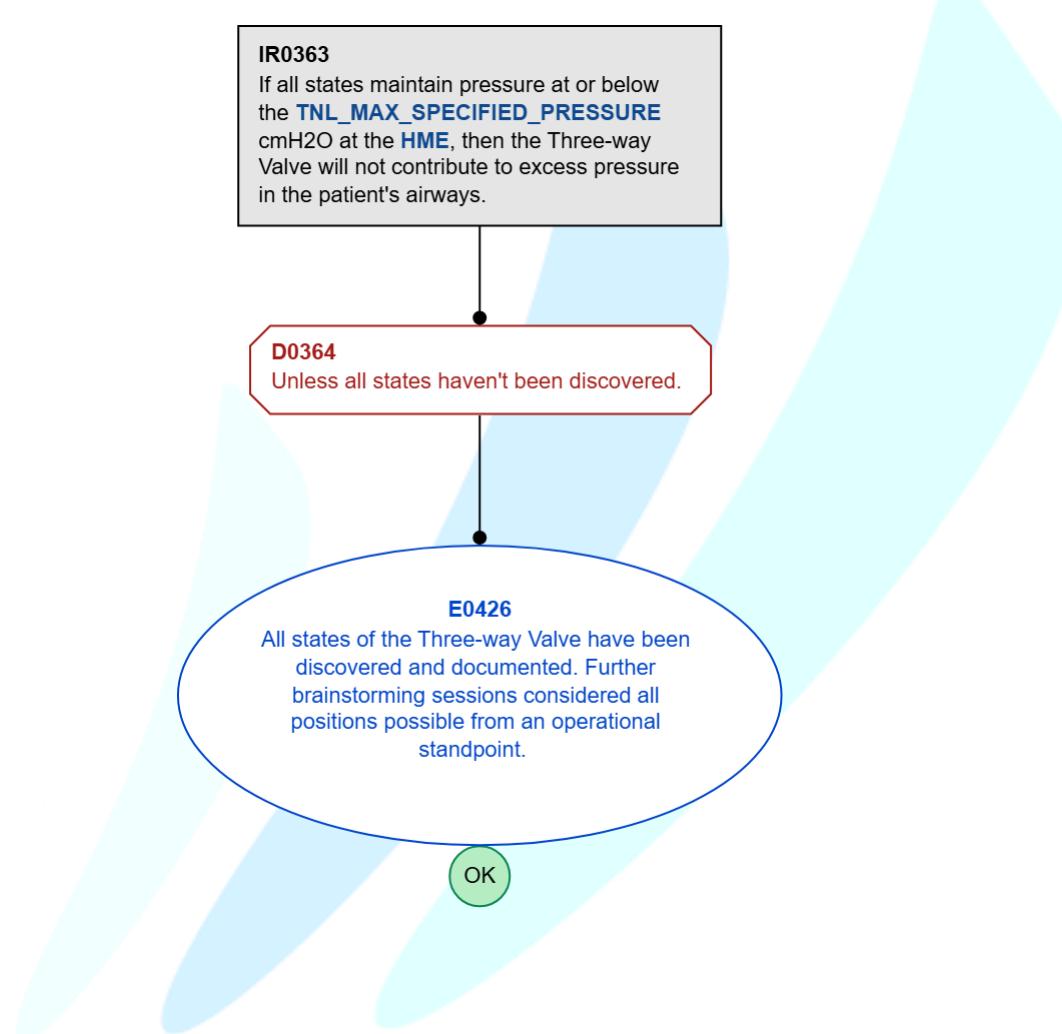
C0220 - In Partially_Open_State, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0017	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	Partially_Open_State , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



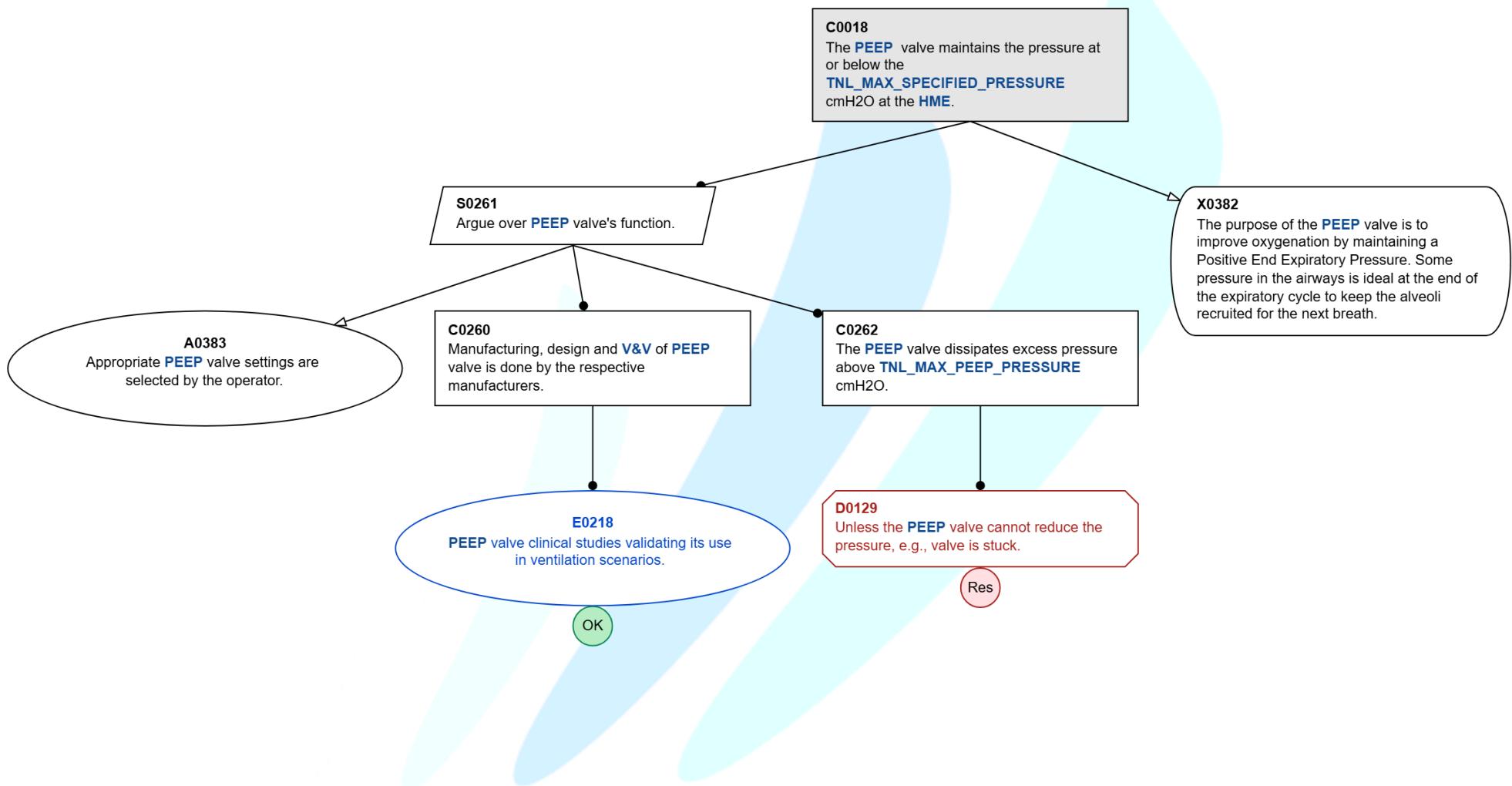
C0256 - In power loss state, the Three-way Valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0017	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , DSS , TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE		



IR0363 - If all states maintain pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME , then the Three-way Valve will not contribute to...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0017	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



C0018 - The PEEP valve maintains the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0004	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	PEEP , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , V&V , TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE		



IR0048 - If all pressure influencing hardware components maintain pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME , then the hard...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0004	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		

IR0048
If all pressure influencing hardware components maintain pressure at or below the **TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE** cmH2O at the **HME**, then the hardware systems will not contribute to excess pressure in the patient's airways.

D0049
Unless all components haven't been considered.

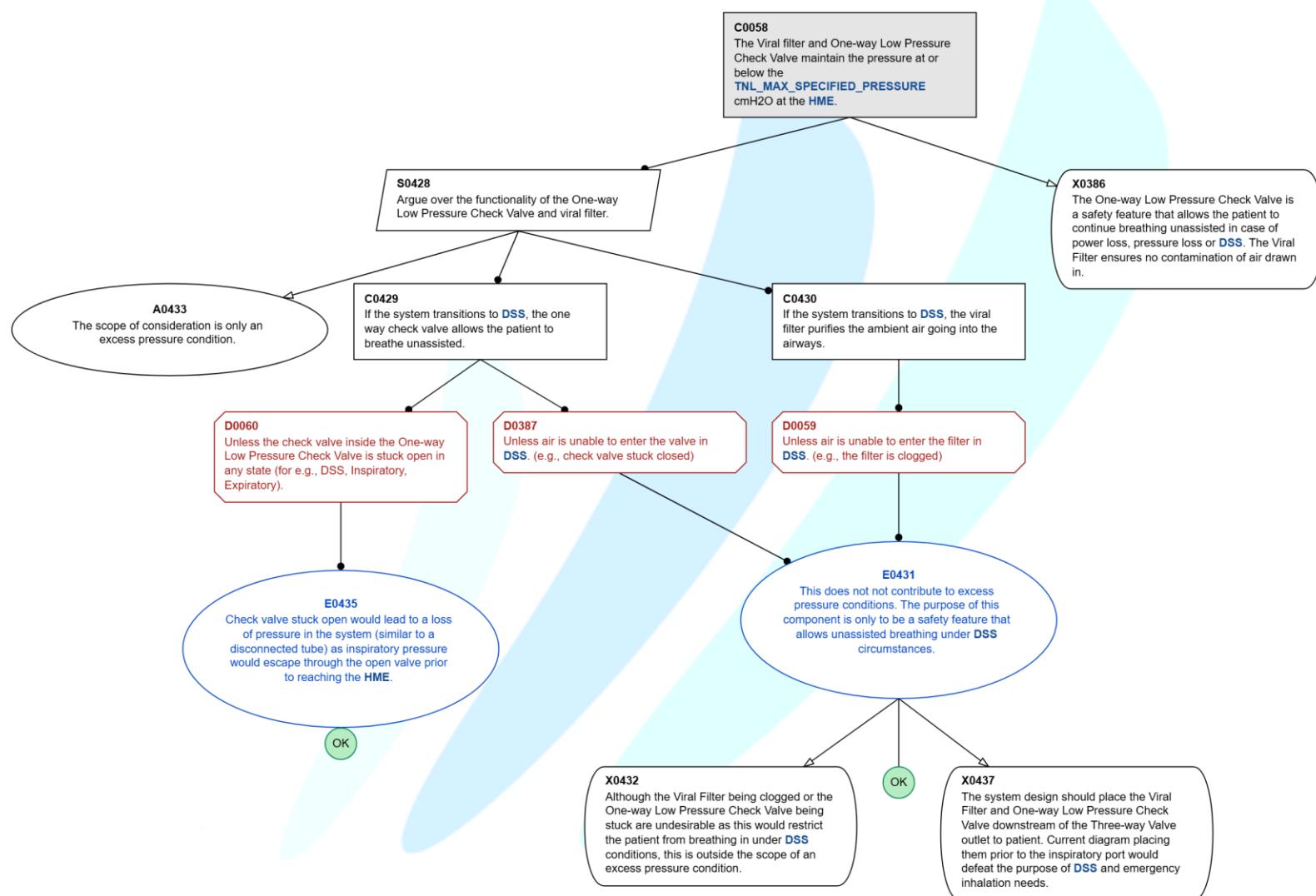
C0050
The ventilator component list has been predetermined.

E0051
The Ventilator Diagram, Circuits, Schematics and Assembly drawings confirm that the component list is predetermined.

OK

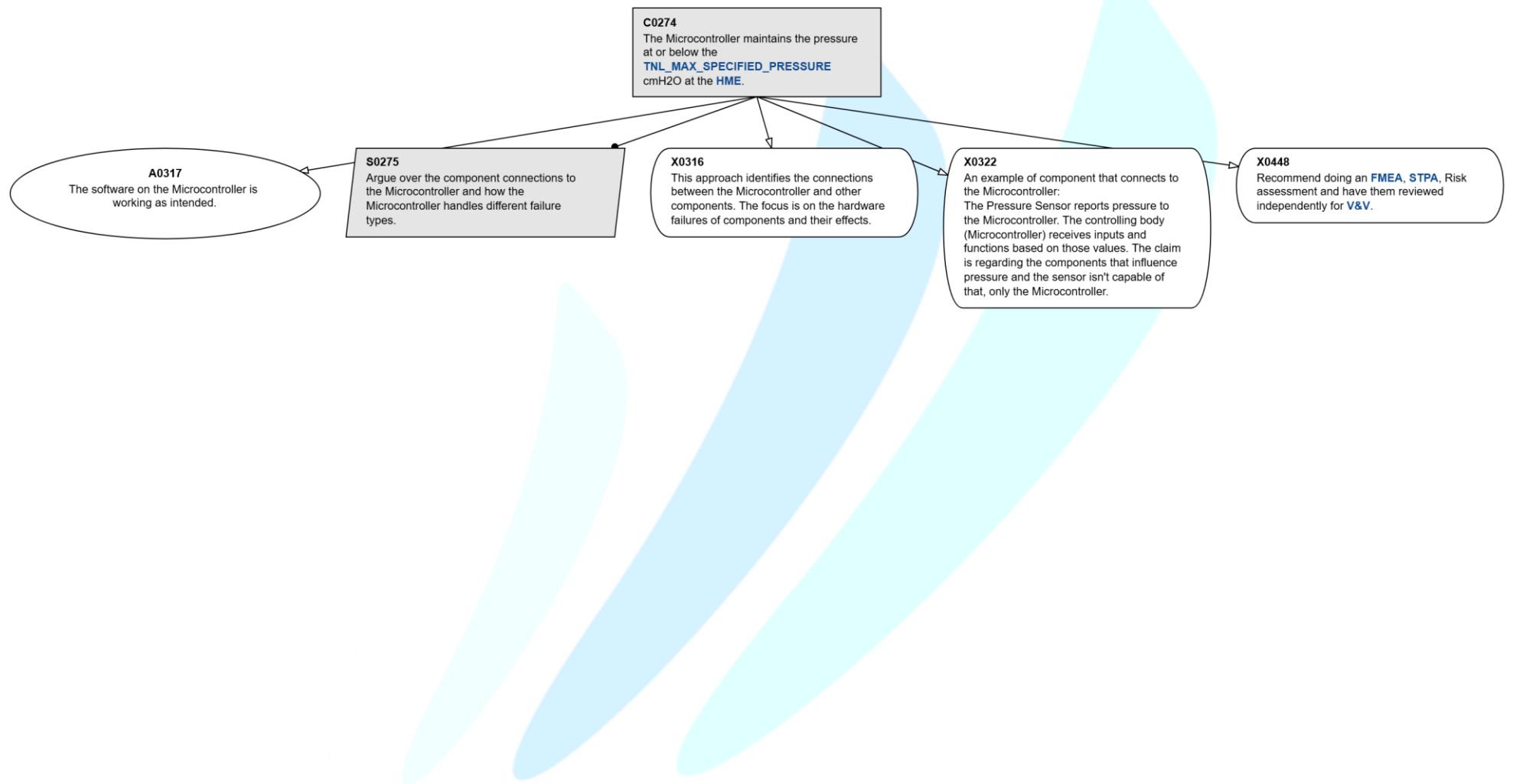
C0058 - The Viral filter and One-way Low Pressure Check Valve maintain the pressure at or below the TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.

Parent subtree(s)	C0004	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , DSS		



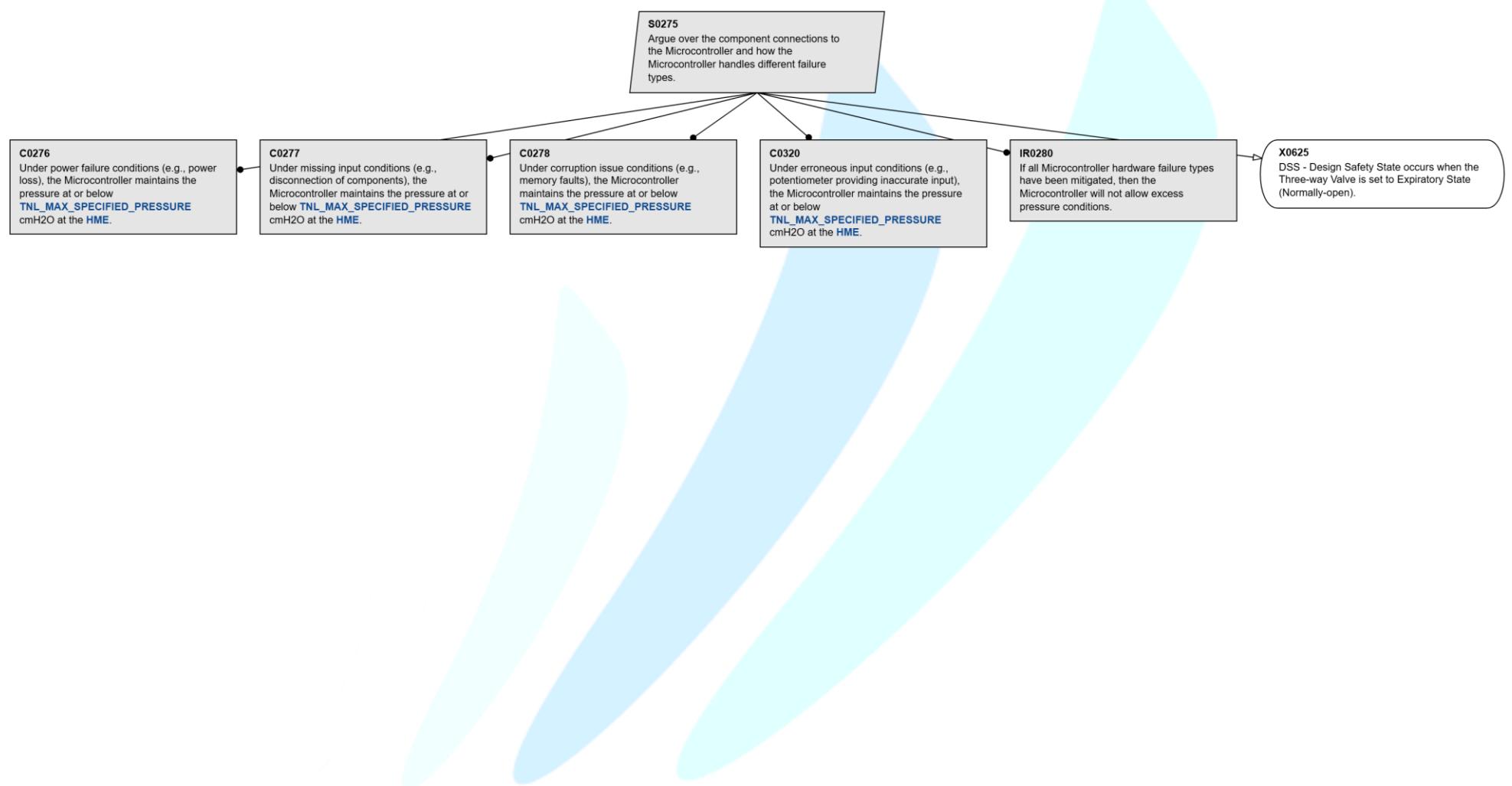
C0274 - The Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below the [TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE](#) cmH2O at the HME.

Parent subtree(s)	C0004	Descendant subtree(s)	S0275
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , PEEP , FMEA , STPA , V&V		

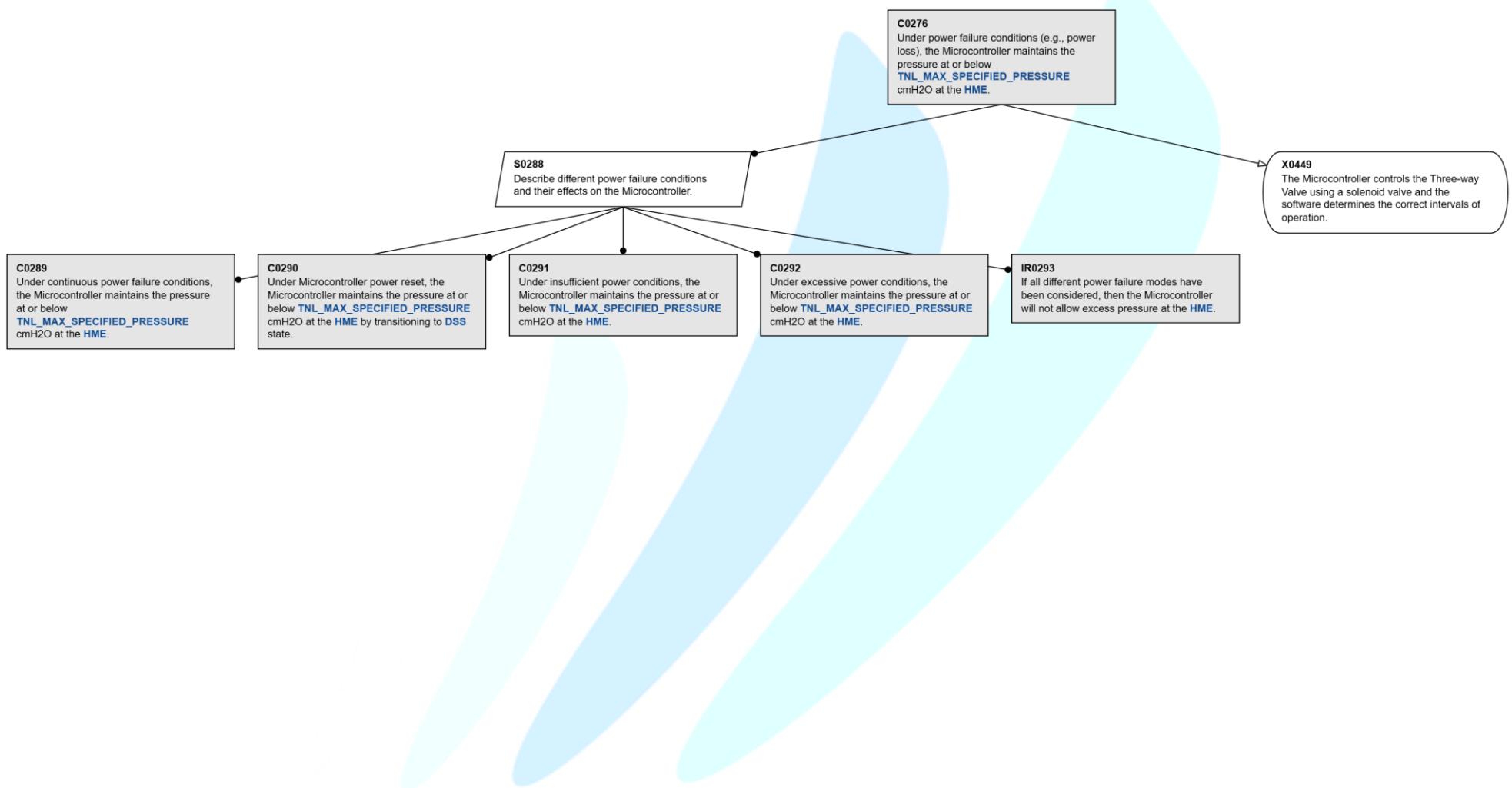


S0275 - Argue over the component connections to the Microcontroller and how the Microcontroller handles different failure types.

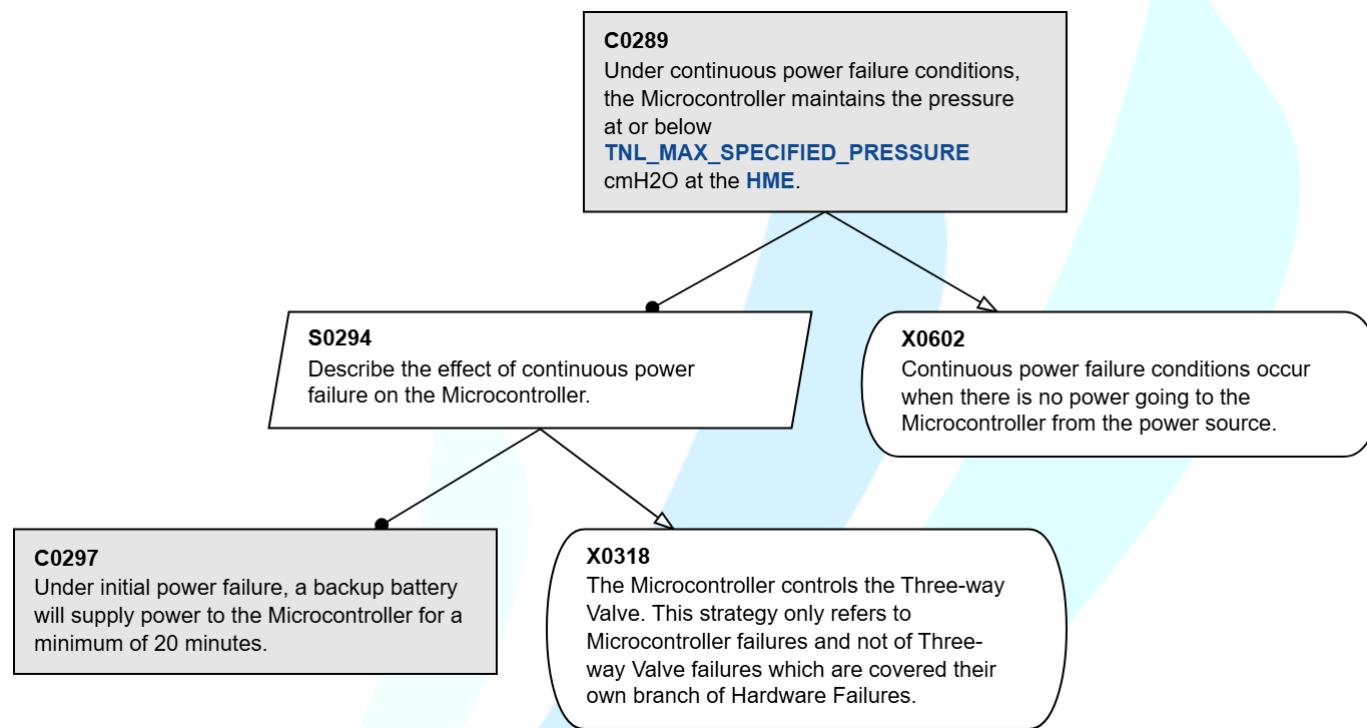
Parent subtree(s)	C0274	Descendant subtree(s)	C0276 , C0277 , C0278 , IR0280 , C0320
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



C0276 - Under power failure conditions (e.g., power loss), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME .			
Parent subtree(s)	S0275 , C0084	Descendant subtree(s)	C0289 , C0290 , C0291 , C0292 , IR0293
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , DSS		

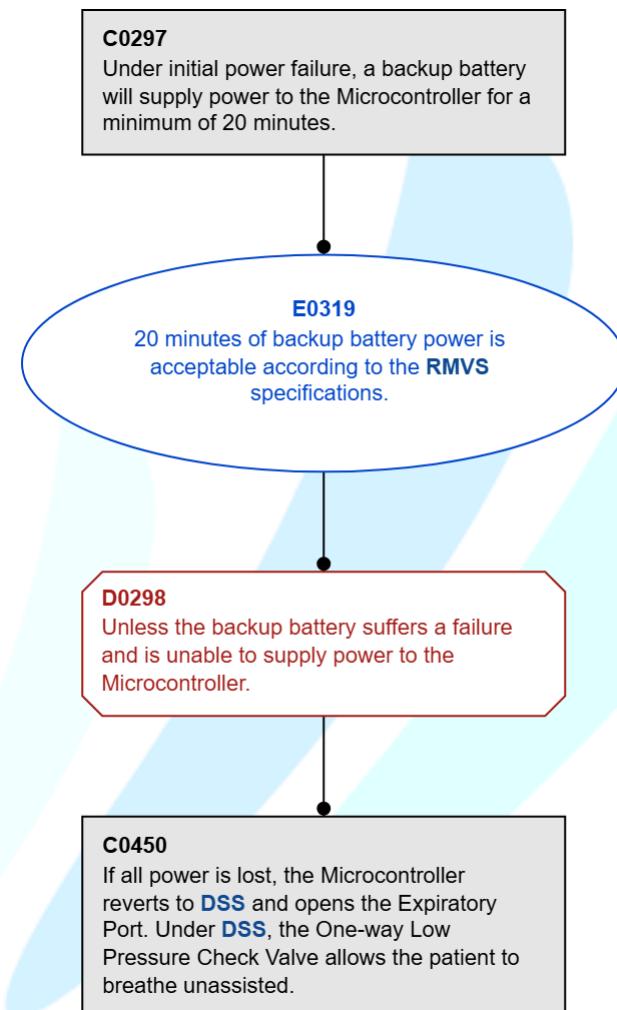


C0289 - Under continuous power failure conditions, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0276	Descendant subtree(s)	C0297
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		

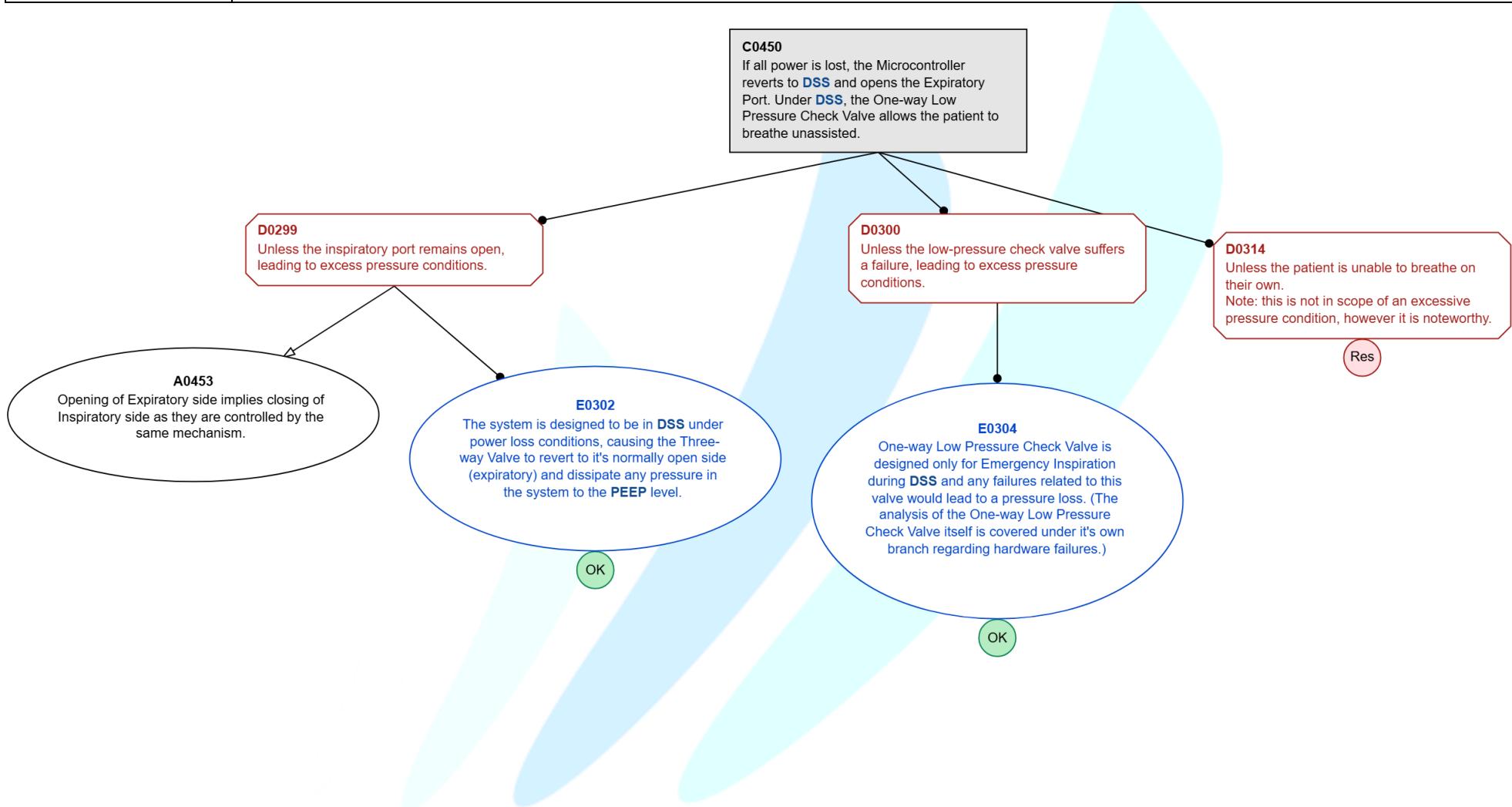


C0297 - Under initial power failure, a backup battery will supply power to the Microcontroller for a minimum of 20 minutes.

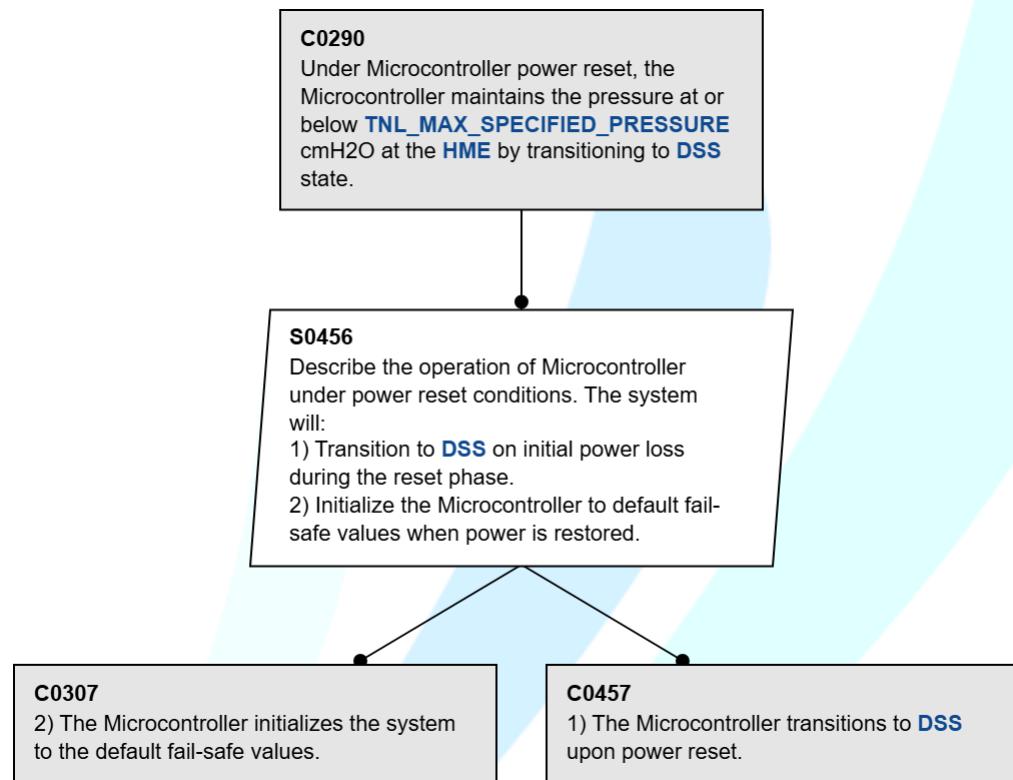
Parent subtree(s)	C0289	Descendant subtree(s)	C0450
Glossary Terms	RMVS , DSS		



C0450 - If all power is lost, the Microcontroller reverts to DSS and opens the Expiratory Port. Under DSS, the One-way Low Pressure Check Valve allo...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0297	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	DSS , PEEP		



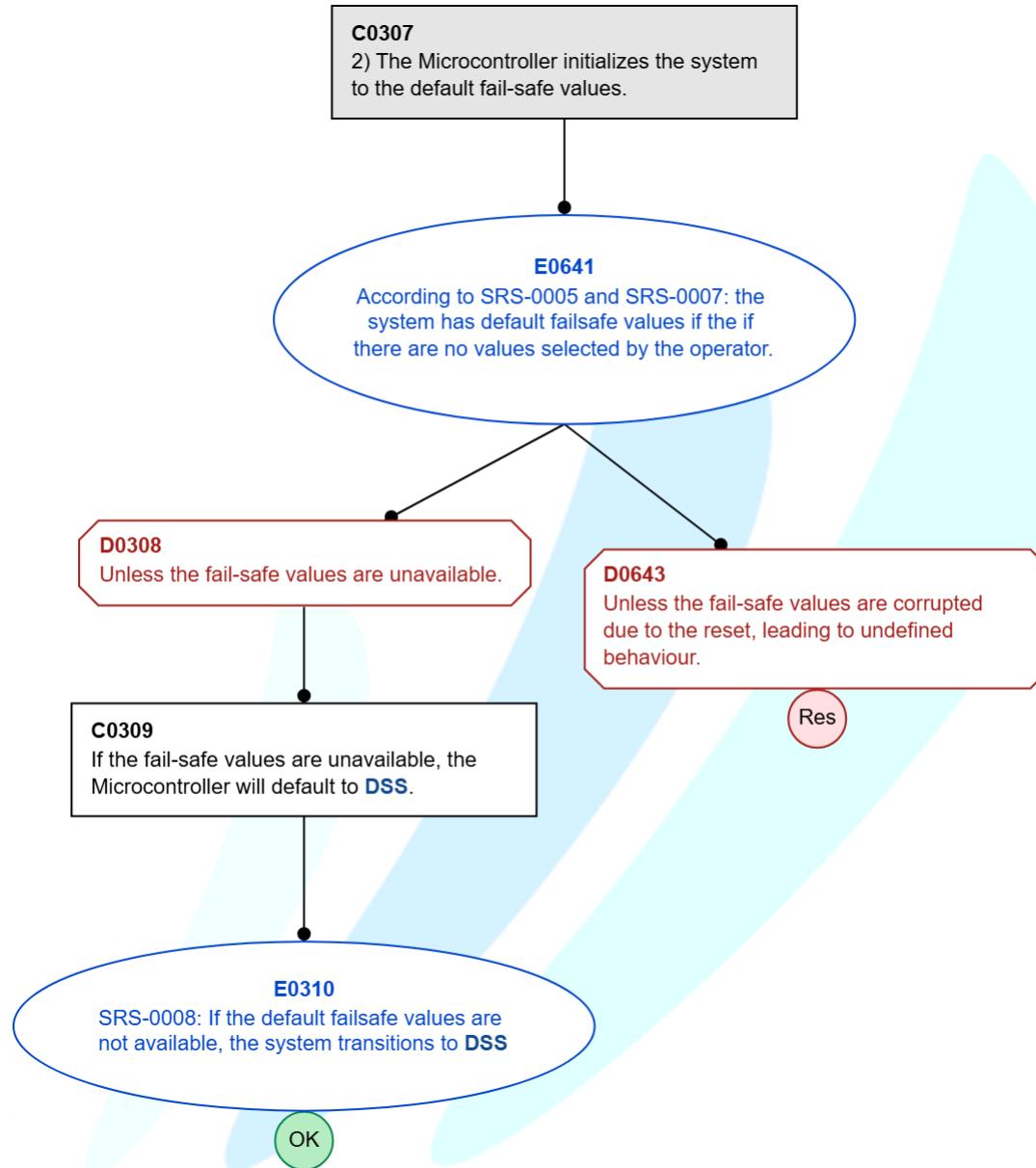
C0290 - Under Microcontroller power reset, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME by tra...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0276	Descendant subtree(s)	C0307 , C0457
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , DSS		



C0307 - 2) The Microcontroller initializes the system to the default fail-safe values.

Parent subtree(s)	C0290	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	DSS		





C0457 - 1) The Microcontroller transitions to DSS upon power reset.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0290	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	H-1 , H-2 , DSS		

C0457
1) The Microcontroller transitions to **DSS** upon power reset.

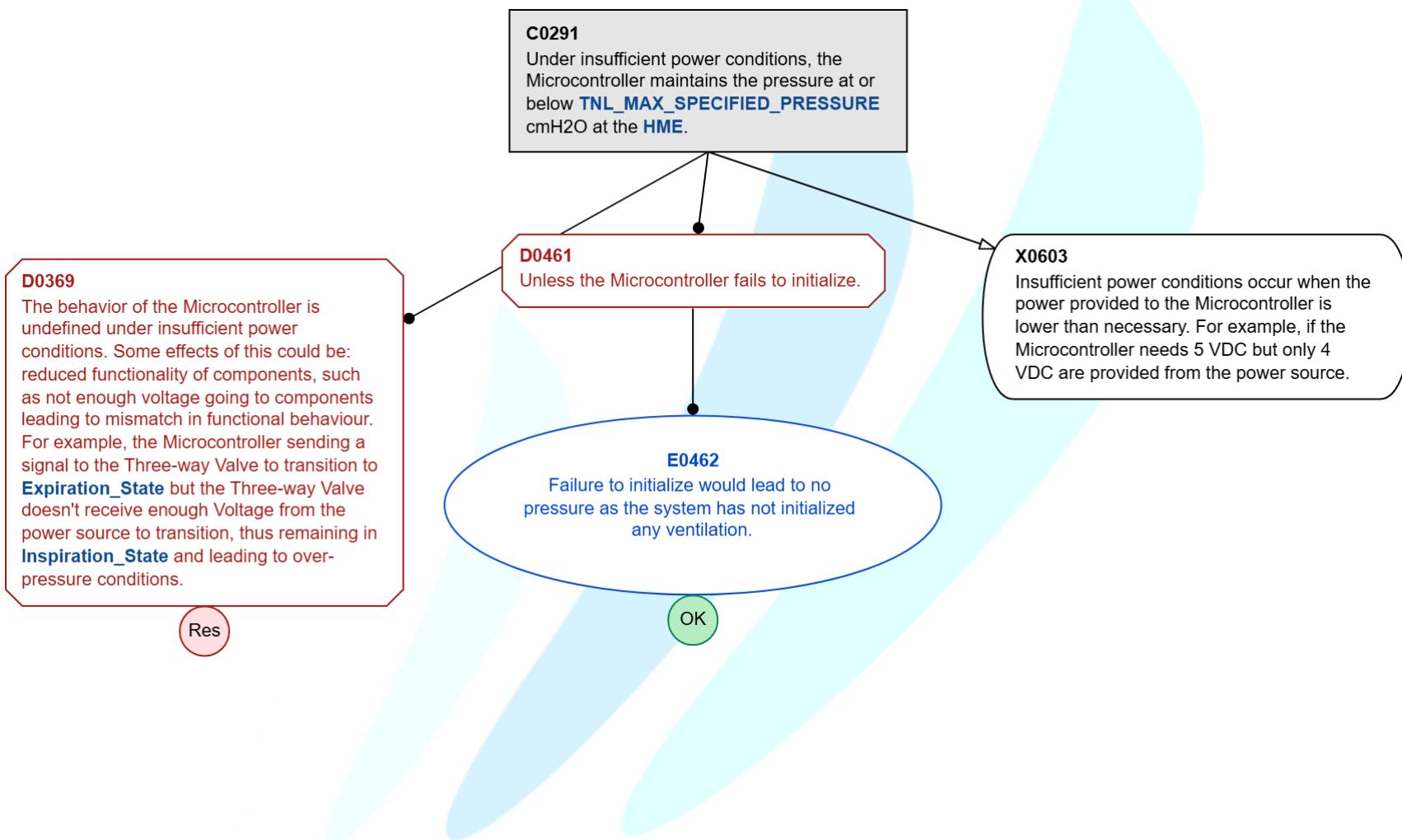
D0454
Unless the power reset occurs intermittently.
(E.g., it resets every inspiration interval. If the system resets every 2 seconds and the Inspiratory state is set for 2 seconds on reset, leading to an **H-1** or **H-2** condition.)

C0458
When the power resets, the system must be initialized by staff even if the Microcontroller is at the default fail safe values.

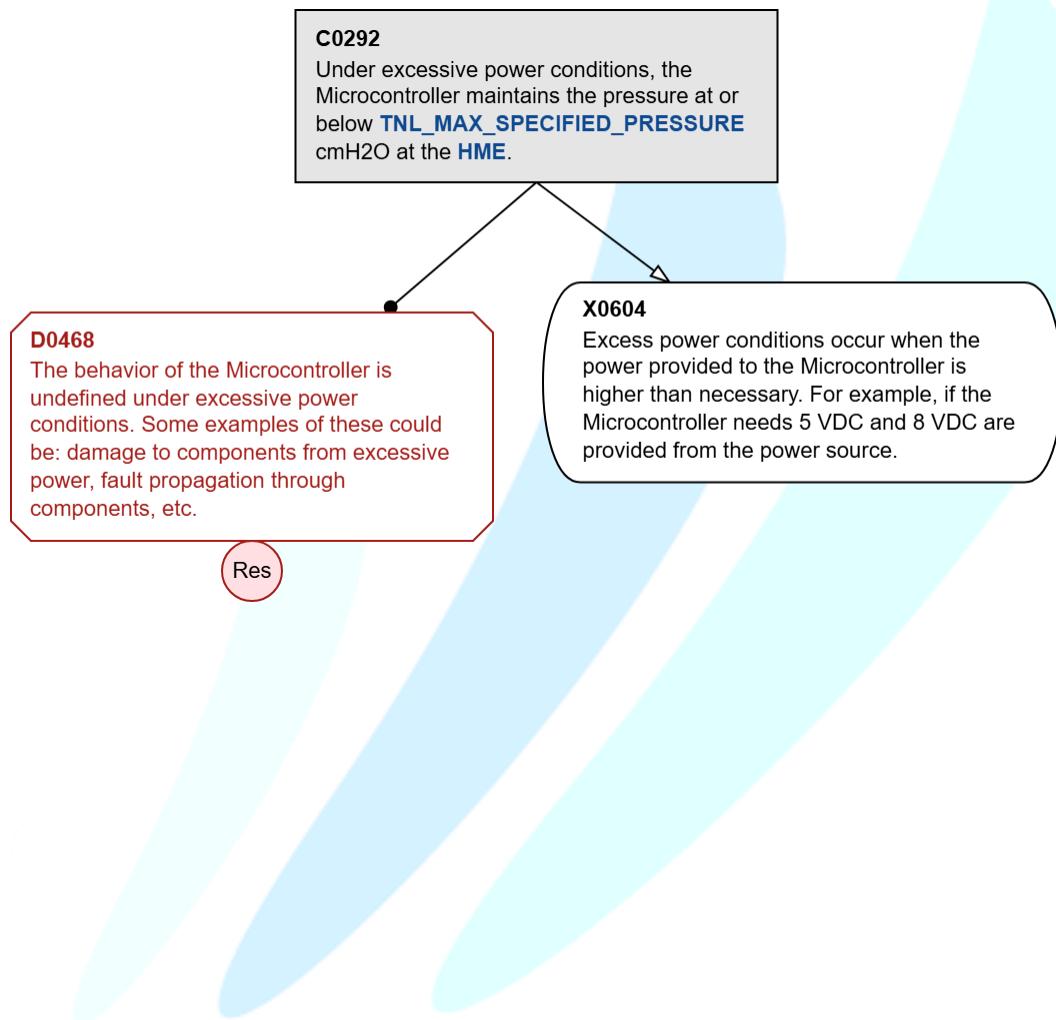
E0459
SRS-0011 **DSS** persistence:
Once the ventilator has transitioned to the **DSS**, it shall remain in the **DSS**, until it is power-cycled.

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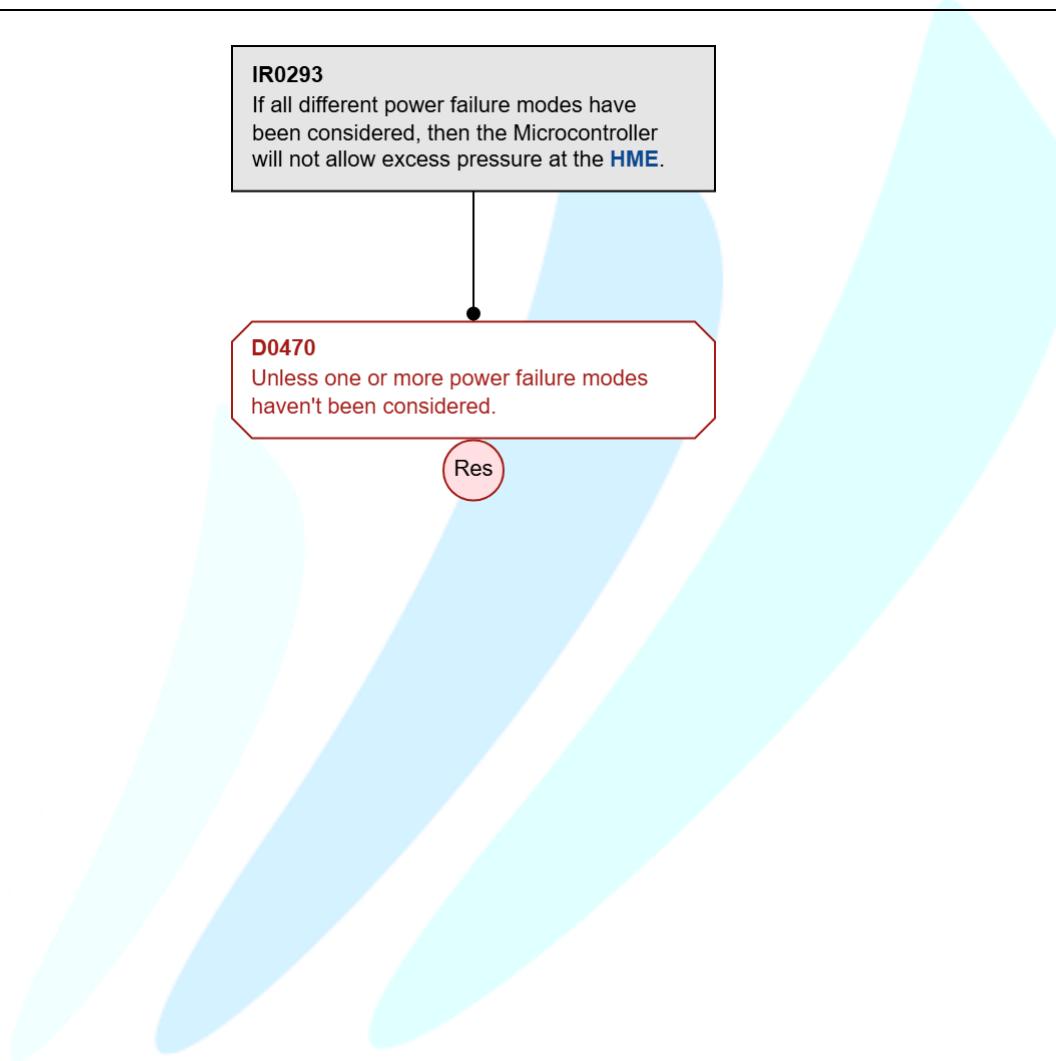
C0291 - Under insufficient power conditions, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0276	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , Expiration_State , Inspiration_State		



C0292 - Under excessive power conditions, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0276	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		

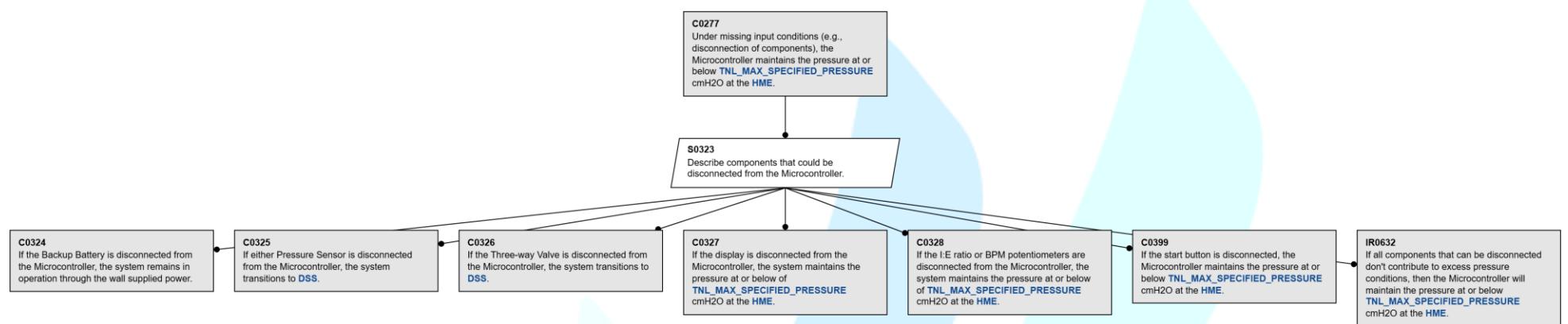


IR0293 - If all different power failure modes have been considered, then the Microcontroller will not allow excess pressure at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0276	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	HME		

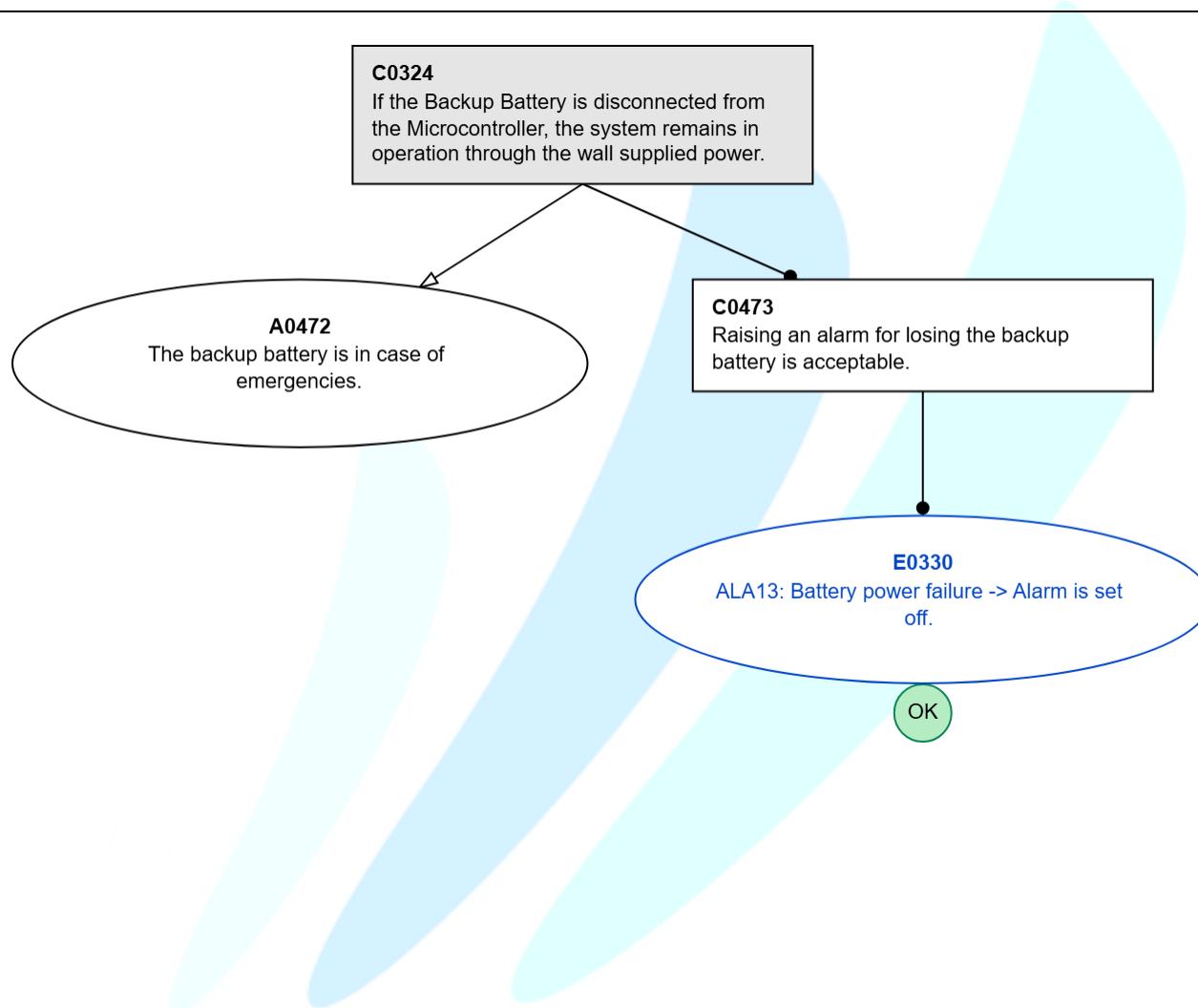


C0277 - Under missing input conditions (e.g., disconnection of components), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED...

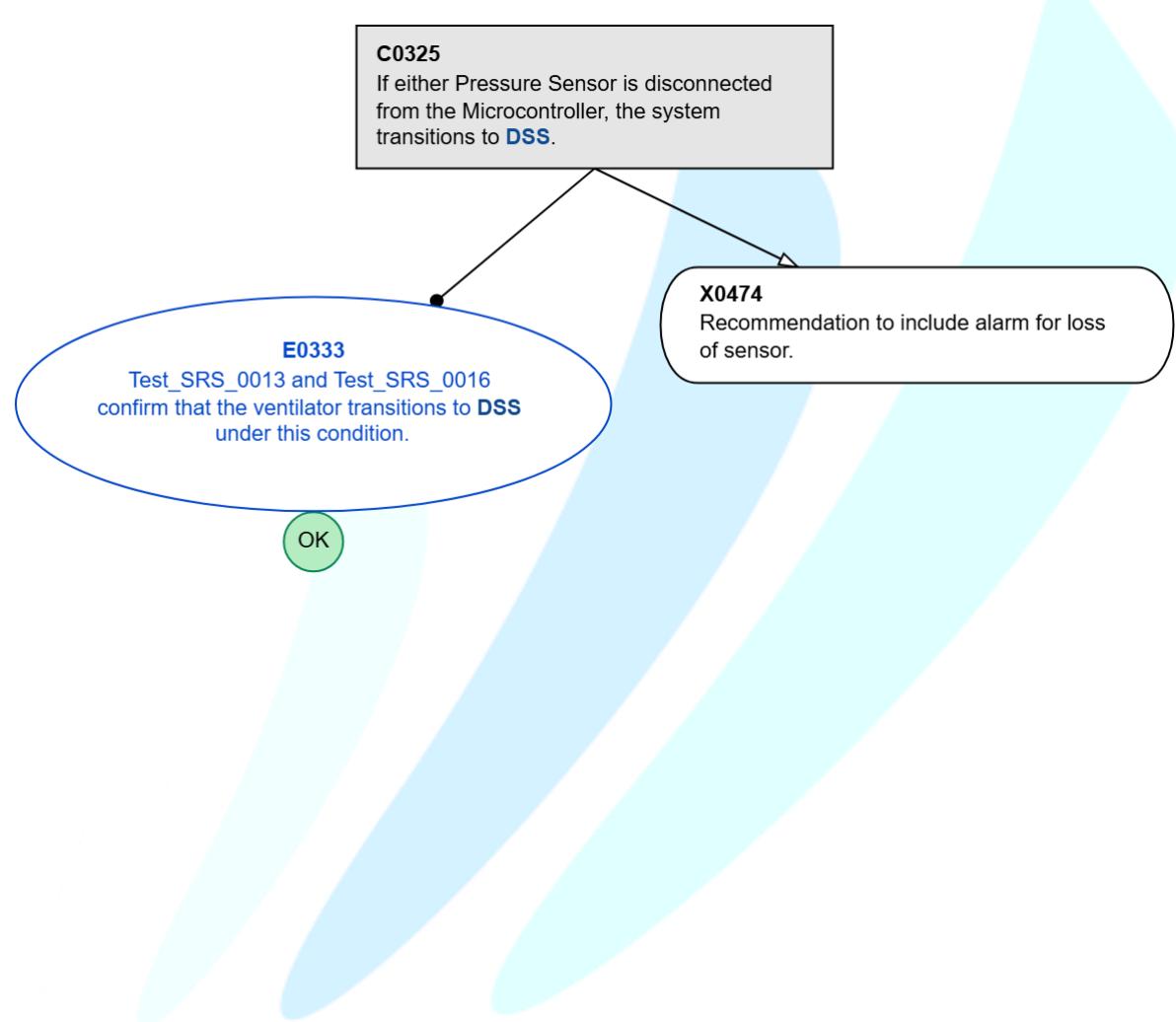
Parent subtree(s)	S0275	Descendant subtree(s)	C0324 , C0325 , C0326 , C0327 , C0328 , C0399 , IR0632
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , DSS		



C0324 - If the Backup Battery is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system remains in operation through the wall supplied power.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0277	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

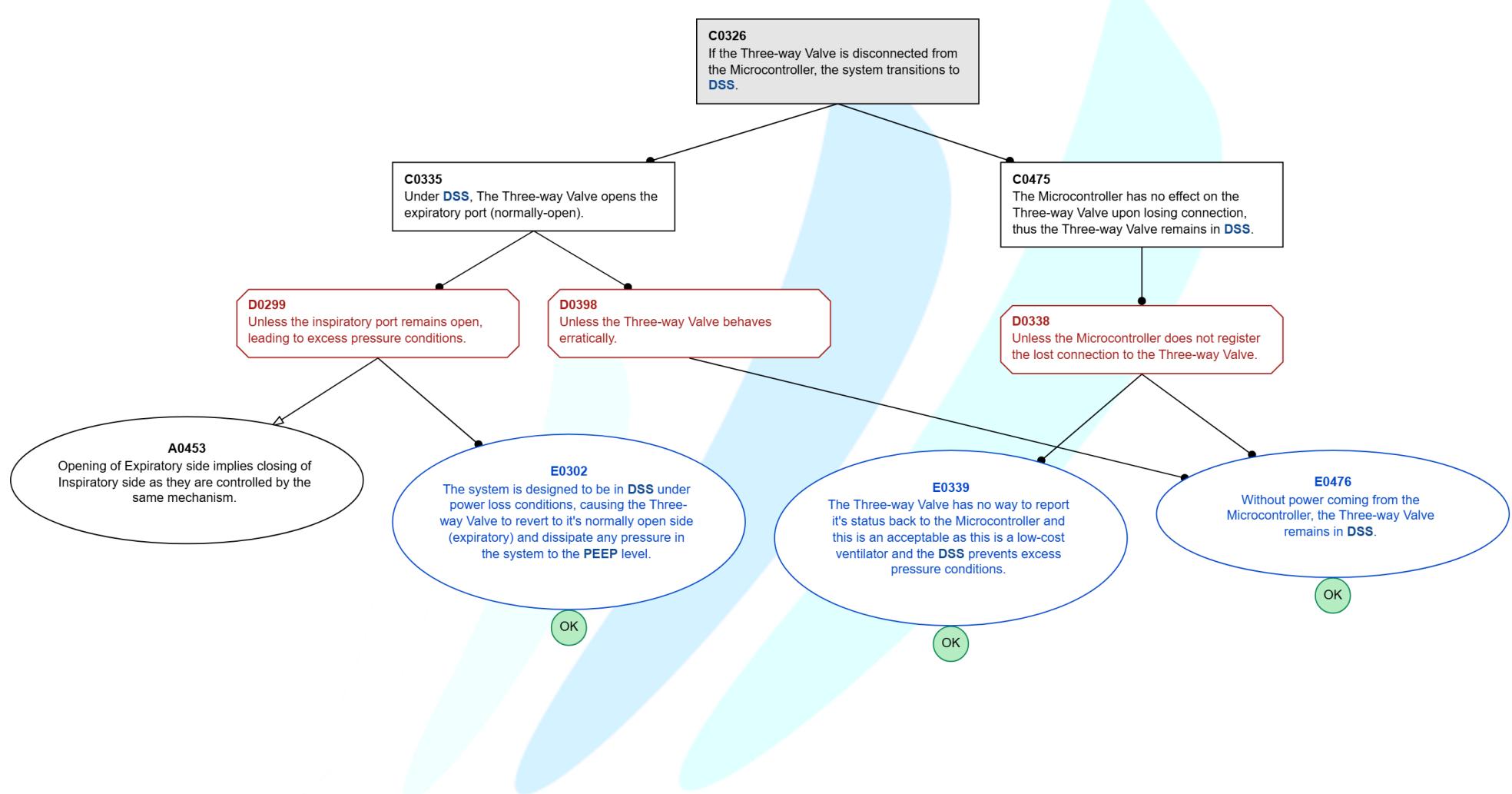


C0325 - If either Pressure Sensor is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system transitions to DSS.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0277	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	DSS		

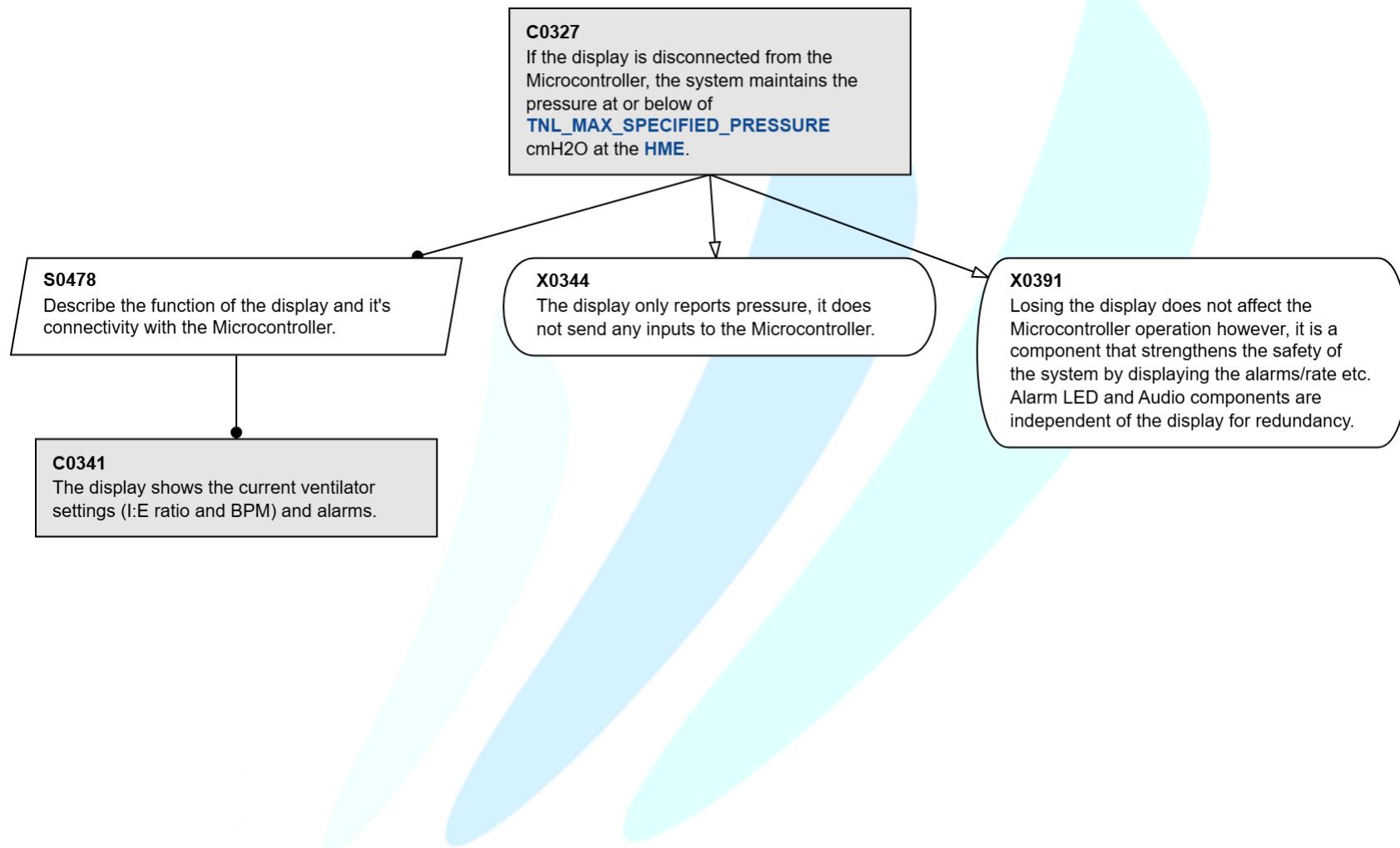


C0326 - If the Three-way Valve is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system transitions to DSS.

Parent subtree(s)	C0277	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	DSS , PEEP		

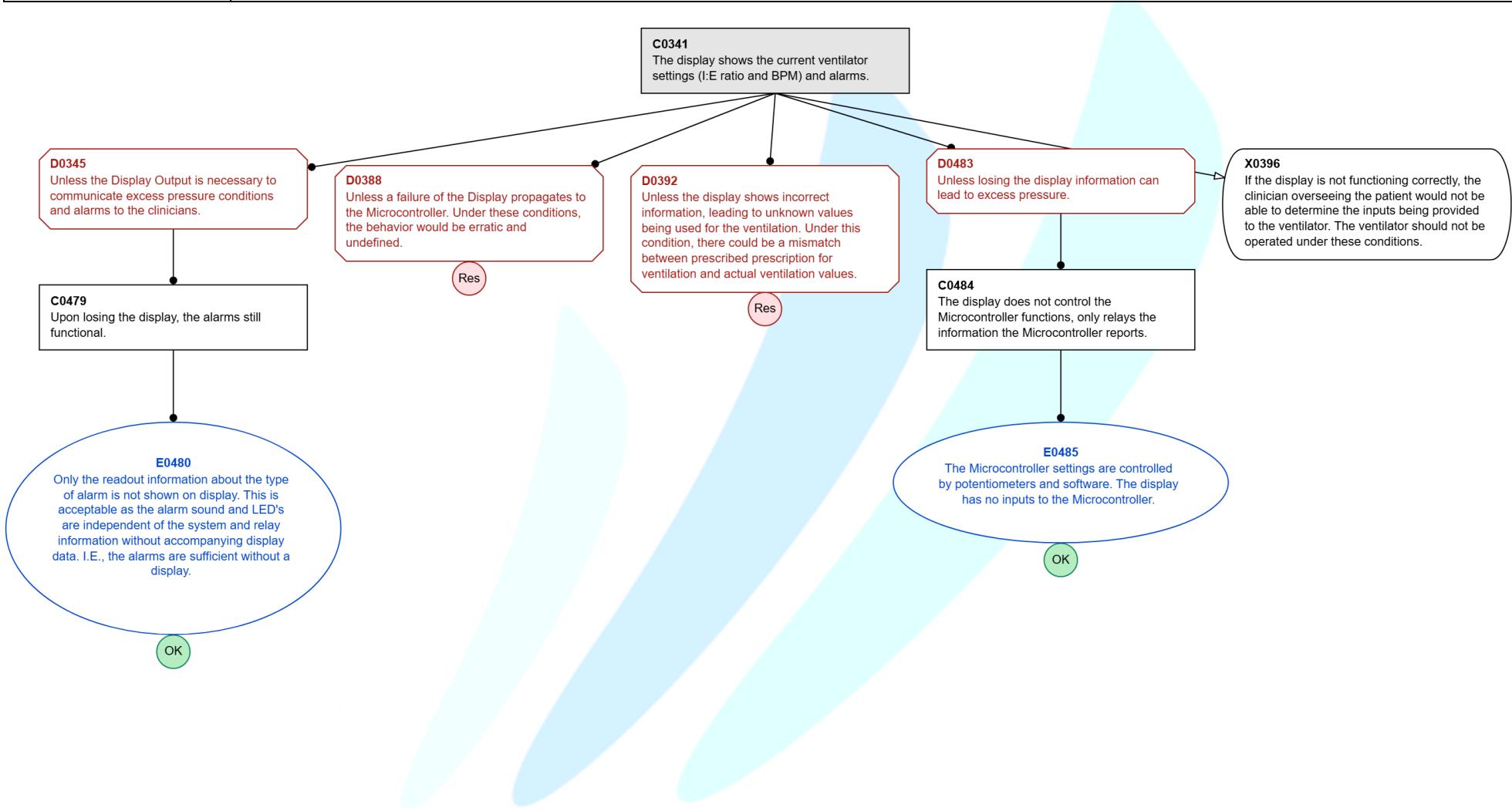


C0327 - If the display is disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system maintains the pressure at or below of TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O a...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0277	Descendant subtree(s)	C0341
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



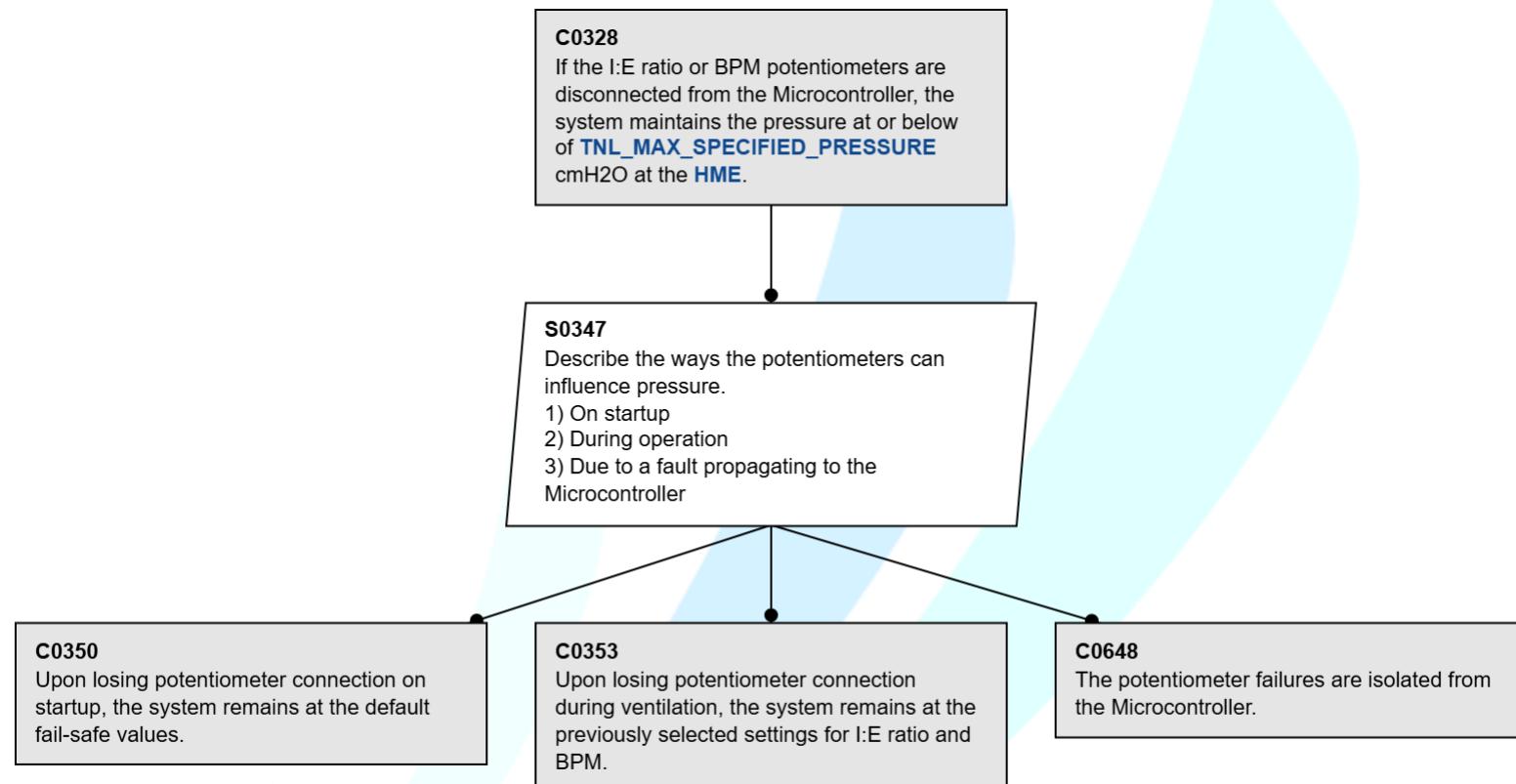
C0341 - The display shows the current ventilator settings (I:E ratio and BPM) and alarms.

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Glossary Terms	None		

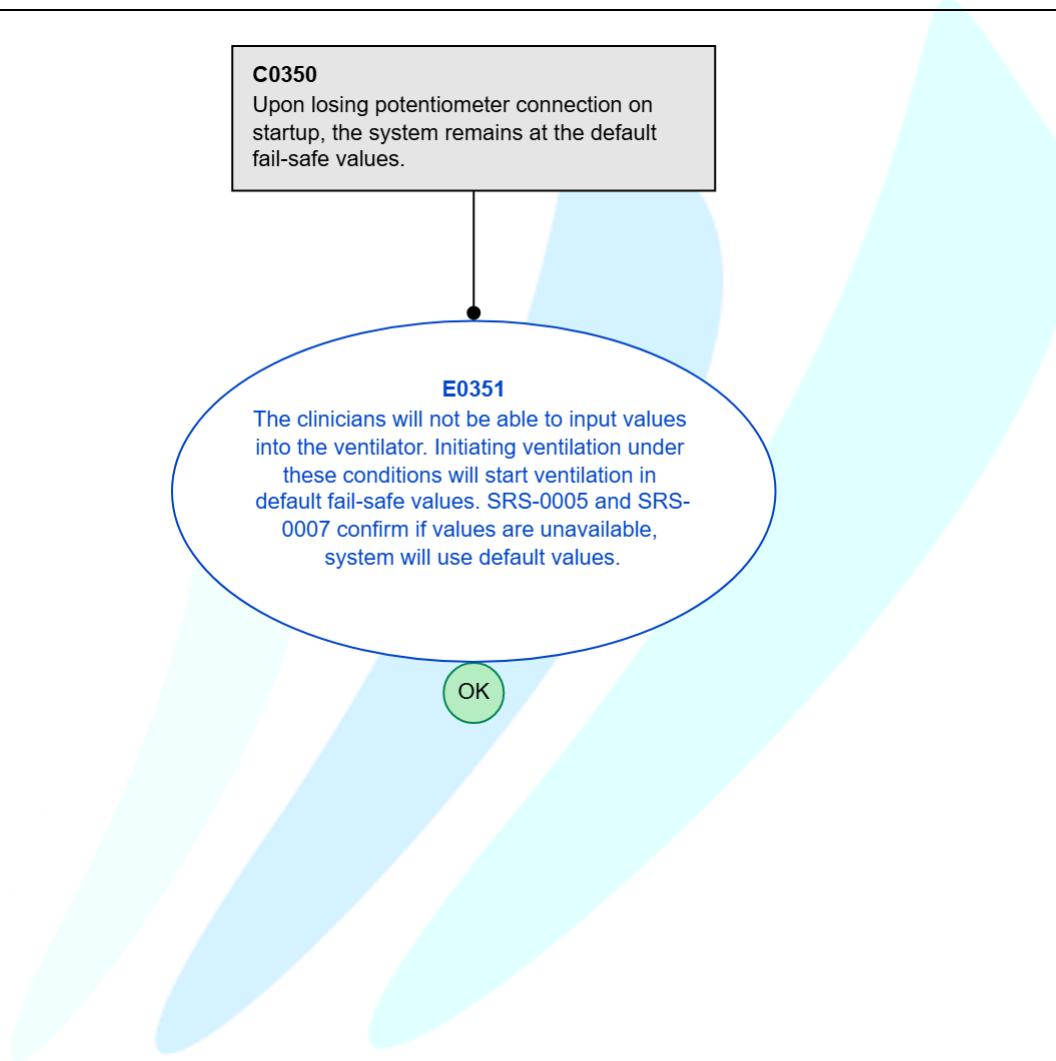


C0328 - If the I:E ratio or BPM potentiometers are disconnected from the Microcontroller, the system maintains the pressure at or below of TNL_MAX_S...

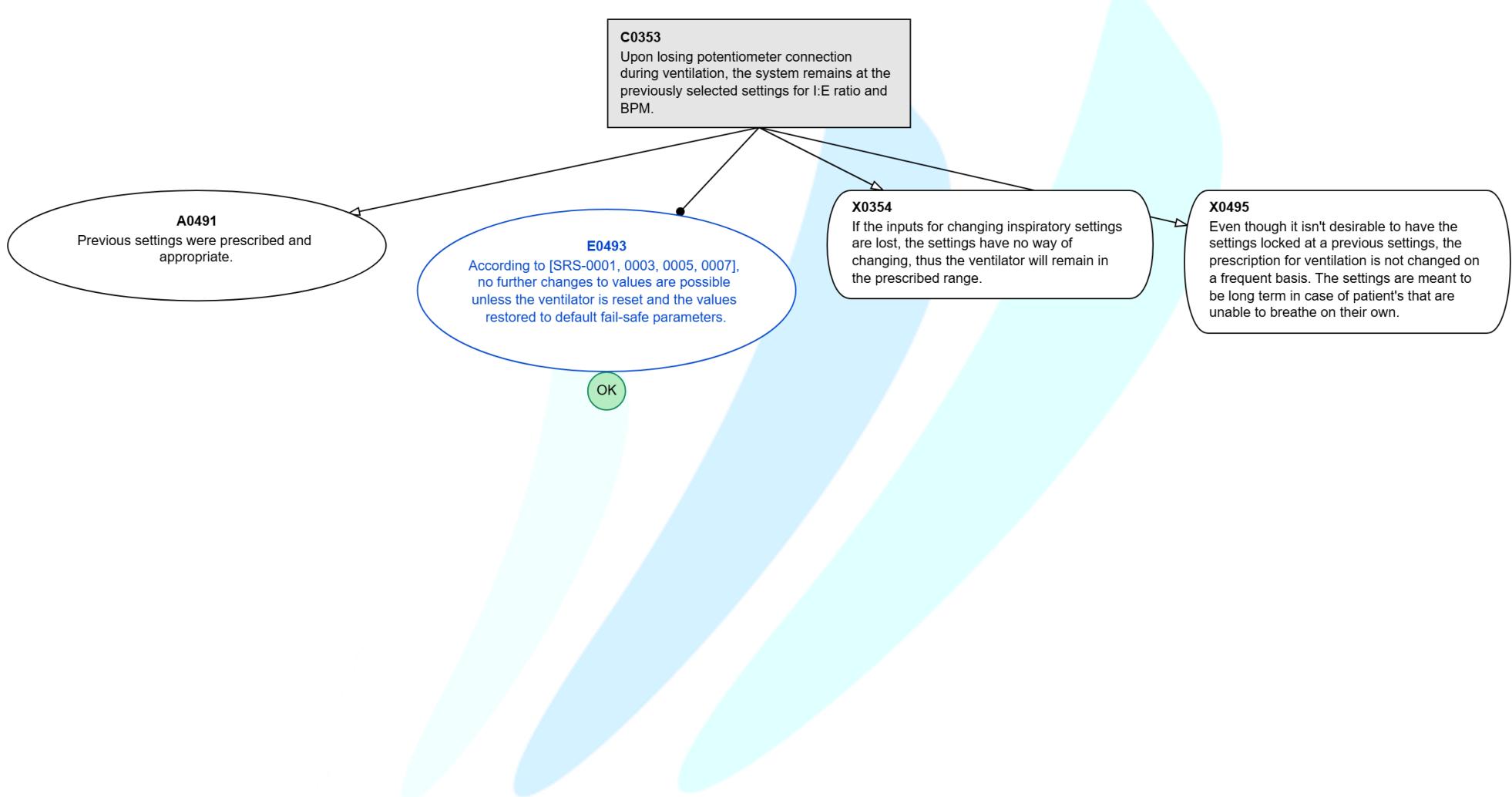
Parent subtree(s)	C0277	Descendant subtree(s)	C0350 , C0353 , C0648
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



C0350 - Upon losing potentiometer connection on startup, the system remains at the default fail-safe values.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0328	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

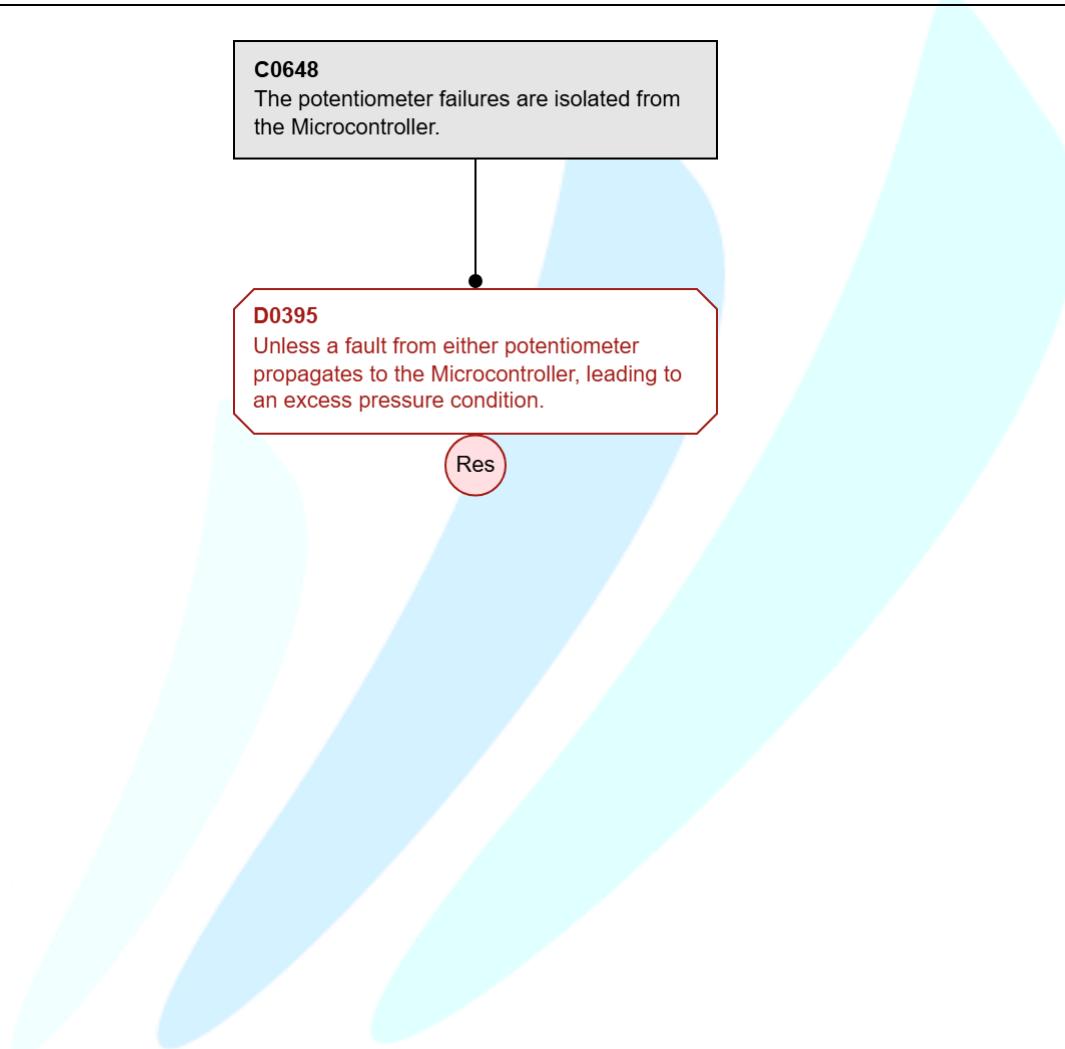


C0353 - Upon losing potentiometer connection during ventilation, the system remains at the previously selected settings for I:E ratio and BPM.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0328 , C0419	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

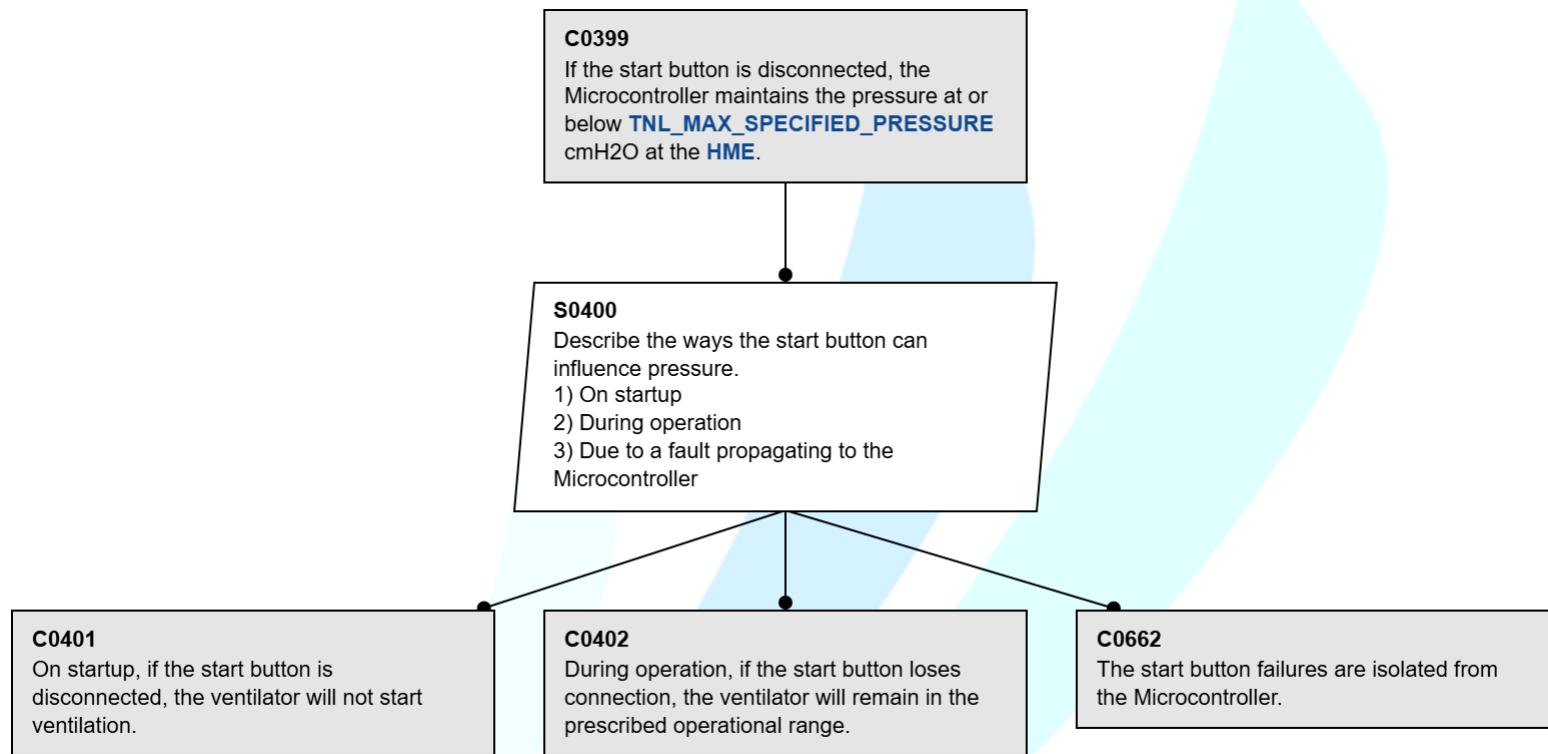


C0648 - The potentiometer failures are isolated from the Microcontroller.

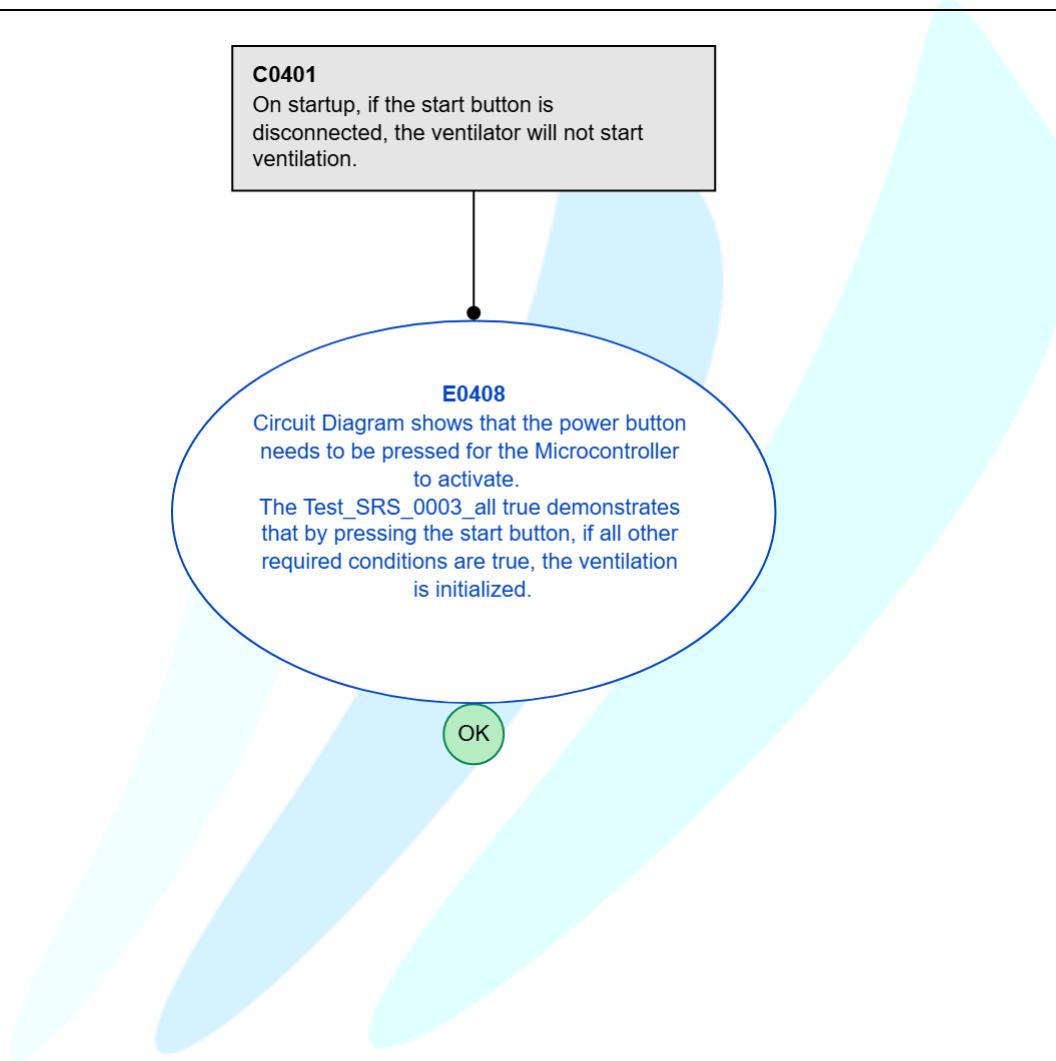
Parent subtree(s)	C0328	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



C0399 - If the start button is disconnected, the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE cmH2O at the HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0277	Descendant subtree(s)	C0401 , C0402 , C0662
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		

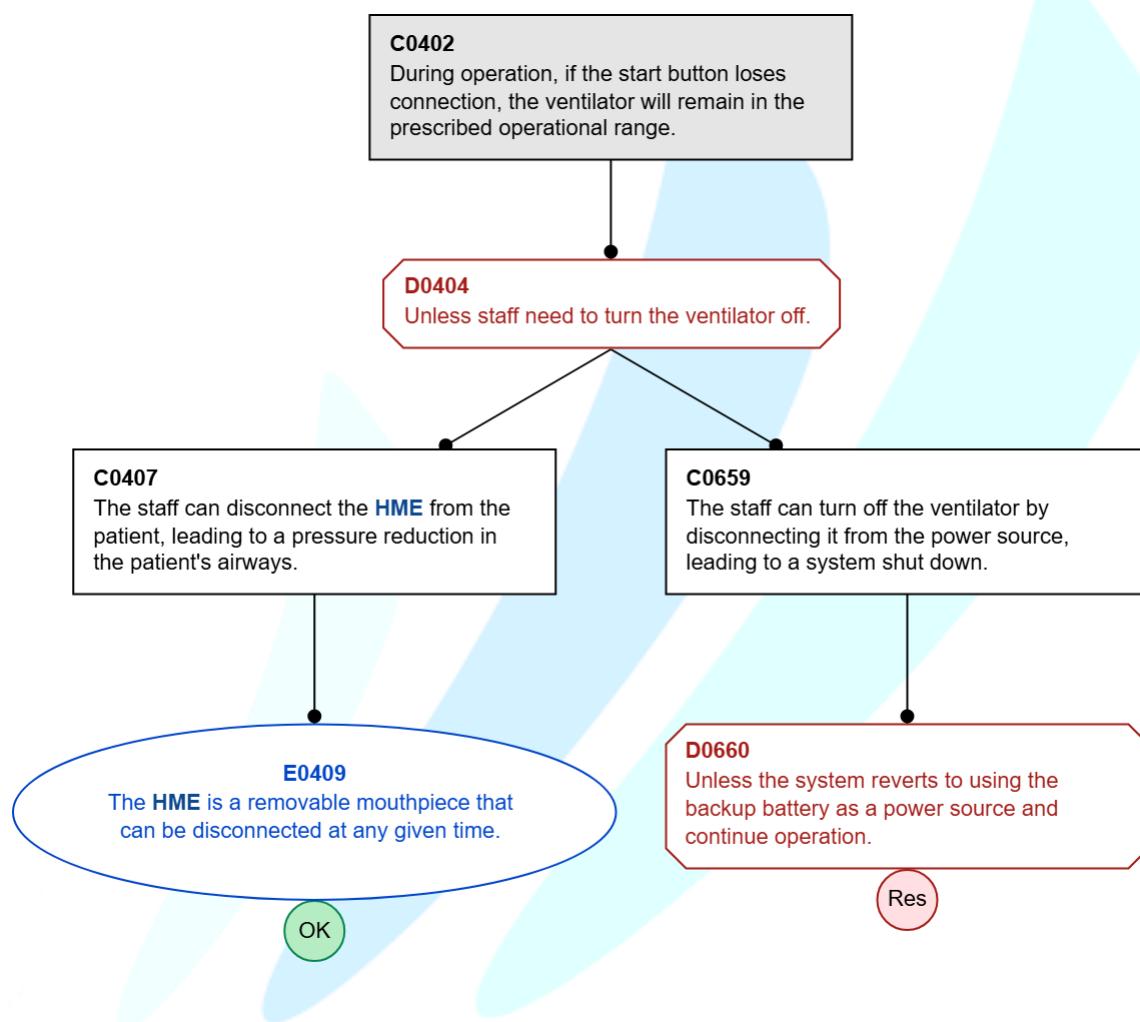


C0401 - On startup, if the start button is disconnected, the ventilator will not start ventilation.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0399	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



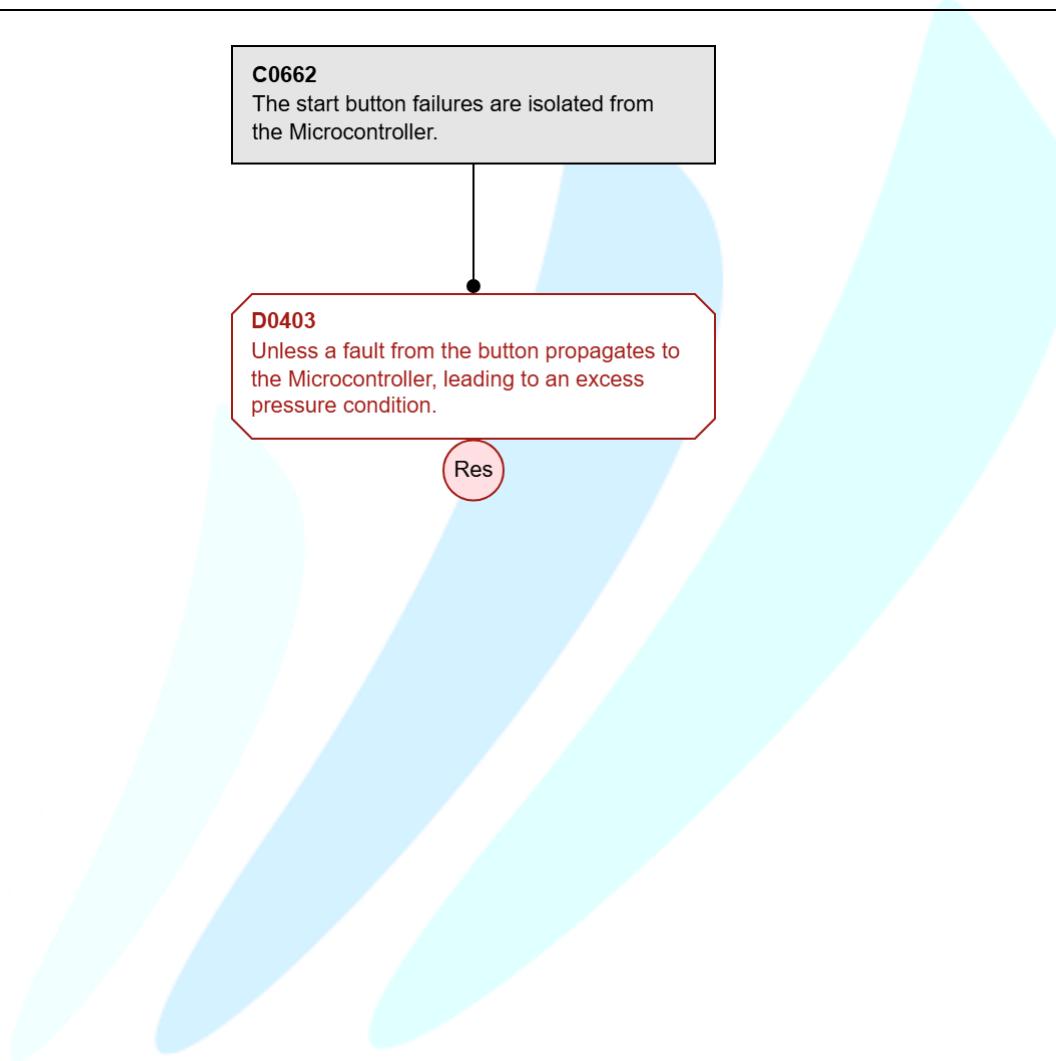
C0402 - During operation, if the start button loses connection, the ventilator will remain in the prescribed operational range.

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Glossary Terms	HME		

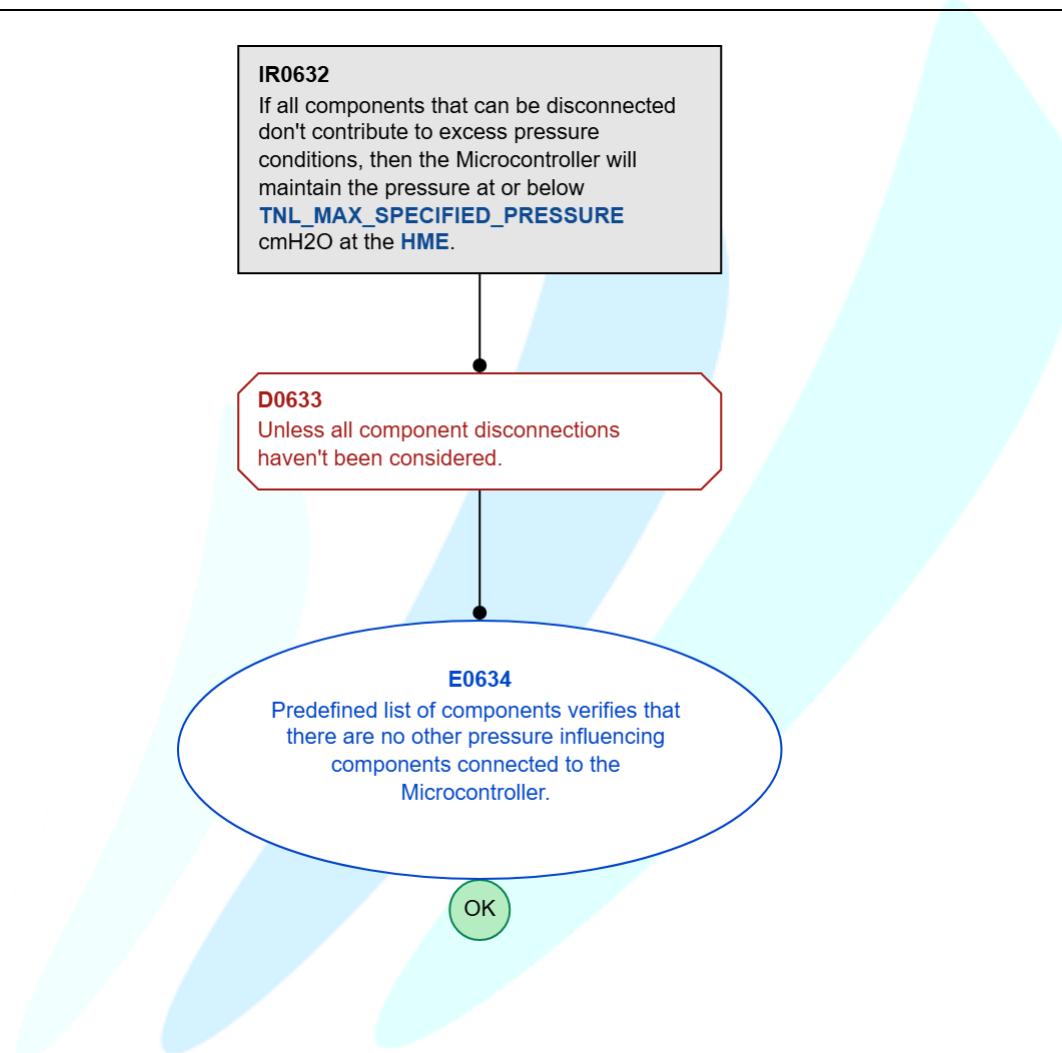


C0662 - The start button failures are isolated from the Microcontroller.

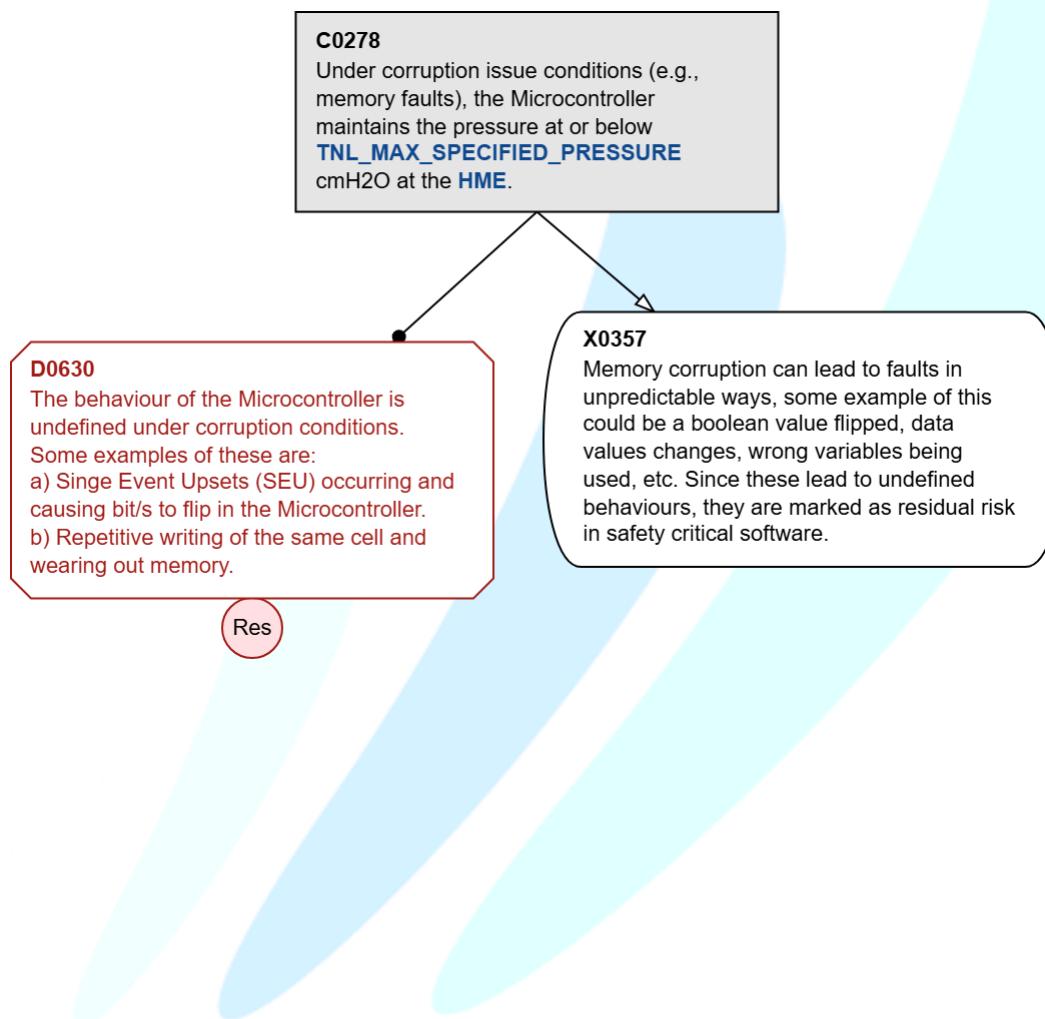
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Glossary Terms	None		



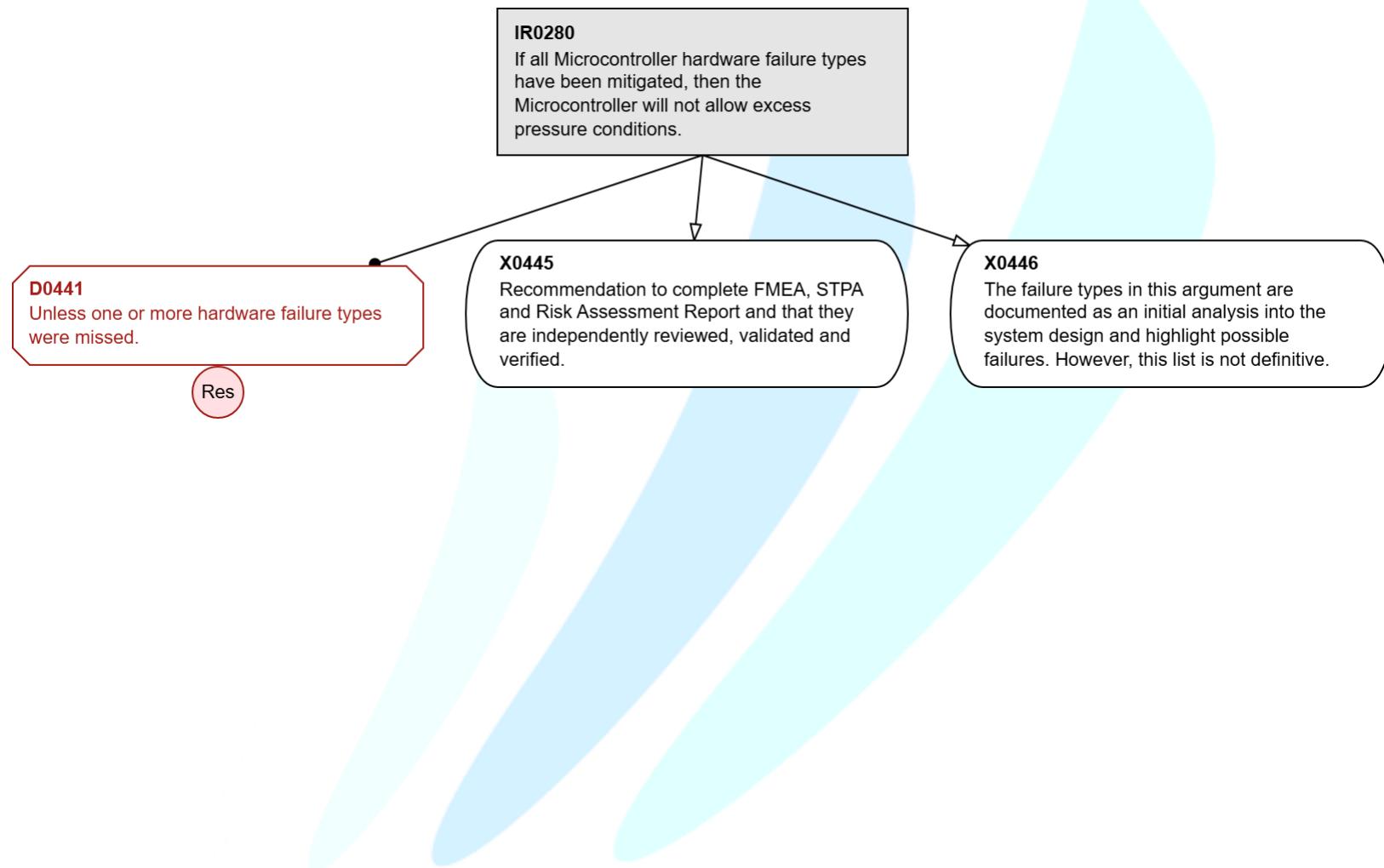
IR0632 - If all components that can be disconnected don't contribute to excess pressure conditions, then the Microcontroller will maintain the pressu...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0277	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



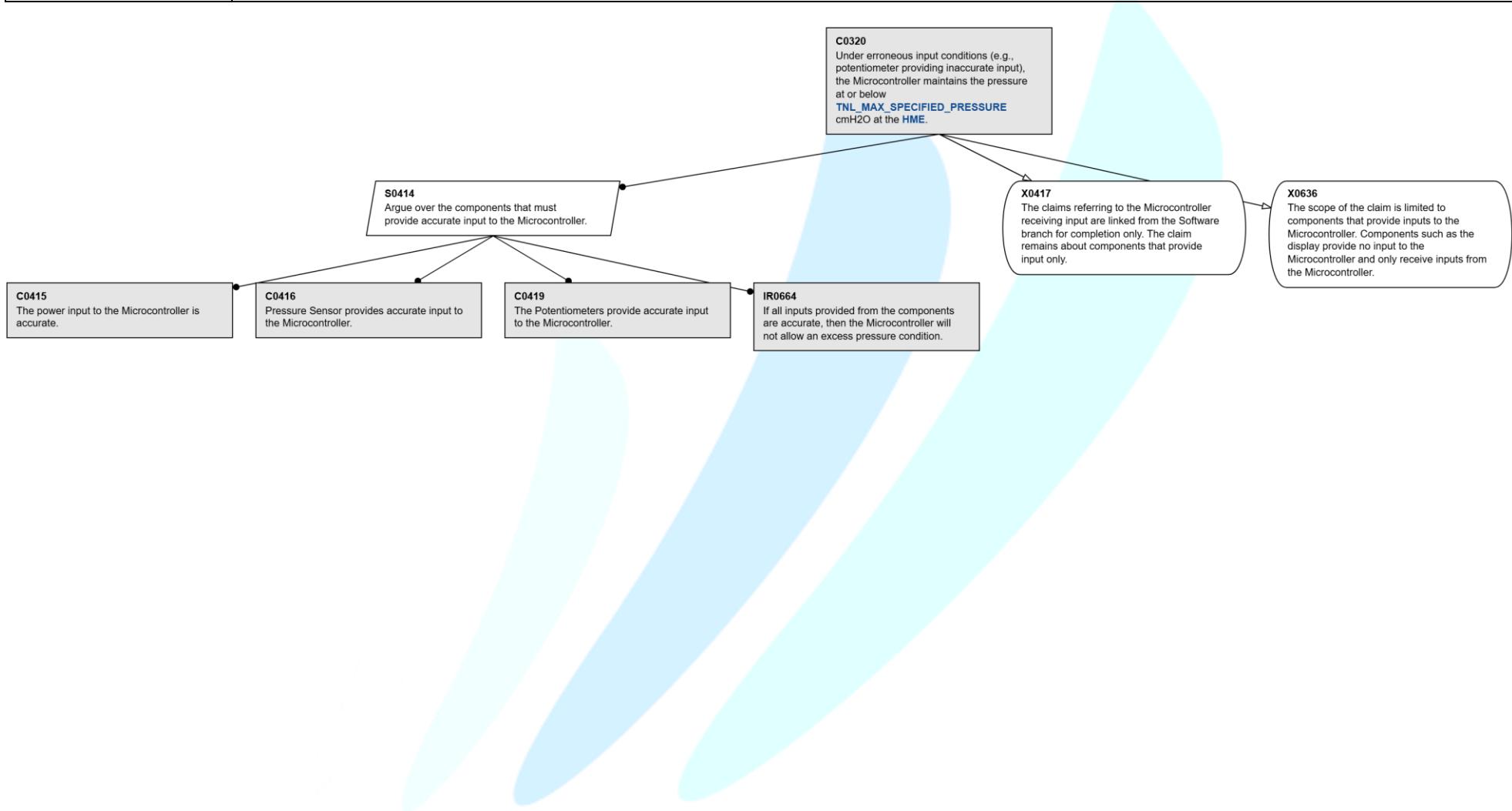
C0278 - Under corruption issue conditions (e.g., memory faults), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE c...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0275	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



IR0280 - If all Microcontroller hardware failure types have been mitigated, then the Microcontroller will not allow excess pressure conditions.			
Parent subtree(s)	S0275	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

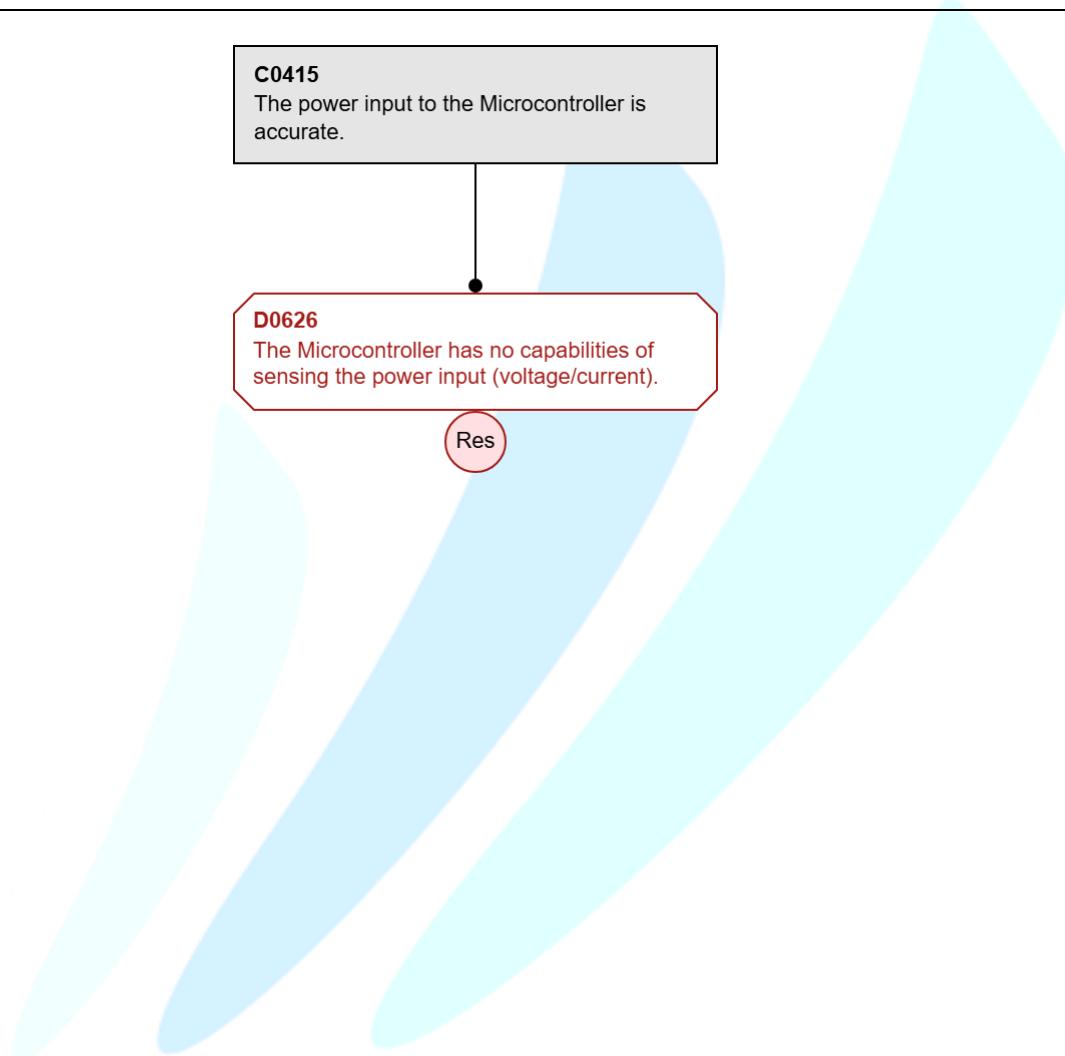


C0320 - Under erroneous input conditions (e.g., potentiometer providing inaccurate input), the Microcontroller maintains the pressure at or below TN...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0275	Descendant subtree(s)	C0415 , C0416 , C0419 , IR0664
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



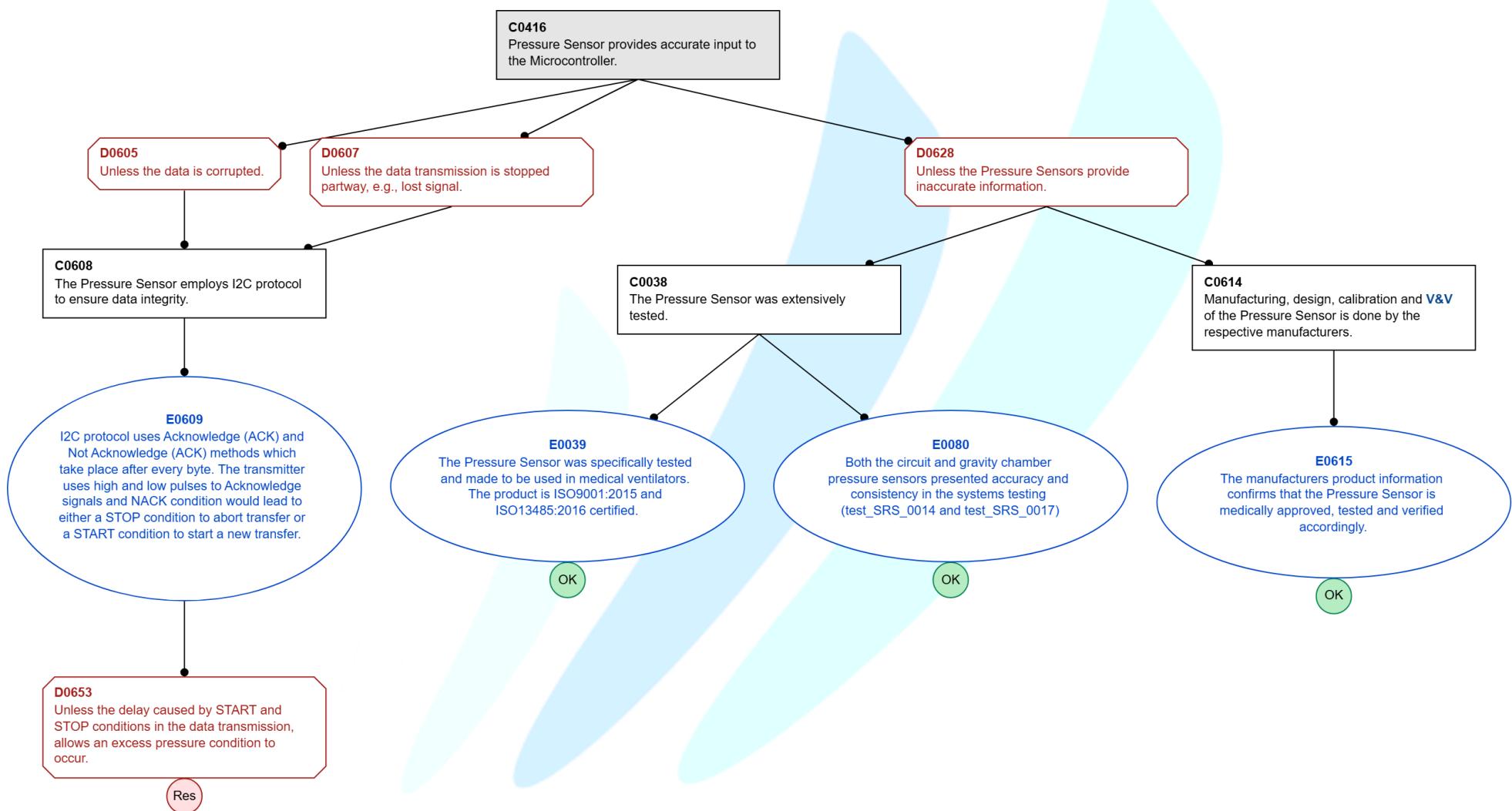
C0415 - The power input to the Microcontroller is accurate.

Parent subtree(s)	C0320	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



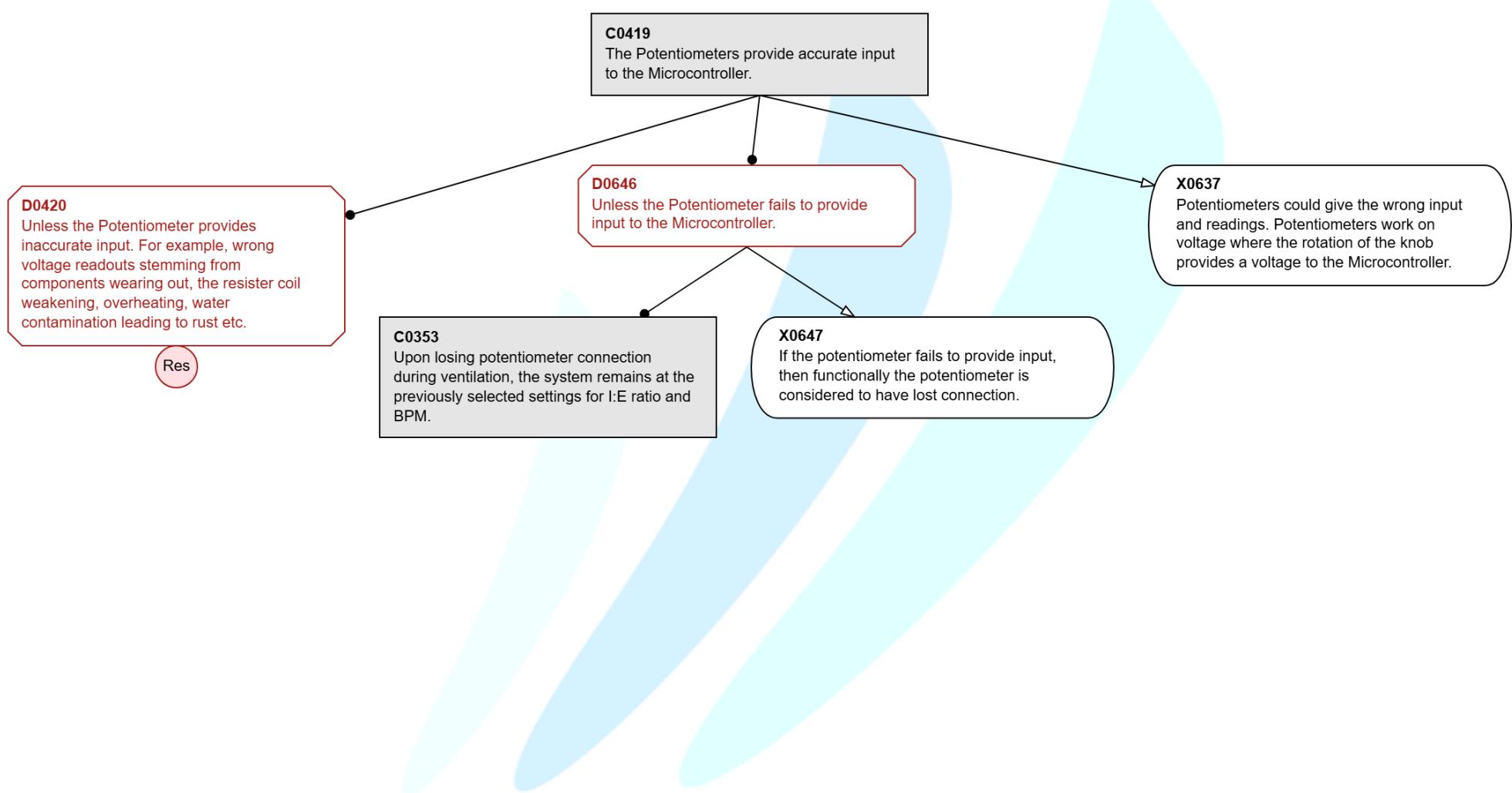
C0416 - Pressure Sensor provides accurate input to the Microcontroller.

Parent subtree(s)	C0320 , S0029	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	V&V		

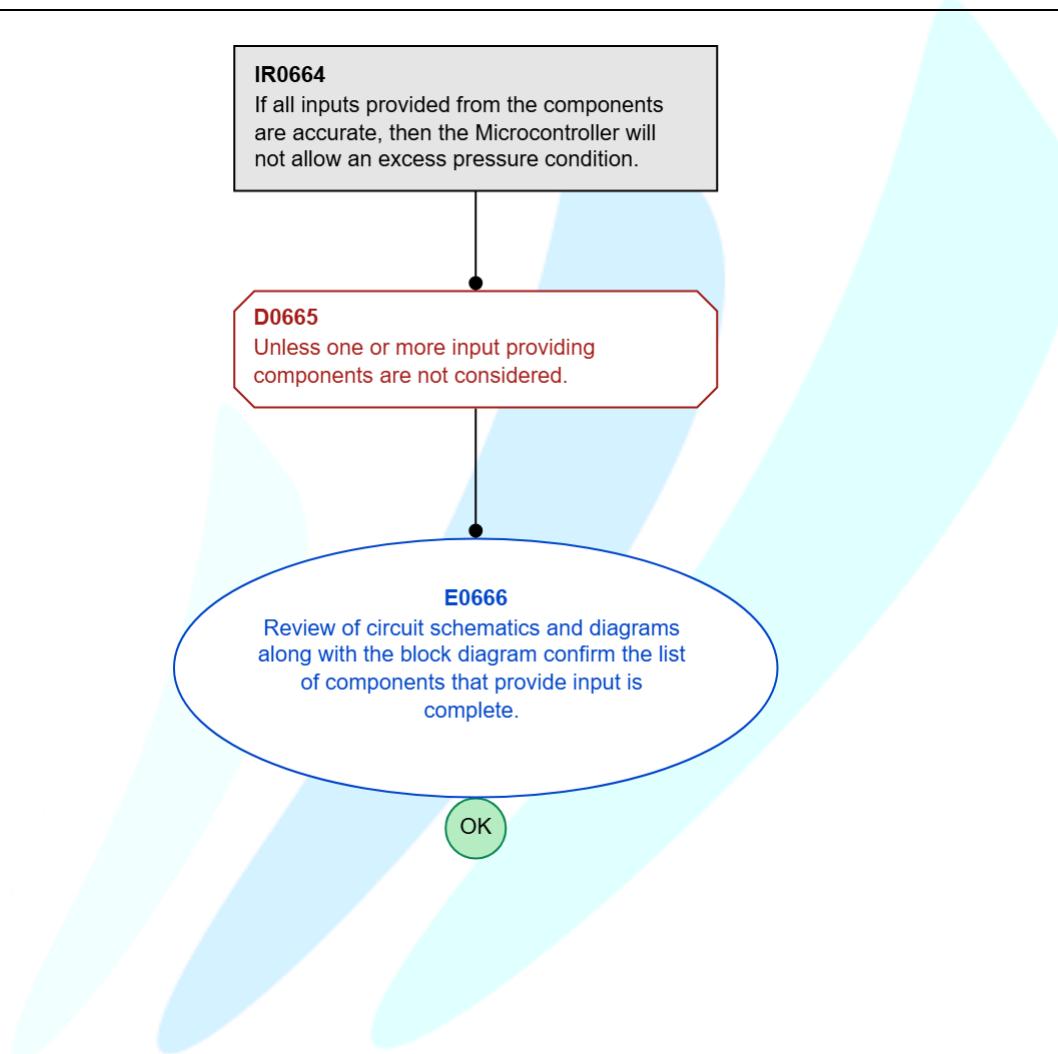


C0419 - The Potentiometers provide accurate input to the Microcontroller.

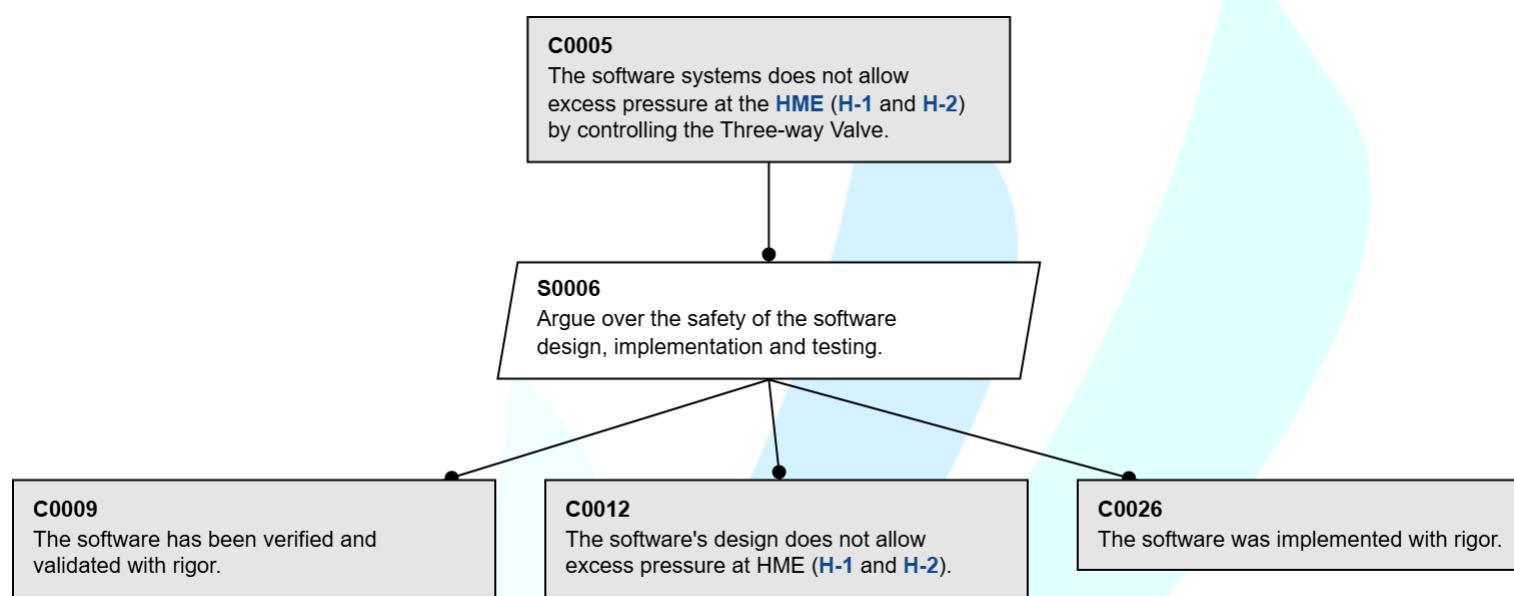
Parent subtree(s)	C0320 , D0114	Descendant subtree(s)	C0353
Glossary Terms	None		



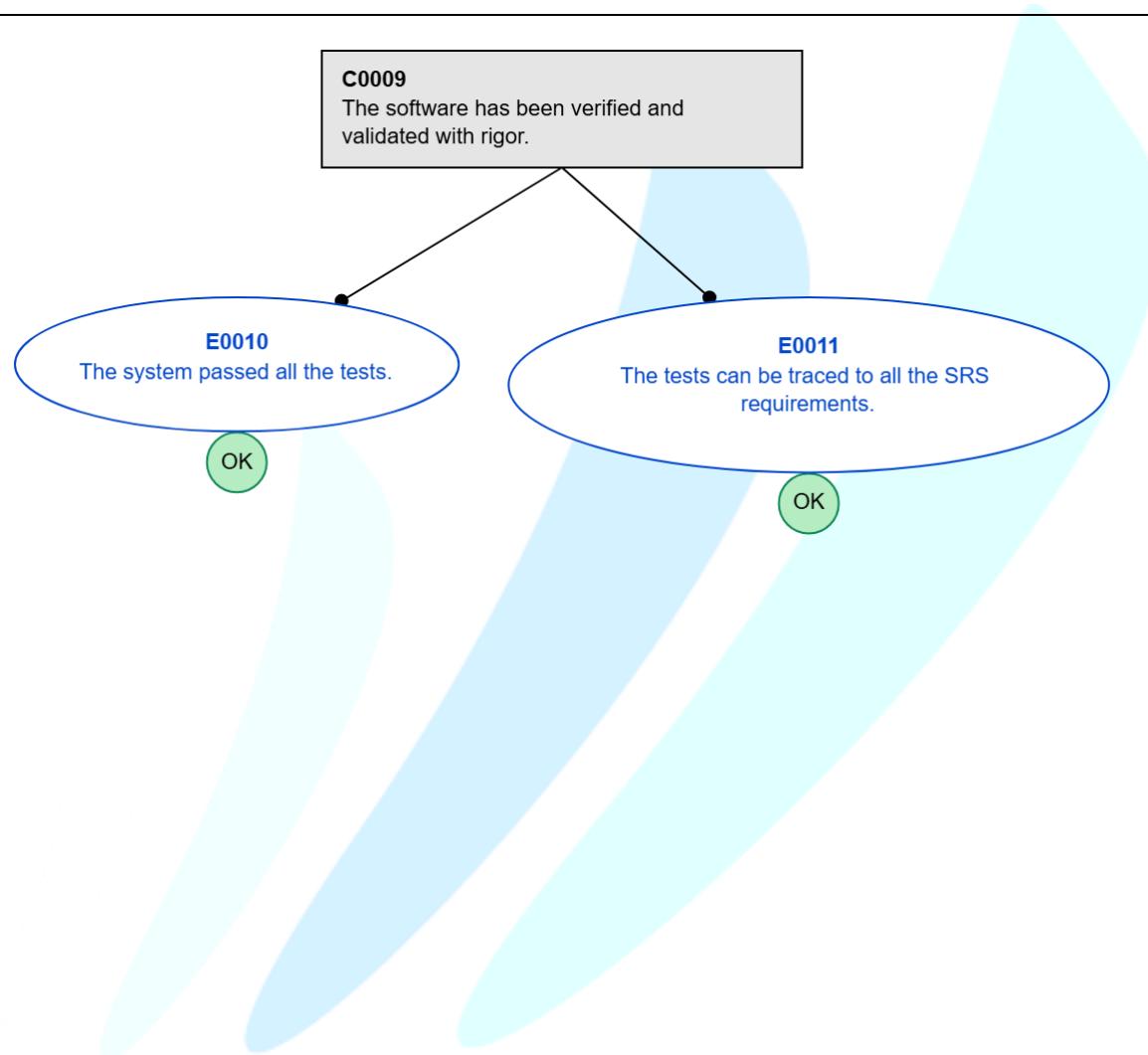
IR0664 - If all inputs provided from the components are accurate, then the Microcontroller will not allow an excess pressure condition.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0320	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



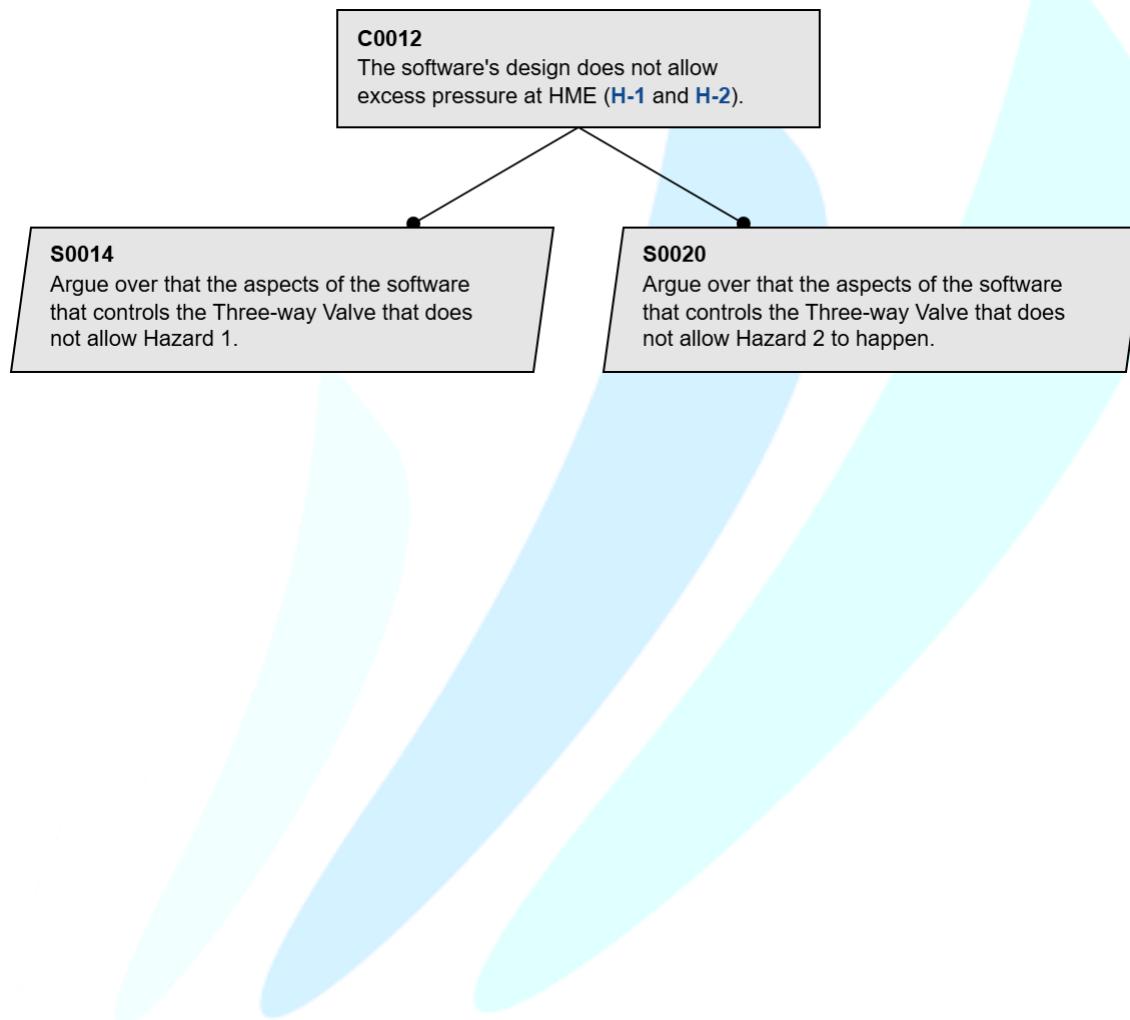
C0005 - The software systems does not allow excess pressure at the HME (H-1 and H-2) by controlling the Three-way Valve.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0001	Descendant subtree(s)	C0009 , C0012 , C0026
Glossary Terms	HME , H-1 , H-2		



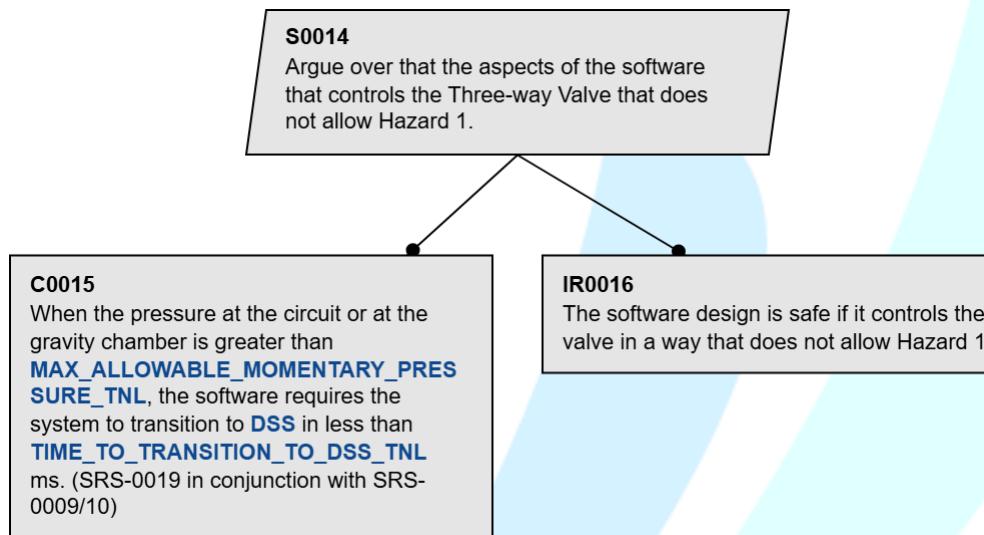
C0009 - The software has been verified and validated with rigor.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0005	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



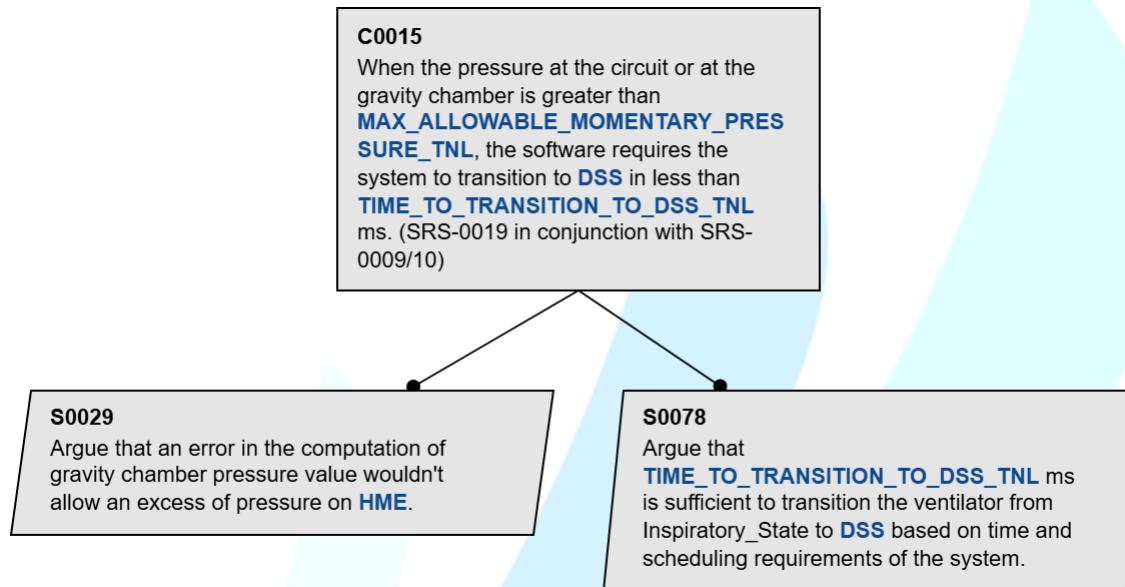
C0012 - The software's design does not allow excess pressure at HME (H-1 and H-2).			
Parent subtree(s)	C0005	Descendant subtree(s)	S0014, S0020
Glossary Terms	H-1, H-2		



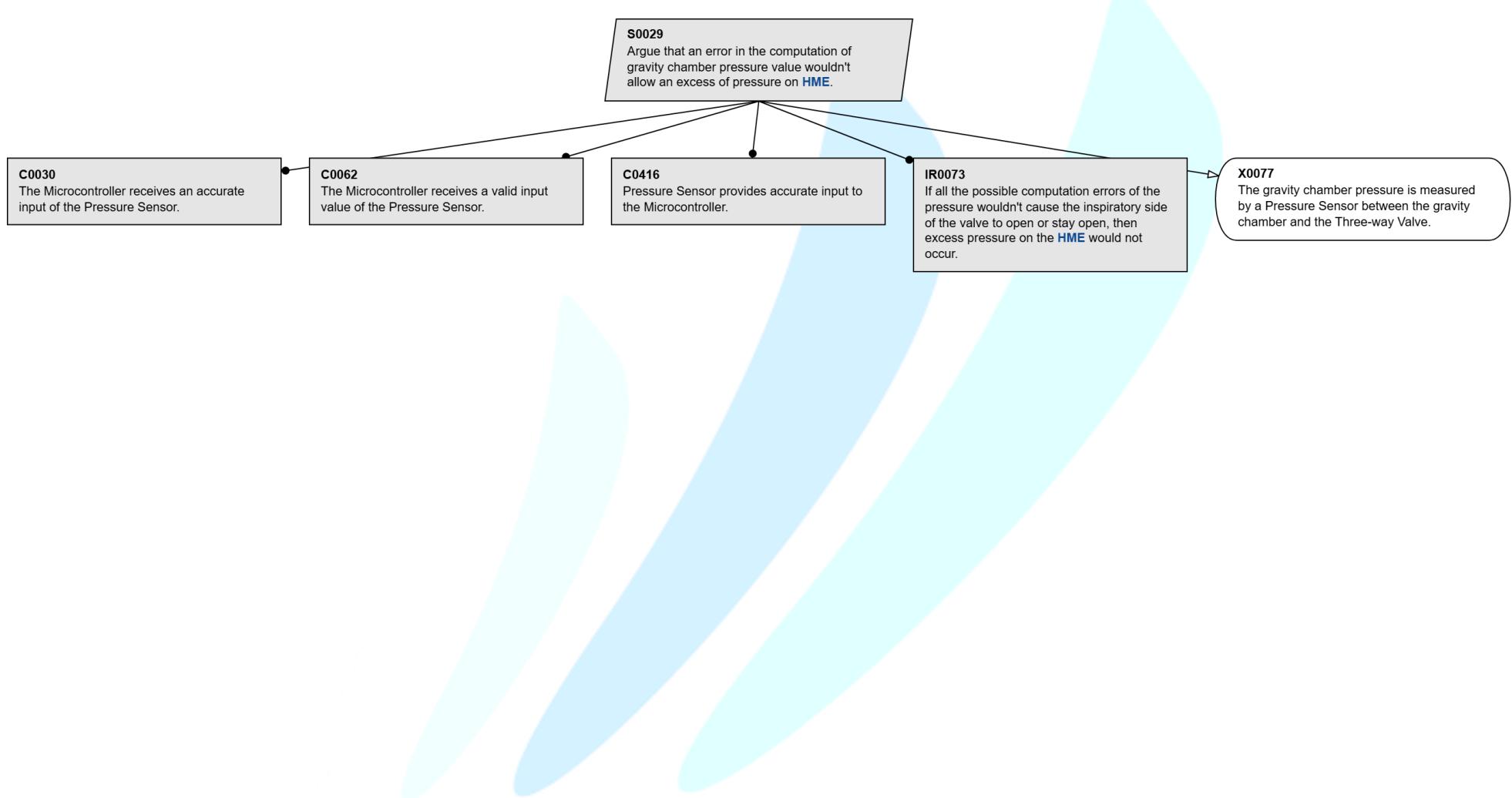
S0014 - Argue over that the aspects of the software that controls the Three-way Valve that does not allow Hazard 1.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0012	Descendant subtree(s)	C0015 , IR0016
Glossary Terms	MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL , DSS , TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL		



C0015 - When the pressure at the circuit or at the gravity chamber is greater than MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL , the software requires the s...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0014	Descendant subtree(s)	S0029, S0078
Glossary Terms	MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL , DSS , TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL , HME		

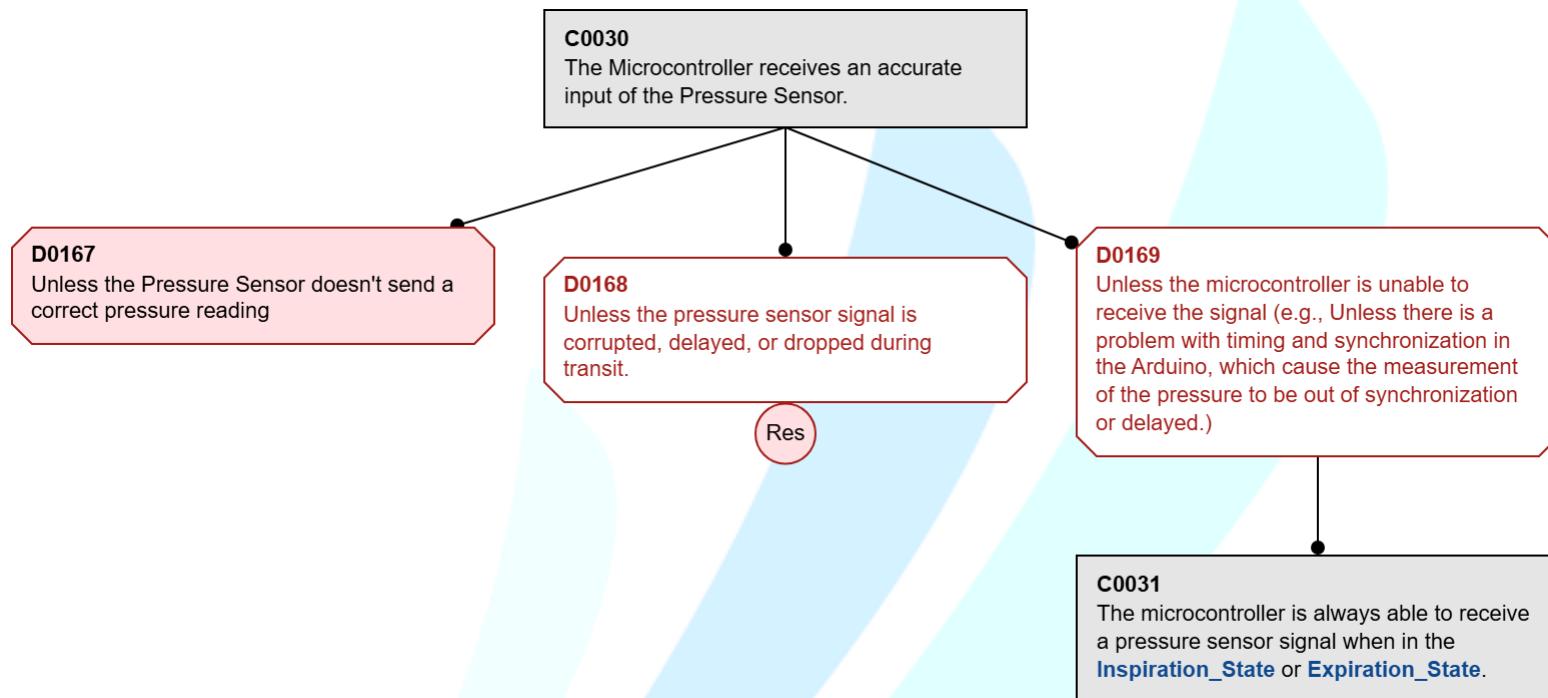


S0029 - Argue that an error in the computation of gravity chamber pressure value wouldn't allow an excess of pressure on HME.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0015	Descendant subtree(s)	C0030 , C0062 , IR0073 , C0416
Glossary Terms	HME		

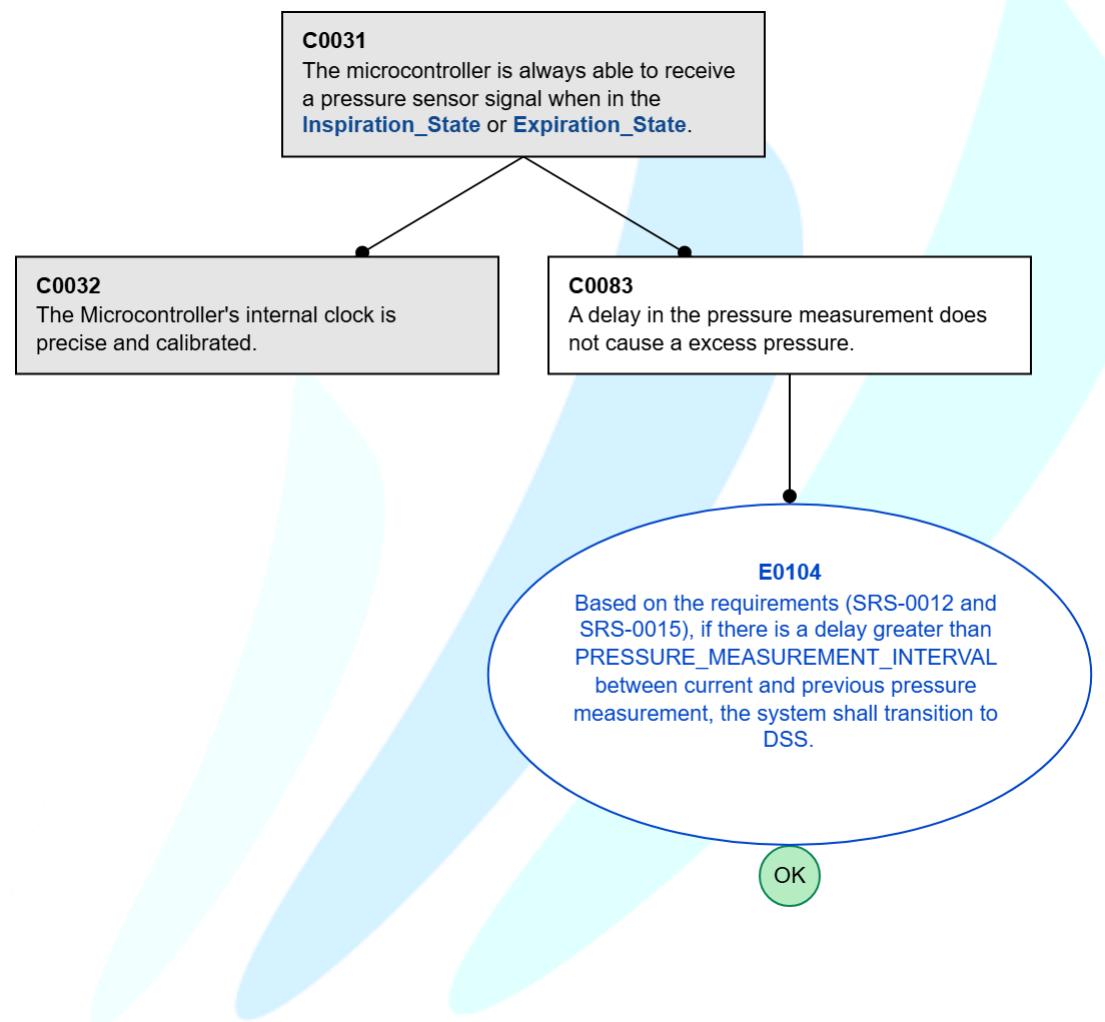


C0030 - The Microcontroller receives an accurate input of the Pressure Sensor.

Parent subtree(s)	S0029 , C0099	Descendant subtree(s)	C0031 , D0167
Glossary Terms	Inspiration_State , Expiration_State		

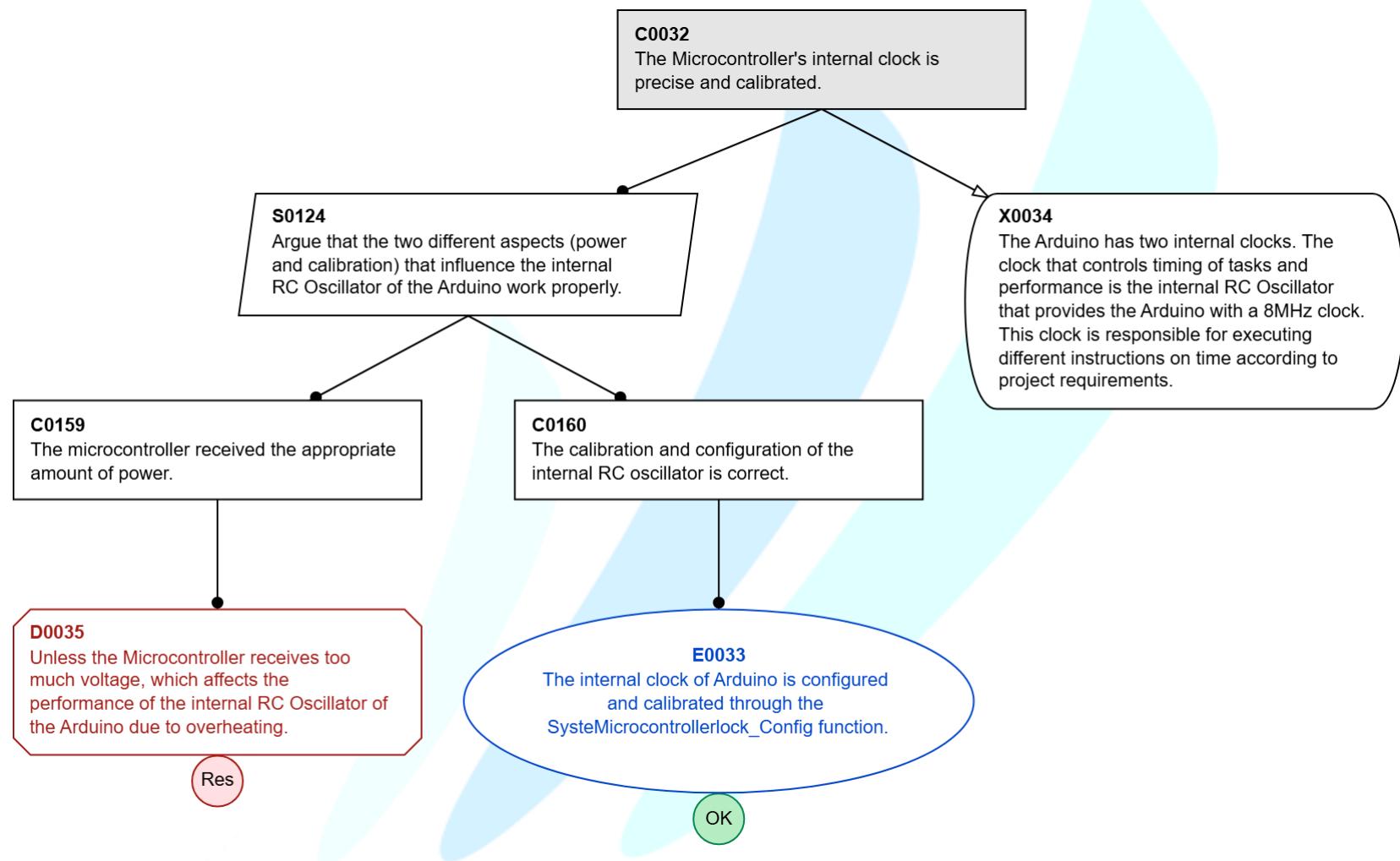


C0031 - The microcontroller is always able to receive a pressure sensor signal when in the Inspiration_State or Expiration_State.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0030	Descendant subtree(s)	C0032
Glossary Terms	Inspiration_State , Expiration_State		



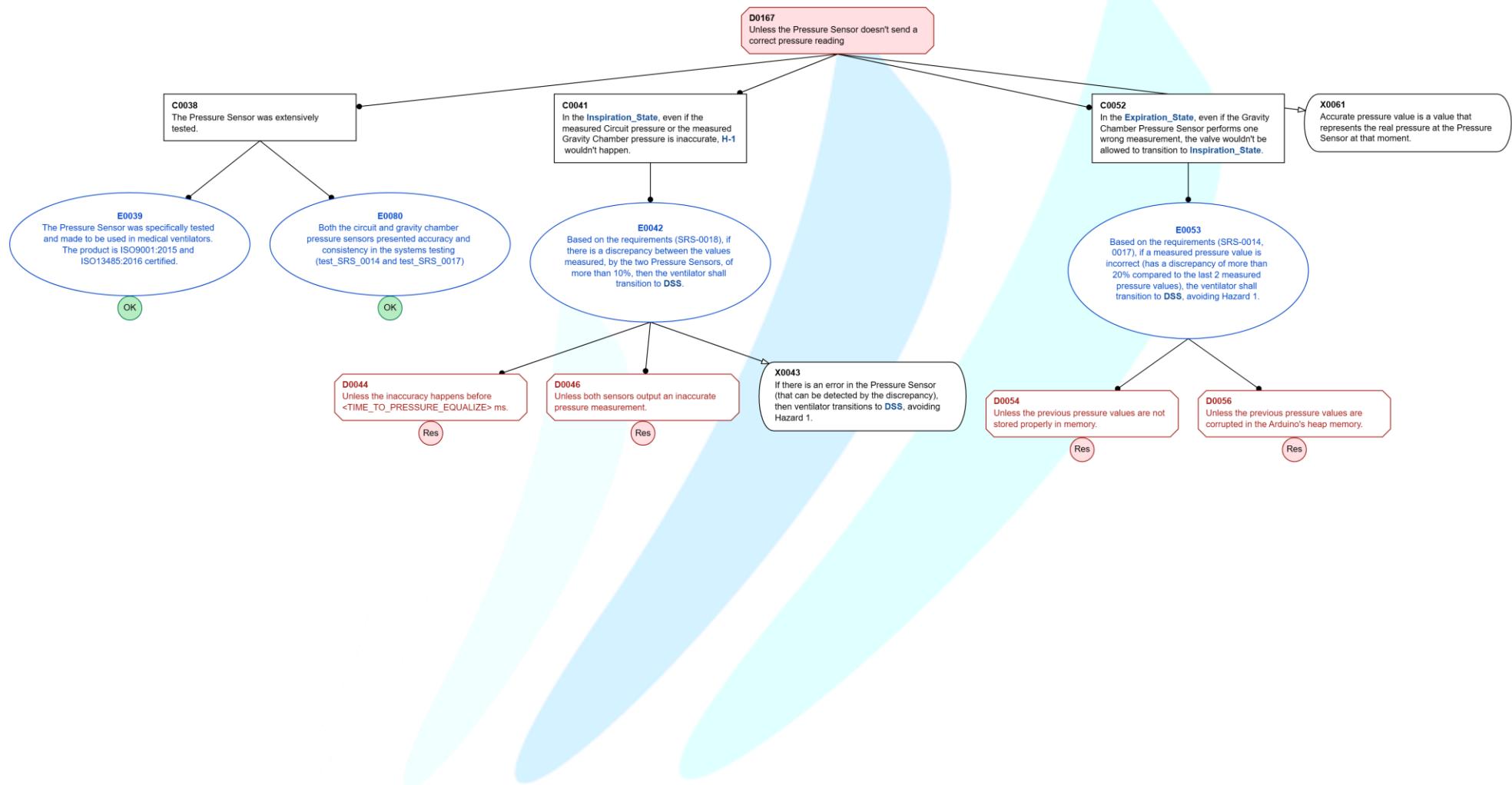
C0032 - The Microcontroller's internal clock is precise and calibrated.

Parent subtree(s)	C0031 , S0078 , S0101 , C0022 , C0466	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



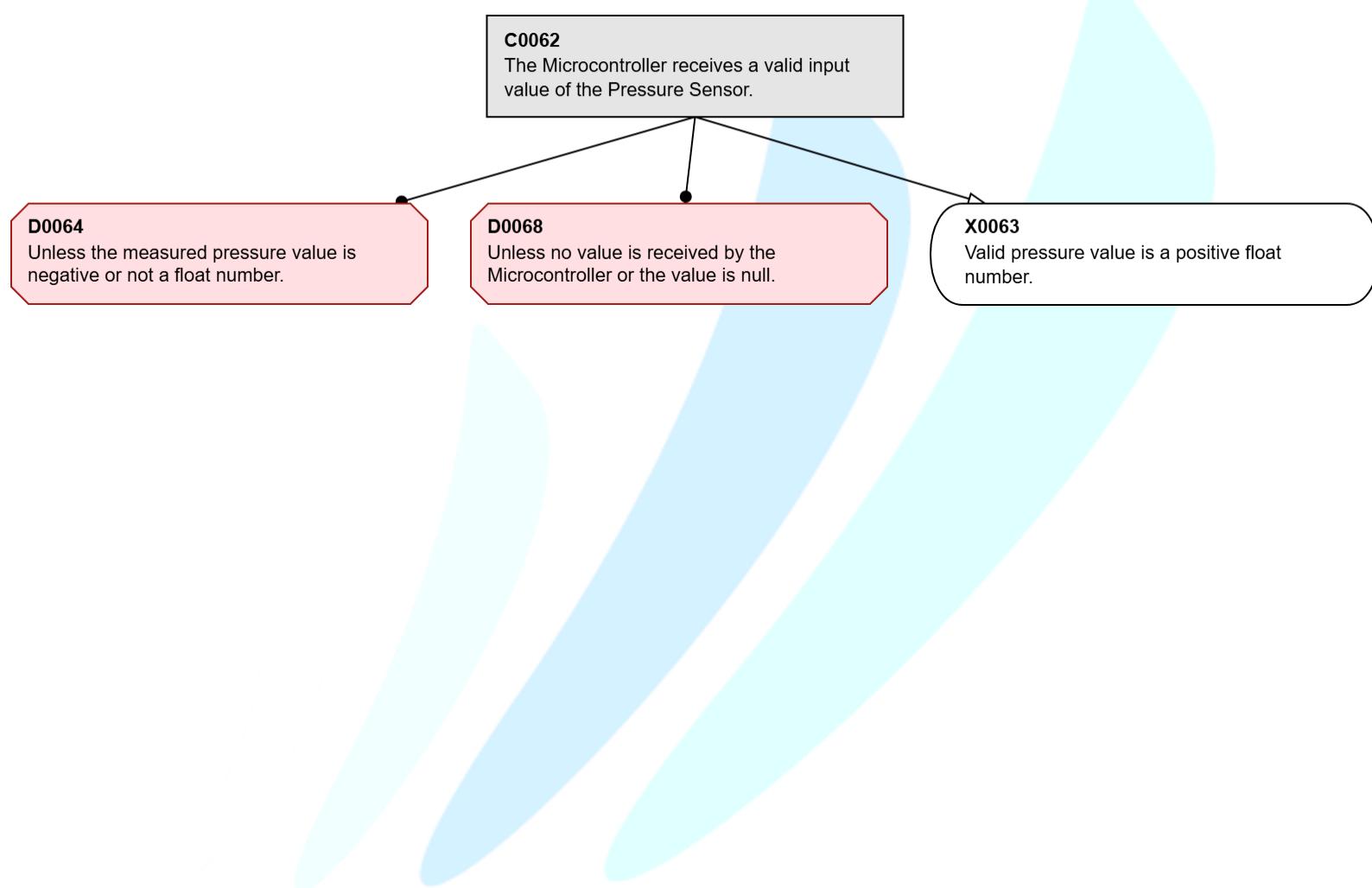
D0167 - Unless the Pressure Sensor doesn't send a correct pressure reading

Parent subtree(s)	C0030 , C0023	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	Inspiration_State , H-1 , DSS , Expiration_State		



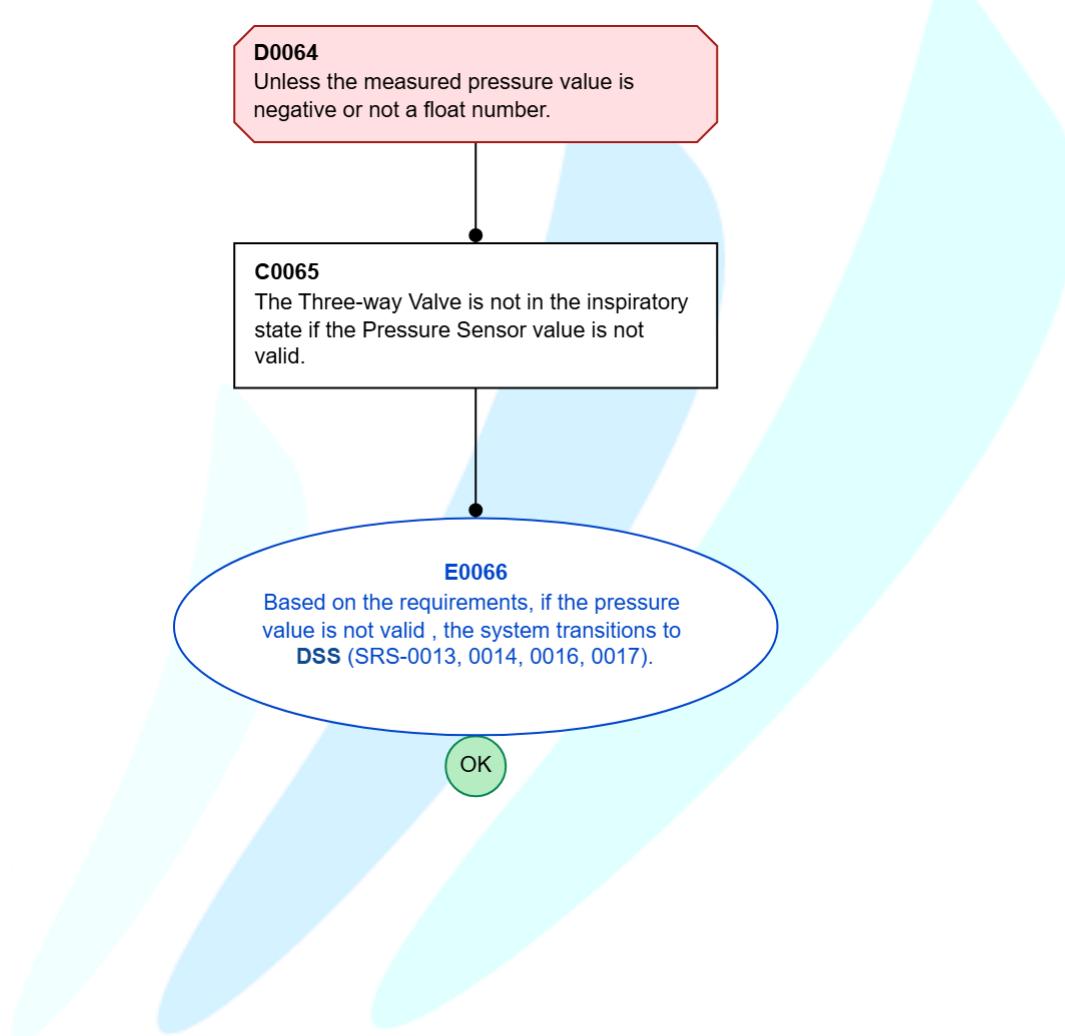
C0062 - The Microcontroller receives a valid input value of the Pressure Sensor.

Parent subtree(s)	S0029 , C0099	Descendant subtree(s)	D0064 , D0068
Glossary Terms	None		



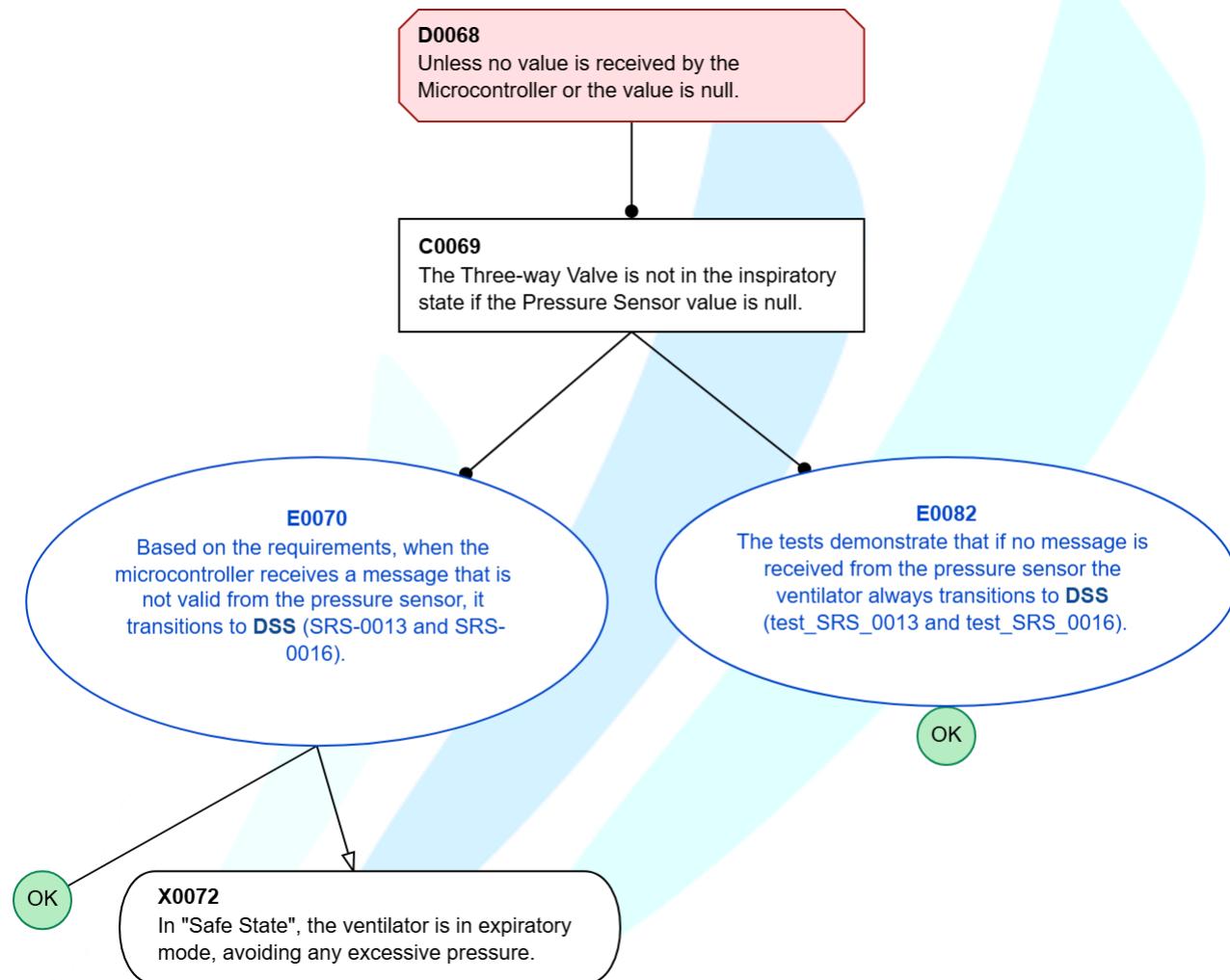
D0064 - Unless the measured pressure value is negative or not a float number.

Parent subtree(s)	C0062 , C0023	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	DSS		

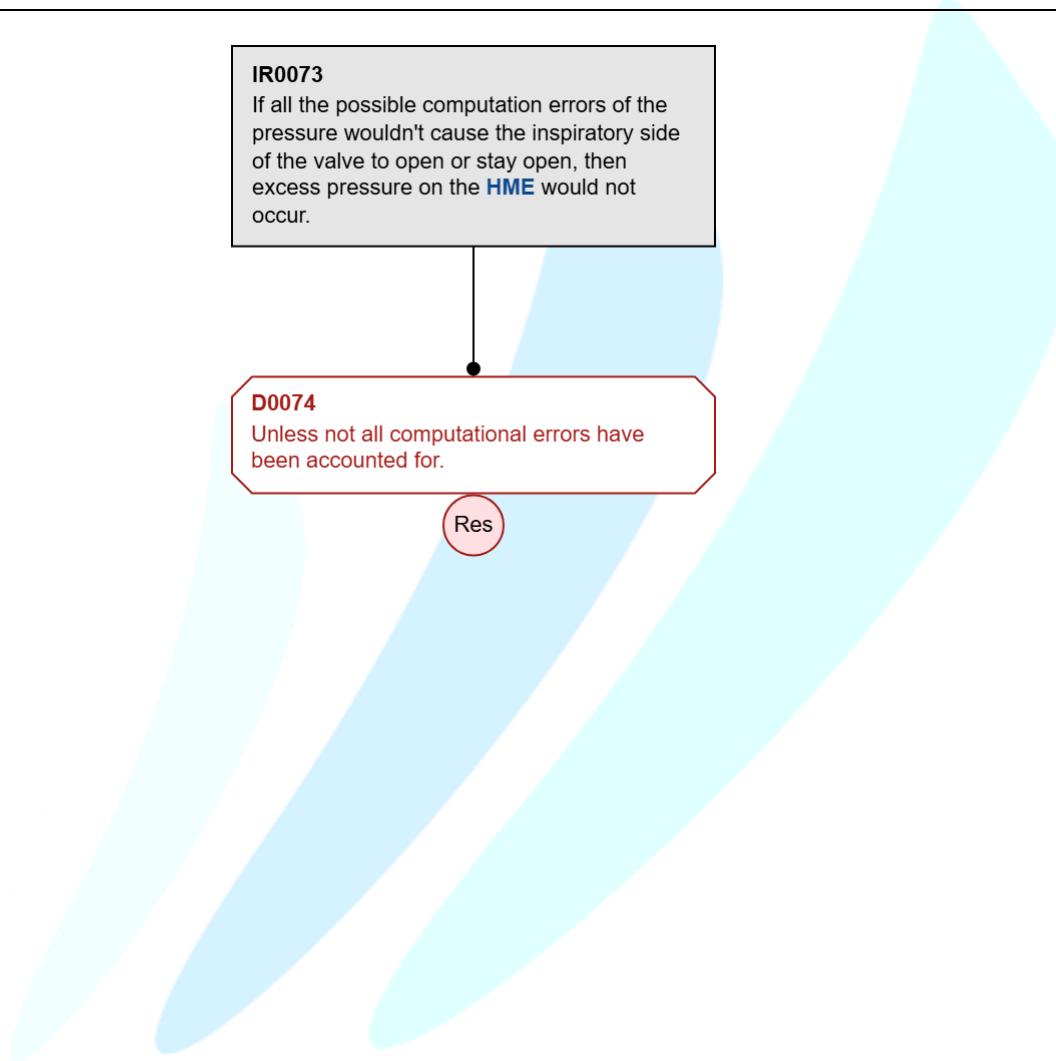


D0068 - Unless no value is received by the Microcontroller or the value is null.

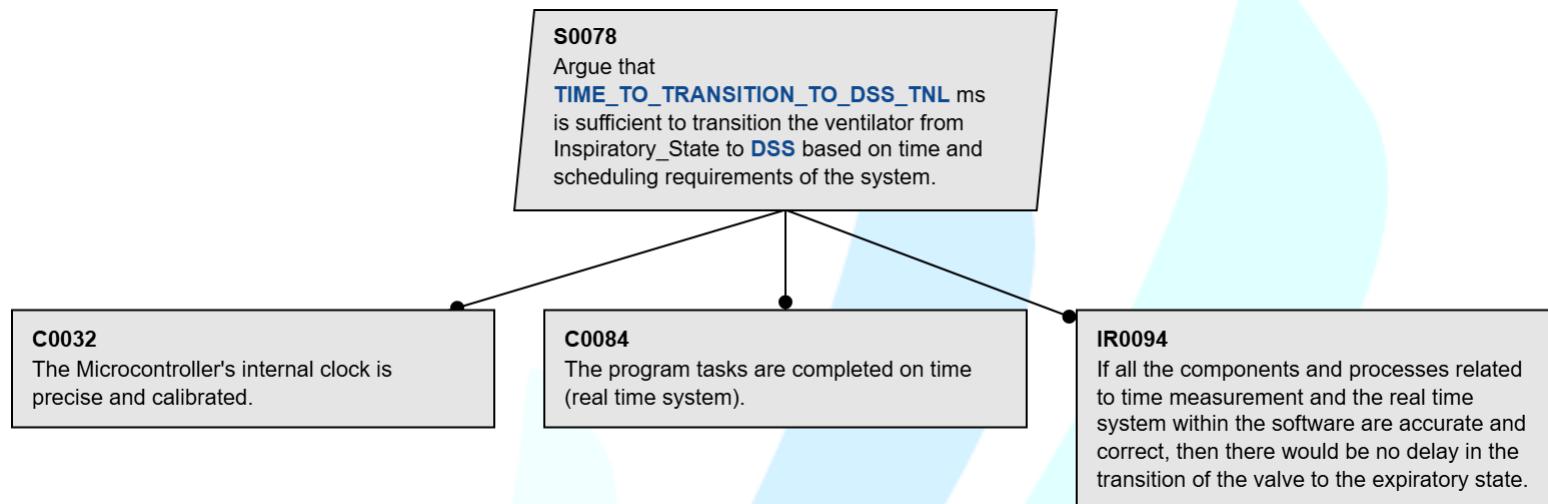
Parent subtree(s)	C0062 , C0023	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	DSS		



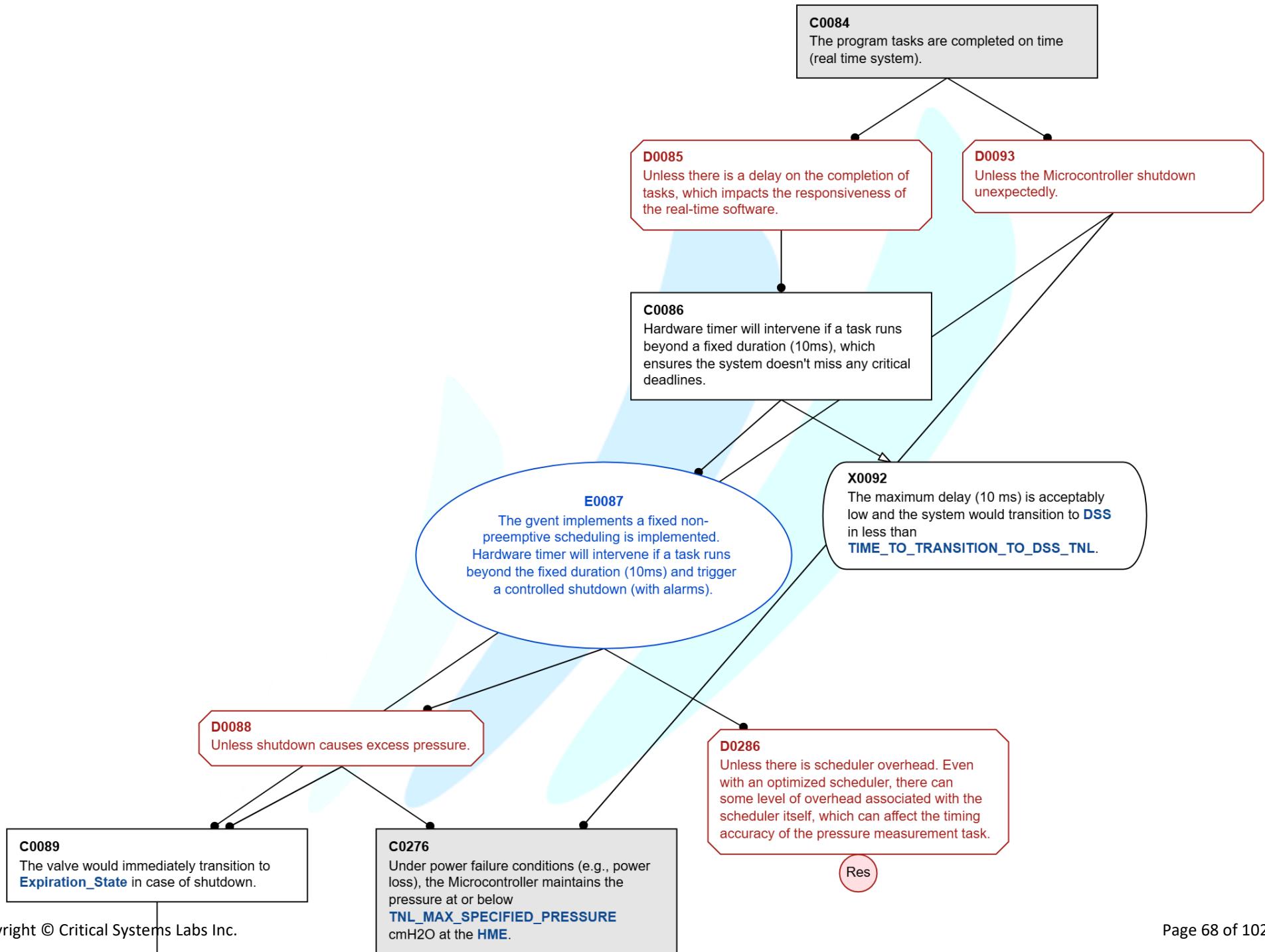
IR0073 - If all the possible computation errors of the pressure wouldn't cause the inspiratory side of the valve to open or stay open, then excess pr...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0029	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	HME		



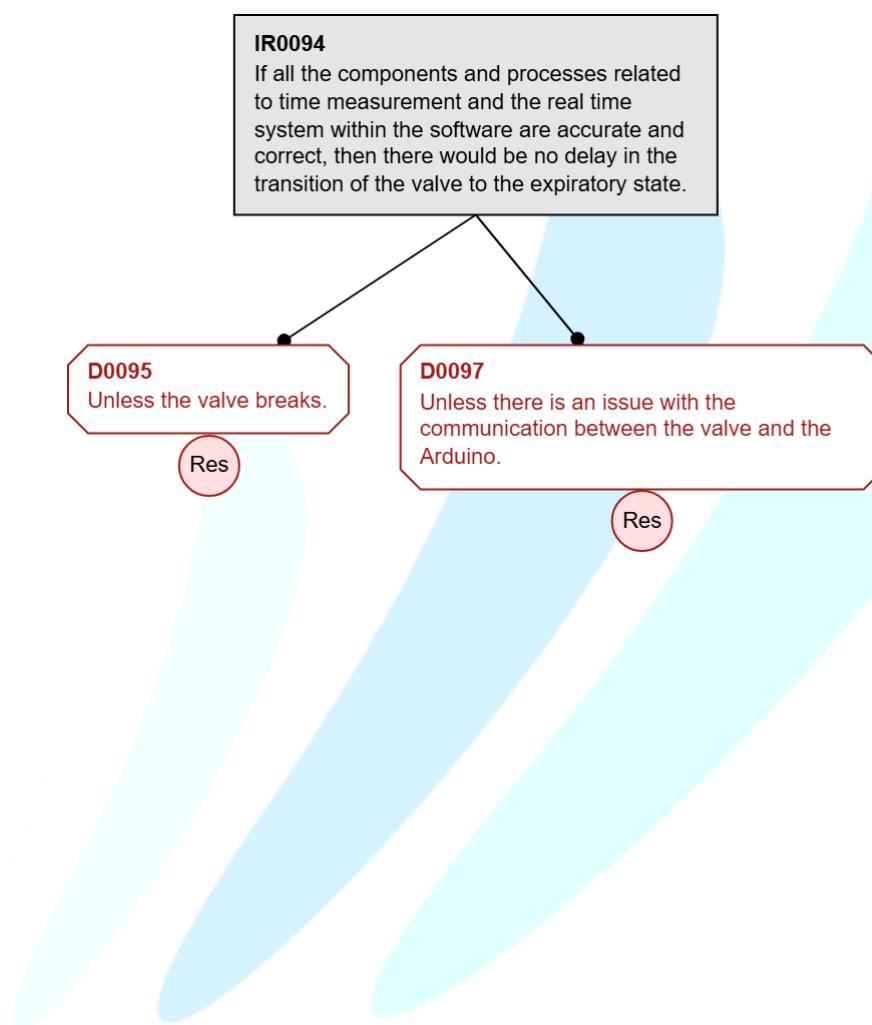
S0078 - Argue that TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL ms is sufficient to transition the ventilator from Inspiratory_State to DSS based on time and scheduling requirements of the system.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0015	Descendant subtree(s)	C0032 , C0084 , IR0094
Glossary Terms	TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL , DSS		



C0084 - The program tasks are completed on time (real time system).			
Parent subtree(s)	S0078 , S0101	Descendant subtree(s)	C0276
Glossary Terms	Expiration_State , DSS , TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		

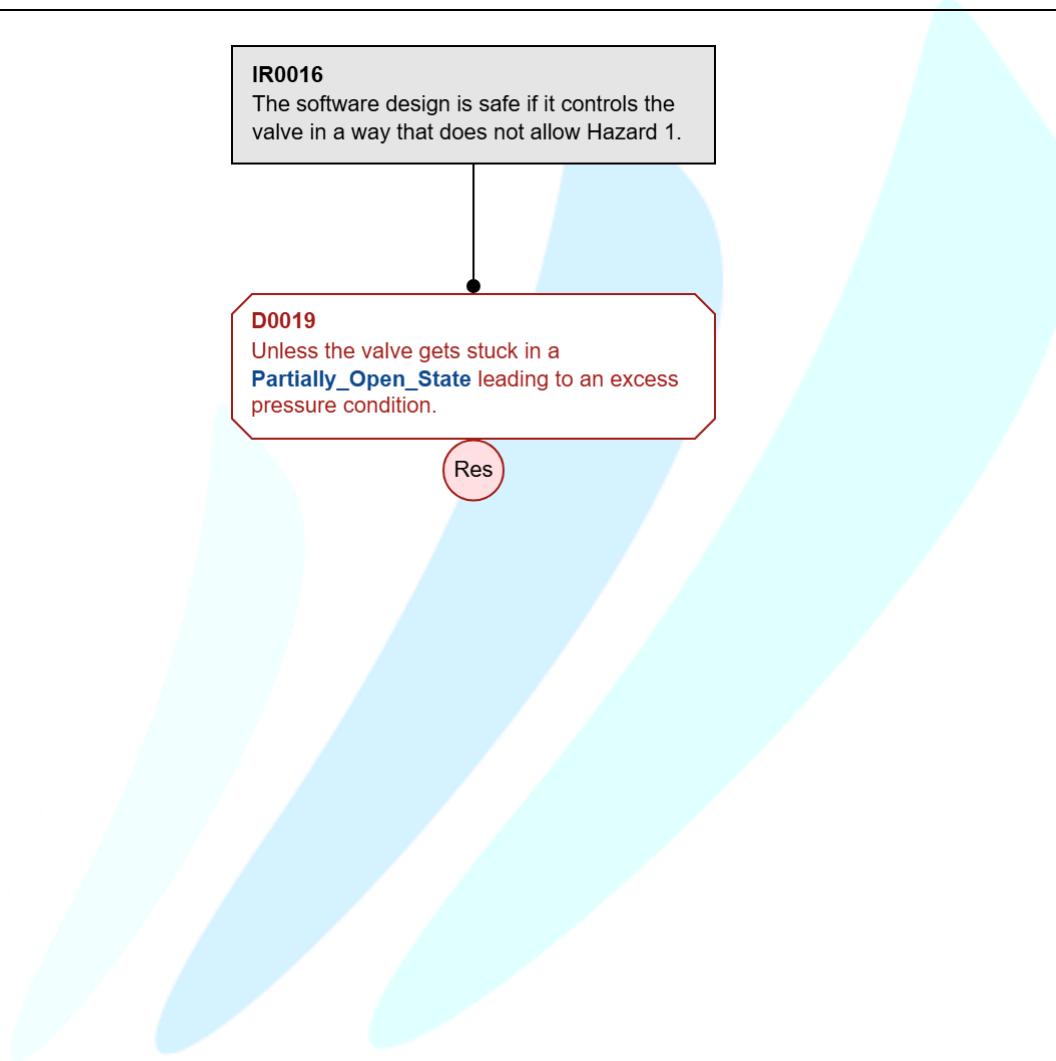


IR0094 - If all the components and processes related to time measurement and the real time system within the software are accurate and correct, then ...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0078	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



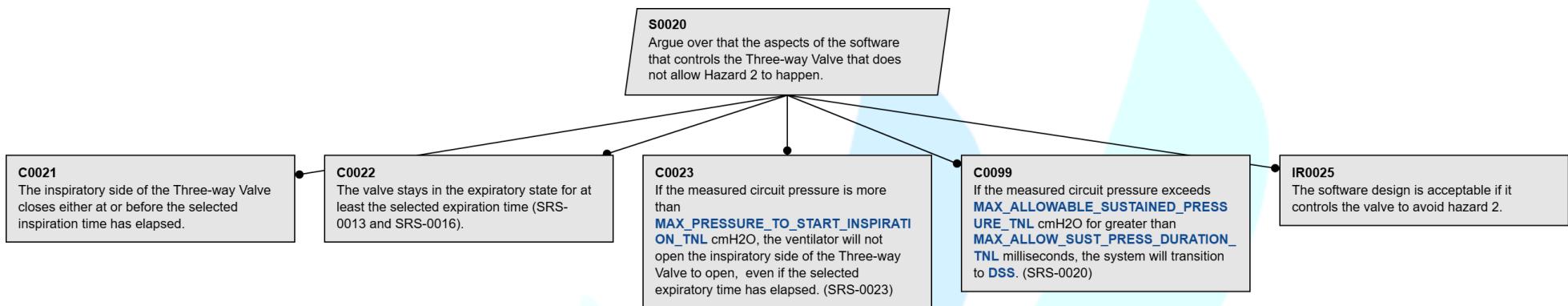
IR0016 - The software design is safe if it controls the valve in a way that does not allow Hazard 1.

Parent subtree(s)	S0014	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	Partially_Open_State		

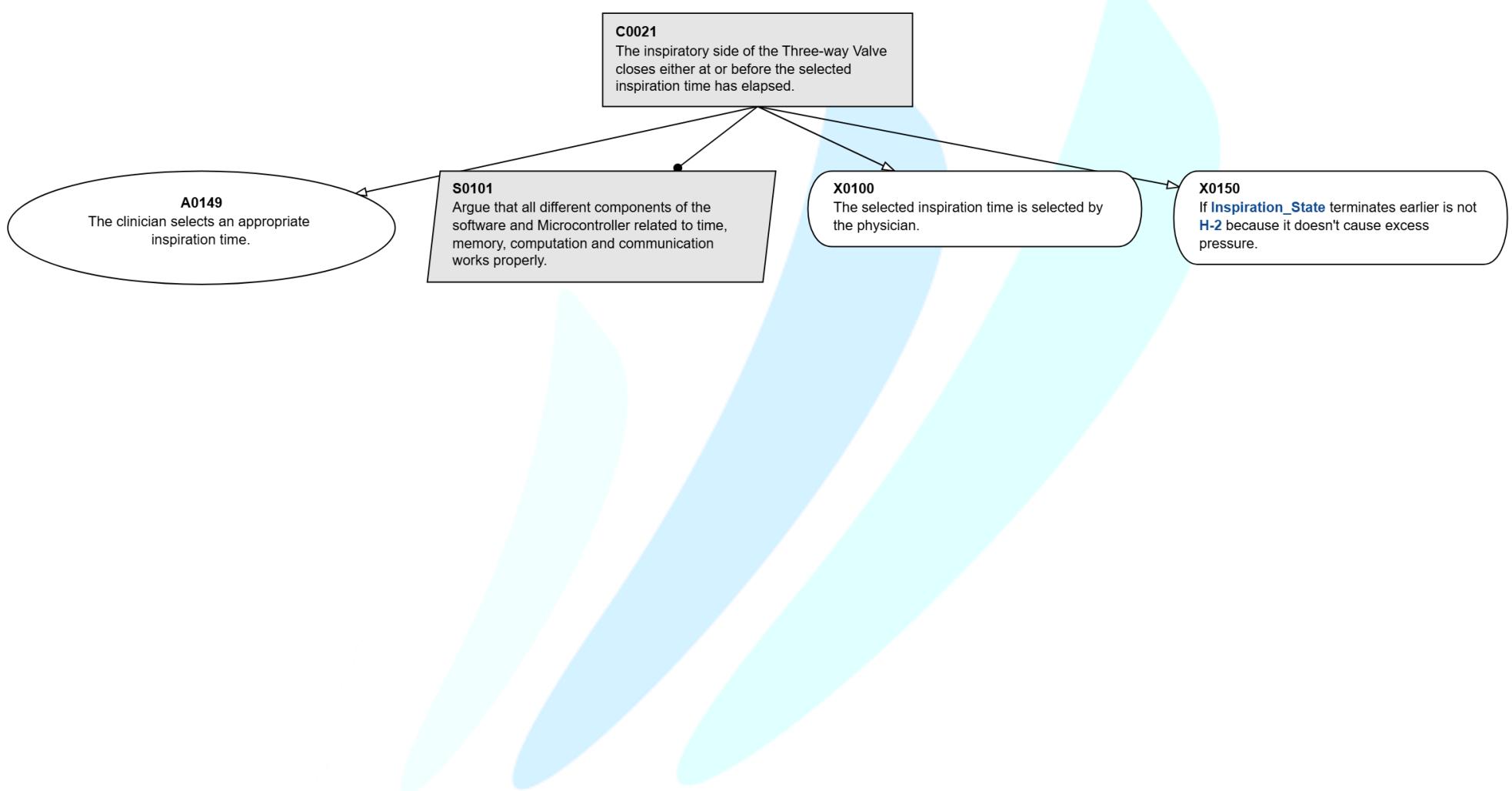


S0020 - Argue over that the aspects of the software that controls the Three-way Valve that does not allow Hazard 2 to happen.

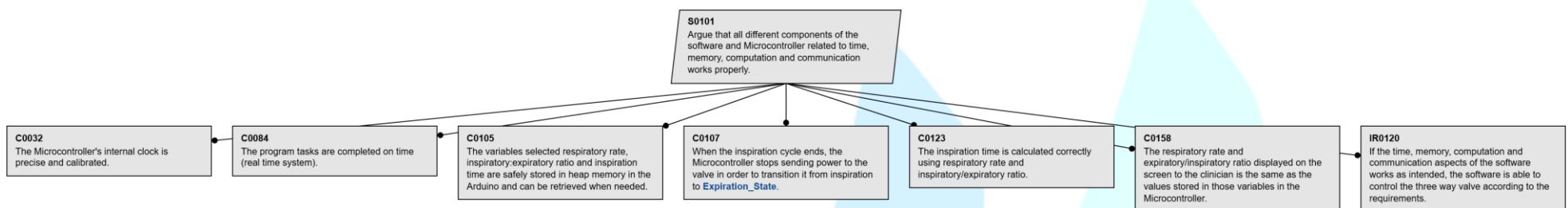
Parent subtree(s)	C0012	Descendant subtree(s)	C0021 , C0022 , C0023 , IR0025 , C0099
Glossary Terms	MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPIRATION_TNL , MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL , MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL , DSS		



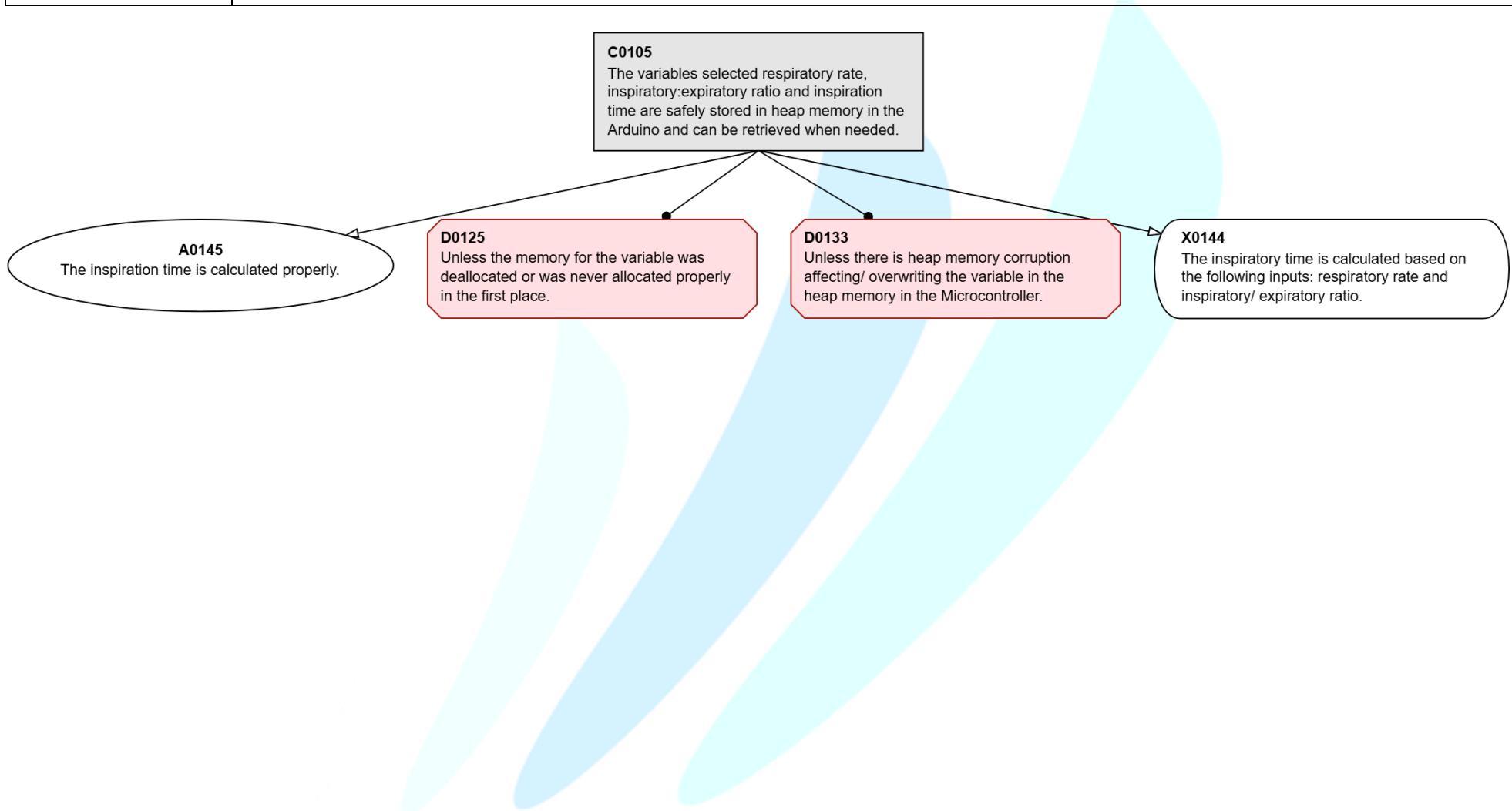
C0021 - The inspiratory side of the Three-way Valve closes either at or before the selected inspiration time has elapsed.			
Parent subtree(s)	S0020	Descendant subtree(s)	S0101
Glossary Terms	Inspiration_State , H-2		



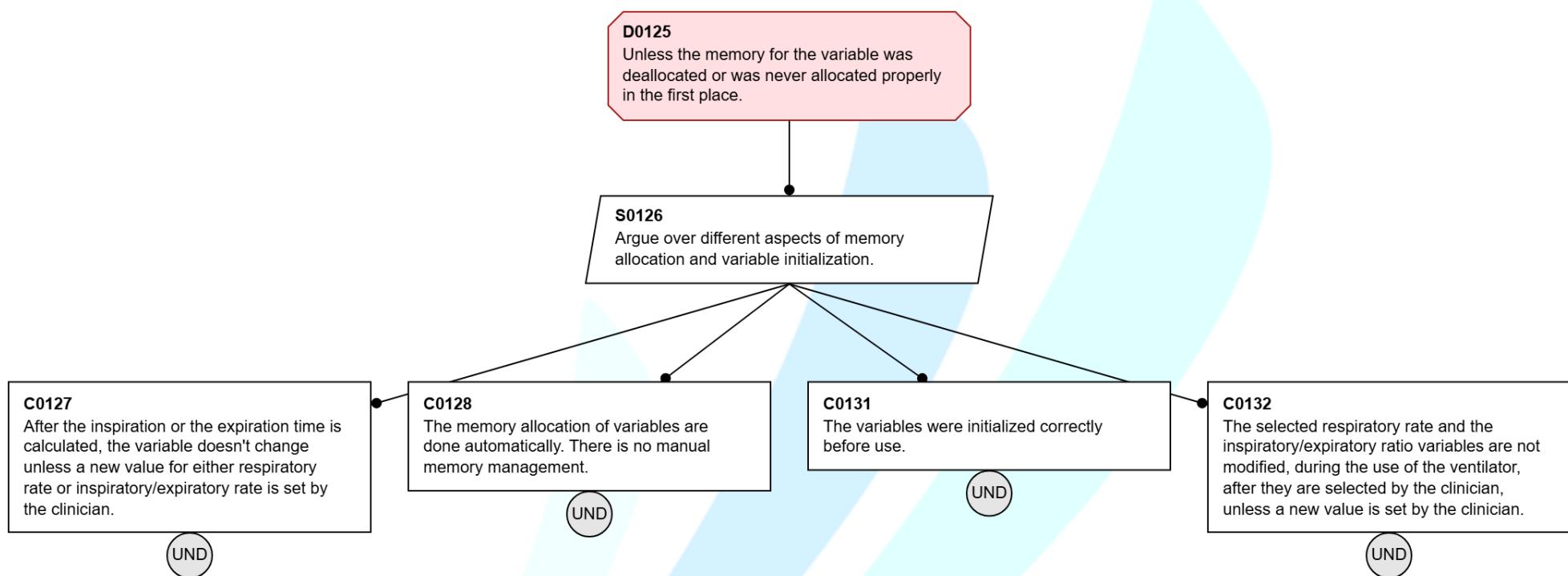
S0101 - Argue that all different components of the software and Microcontroller related to time, memory, computation and communication works properly...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0021	Descendant subtree(s)	C0032 , C0084 , C0105 , C0107 , IR0120 , C0123 , C0158
Glossary Terms	Expiration_State		



C0105 - The variables selected respiratory rate, inspiratory:expiratory ratio and inspiration time are safely stored in heap memory in the Arduino a...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0101	Descendant subtree(s)	D0125, D0133
Glossary Terms	None		

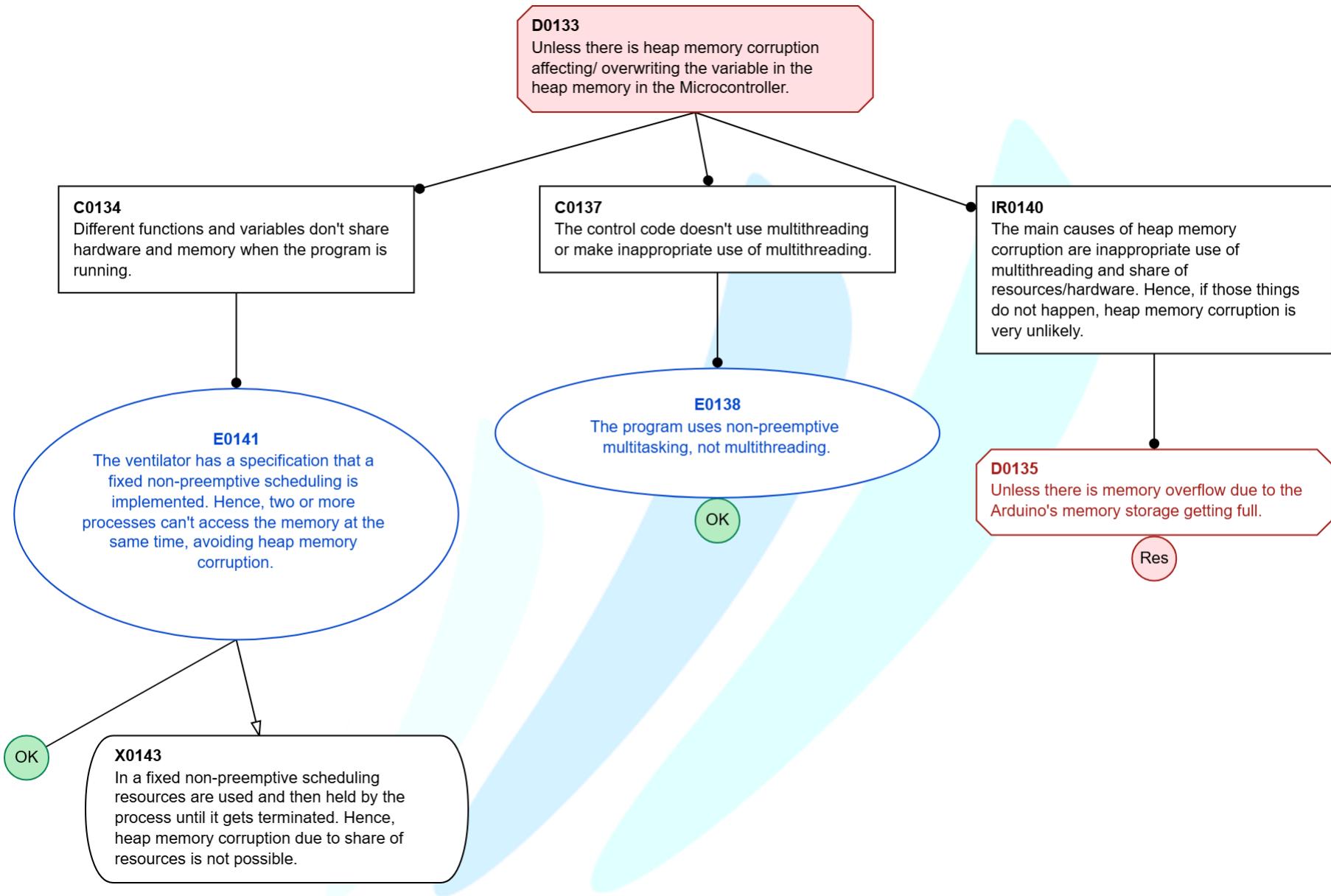


D0125 - Unless the memory for the variable was deallocated or was never allocated properly in the first place.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0105 , C0165 , C0377	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

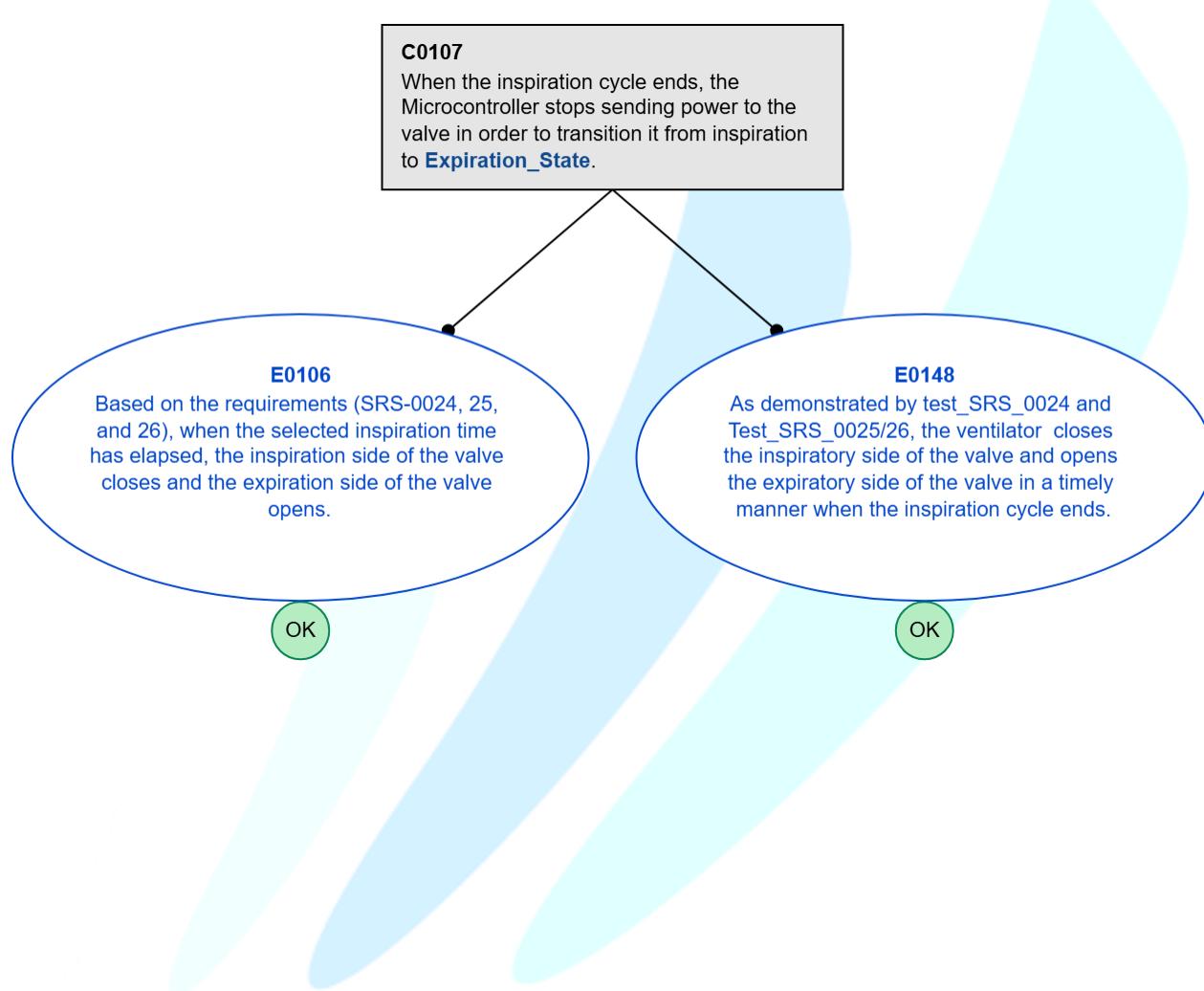


D0133 - Unless there is heap memory corruption affecting/ overwriting the variable in the heap memory in the Microcontroller.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0105 , C0165 , C0377	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

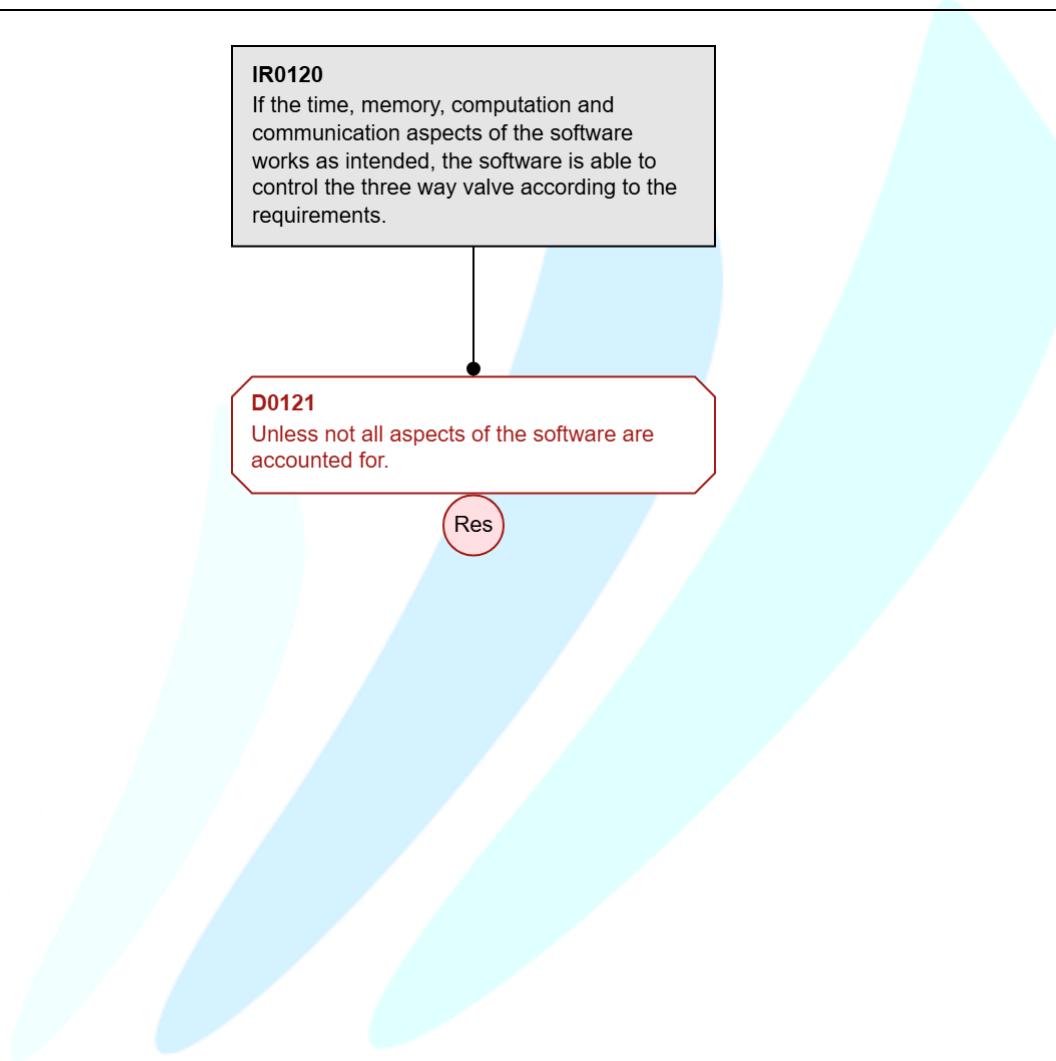




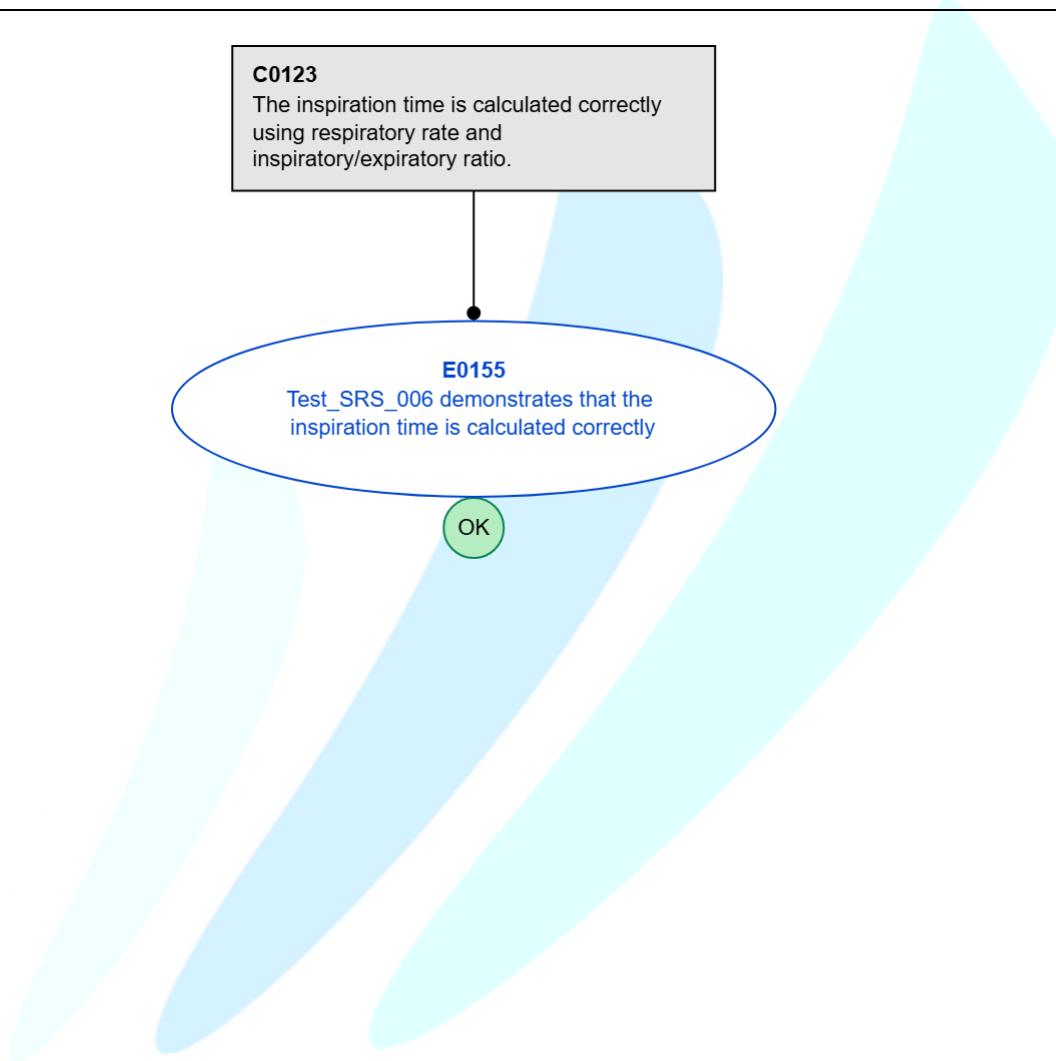
C0107 - When the inspiration cycle ends, the Microcontroller stops sending power to the valve in order to transition it from inspiration to Expirati...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0101	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	Expiration_State		



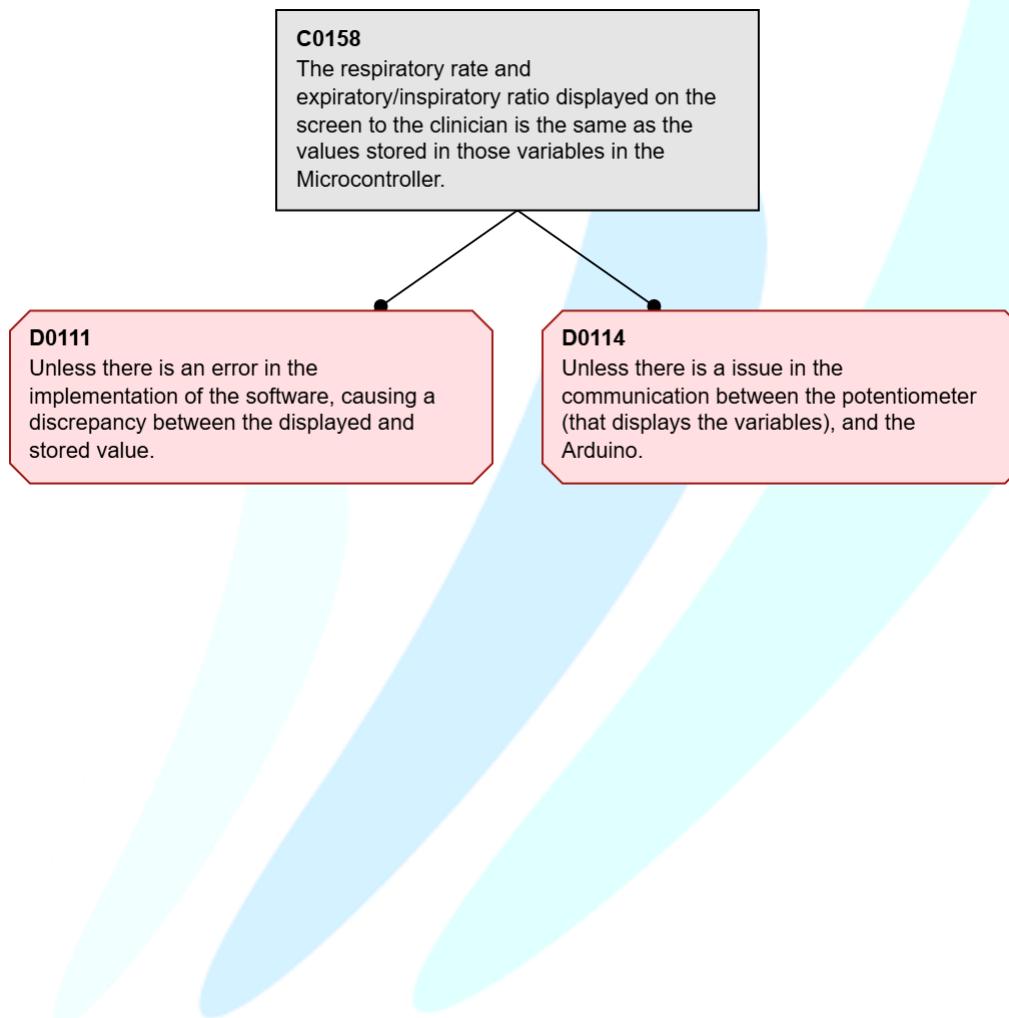
IR0120 - If the time, memory, computation and communication aspects of the software works as intended, the software is able to control the three way ...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0101 , C0022	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



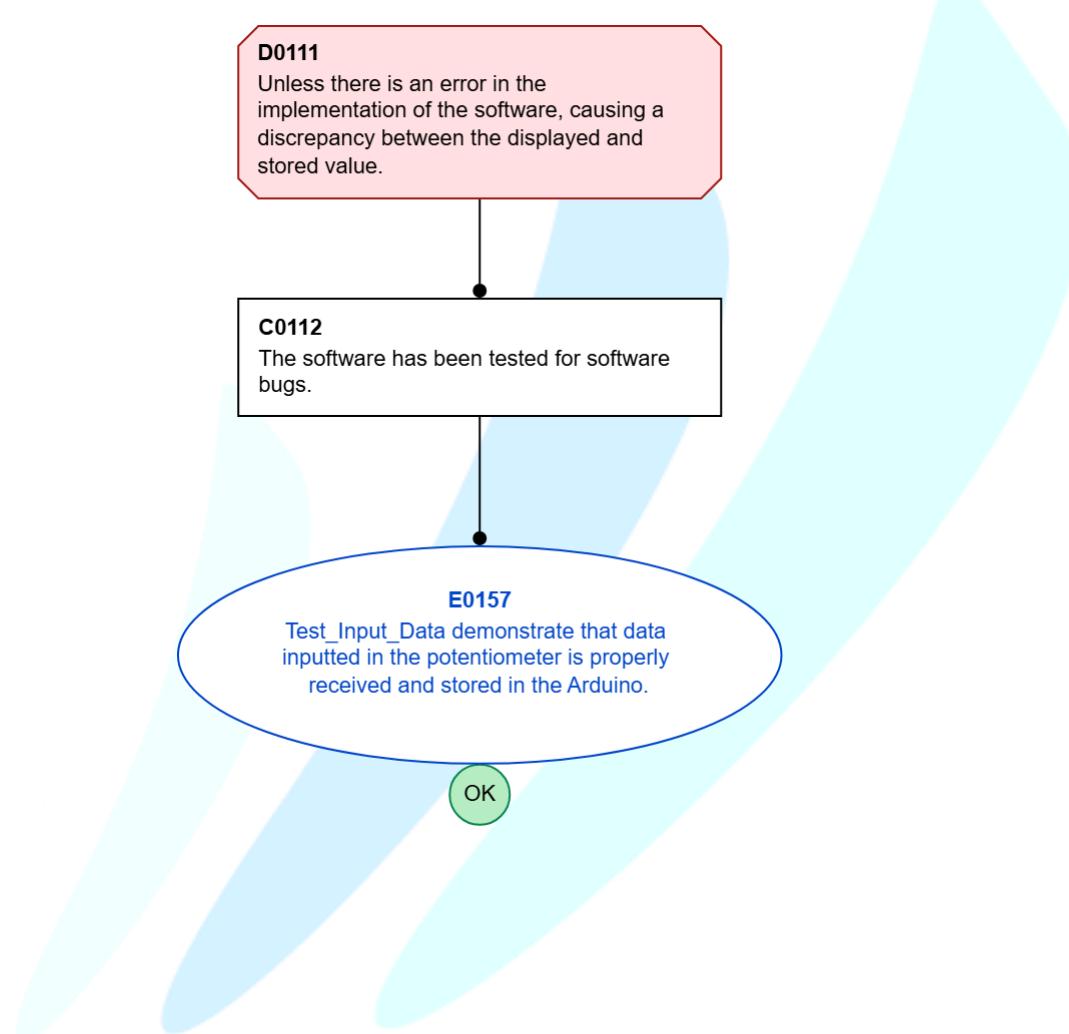
C0123 - The inspiration time is calculated correctly using respiratory rate and inspiratory/expiratory ratio.			
Parent subtree(s)	S0101	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



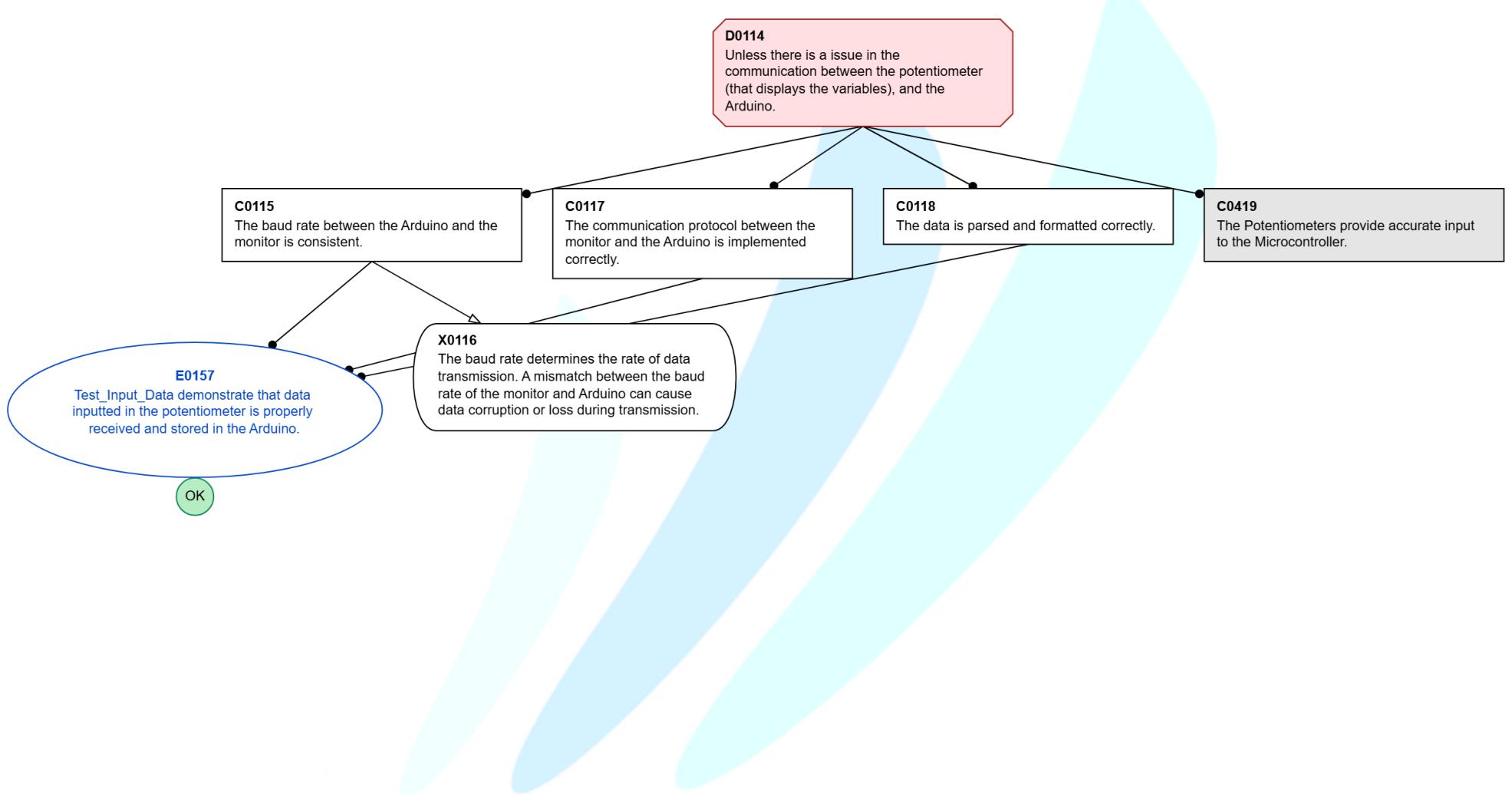
C0158 - The respiratory rate and expiratory/inspiratory ratio displayed on the screen to the clinician is the same as the values stored in those var...			
Parent subtree(s)	S0101 , C0022	Descendant subtree(s)	D0111 , D0114
Glossary Terms	None		



D0111 - Unless there is an error in the implementation of the software, causing a discrepancy between the displayed and stored value.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0158	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

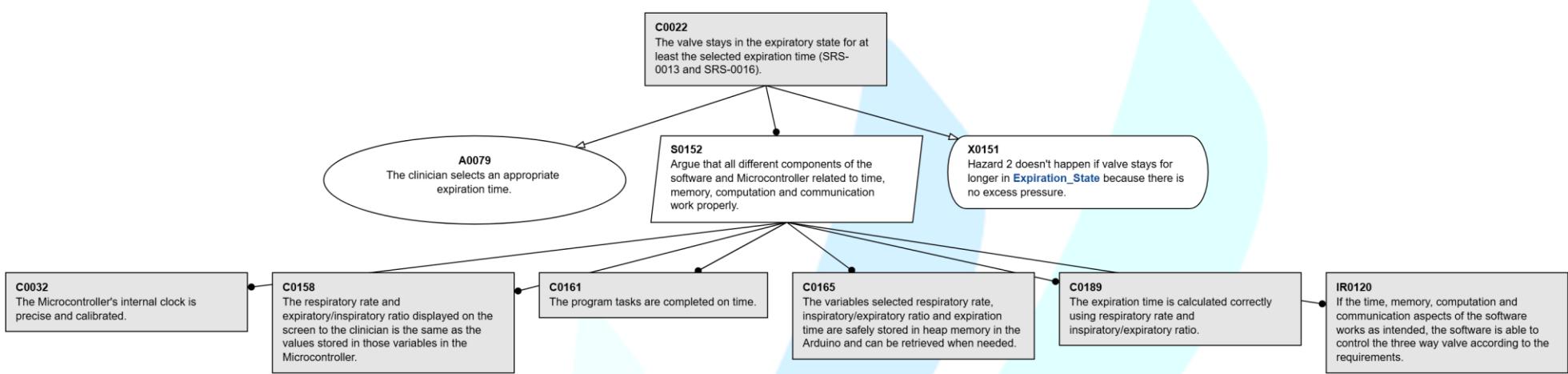


D0114 - Unless there is a issue in the communication between the potentiometer (that displays the variables), and the Arduino.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0158	Descendant subtree(s)	C0419
Glossary Terms	None		



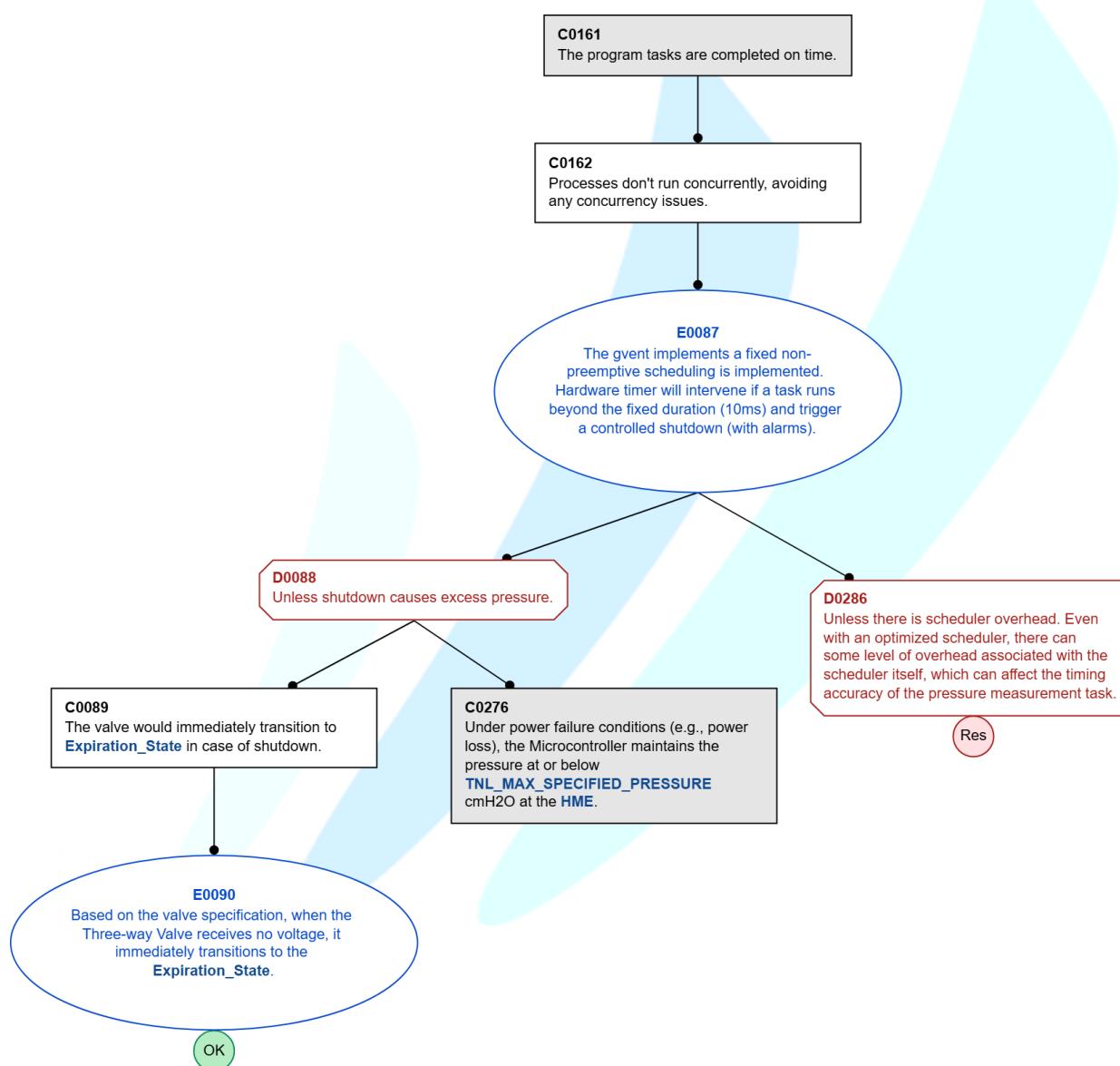
C0022 - The valve stays in the expiratory state for at least the selected expiration time (SRS-0013 and SRS-0016).

Parent subtree(s)	S0020	Descendant subtree(s)	C0032 , IR0120 , C0158 , C0161 , C0165 , C0189
Glossary Terms	Expiration_State		

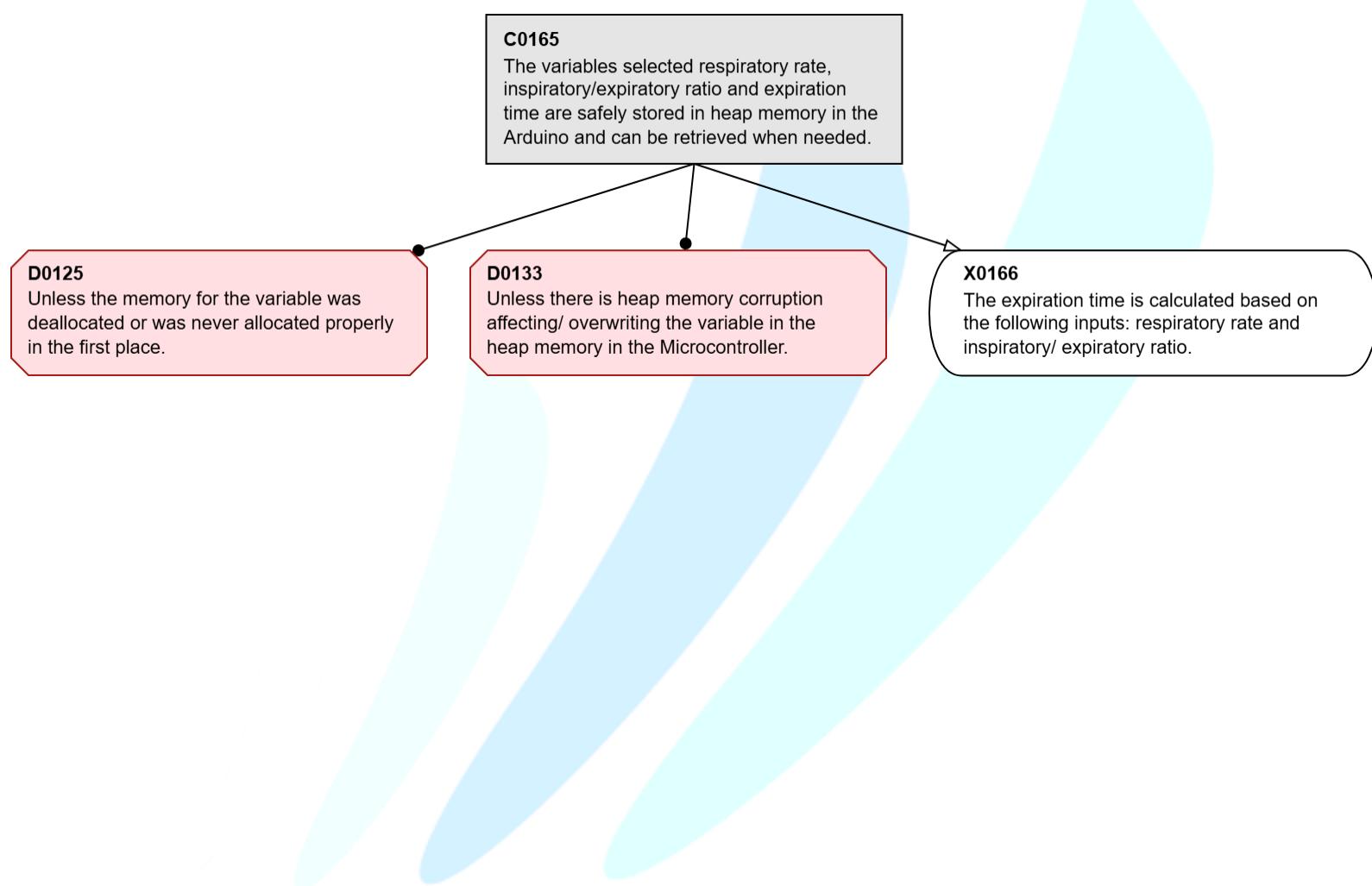


C0161 - The program tasks are completed on time.

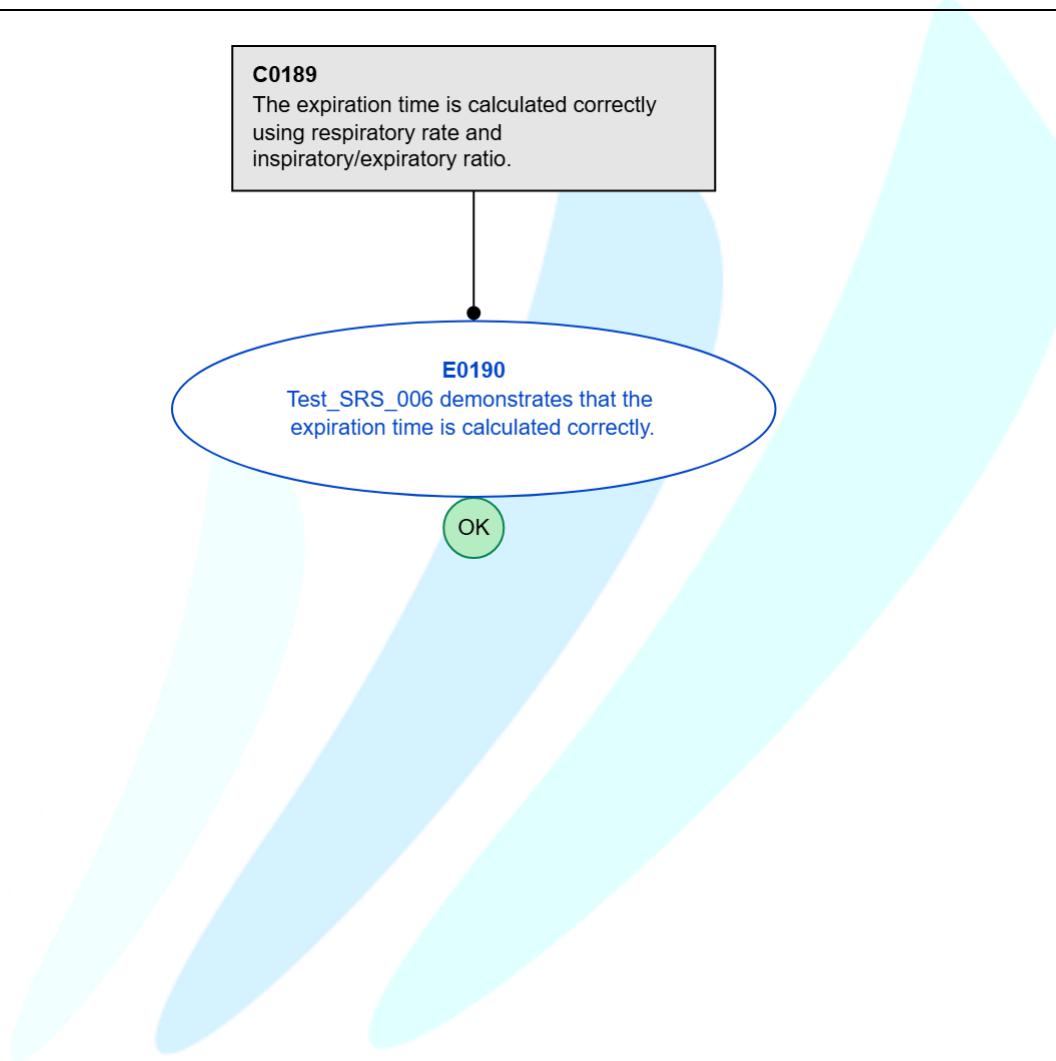
Parent subtree(s)	C0022	Descendant subtree(s)	C0276
Glossary Terms	Expiration_State , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



C0165 - The variables selected respiratory rate, inspiratory/expiratory ratio and expiration time are safely stored in heap memory in the Arduino an...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0022	Descendant subtree(s)	D0125, D0133
Glossary Terms	None		

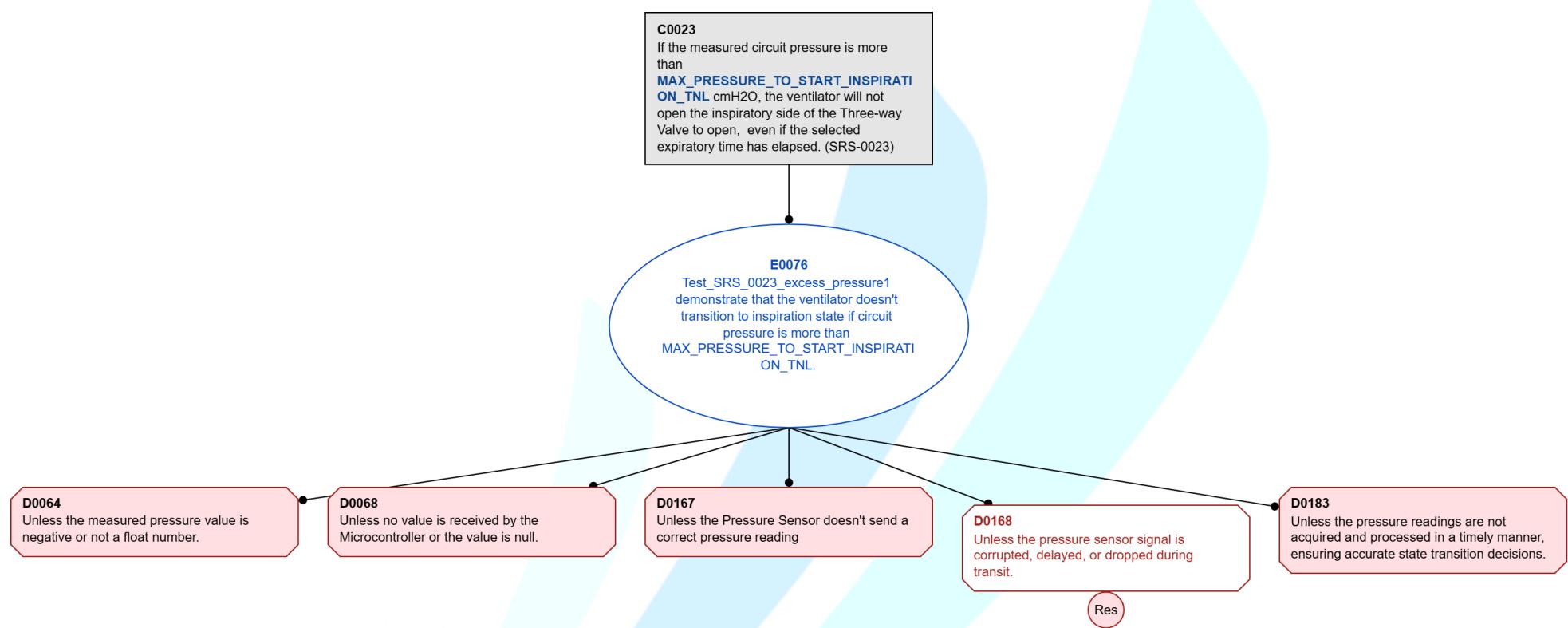


C0189 - The expiration time is calculated correctly using respiratory rate and inspiratory/expiratory ratio.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0022	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

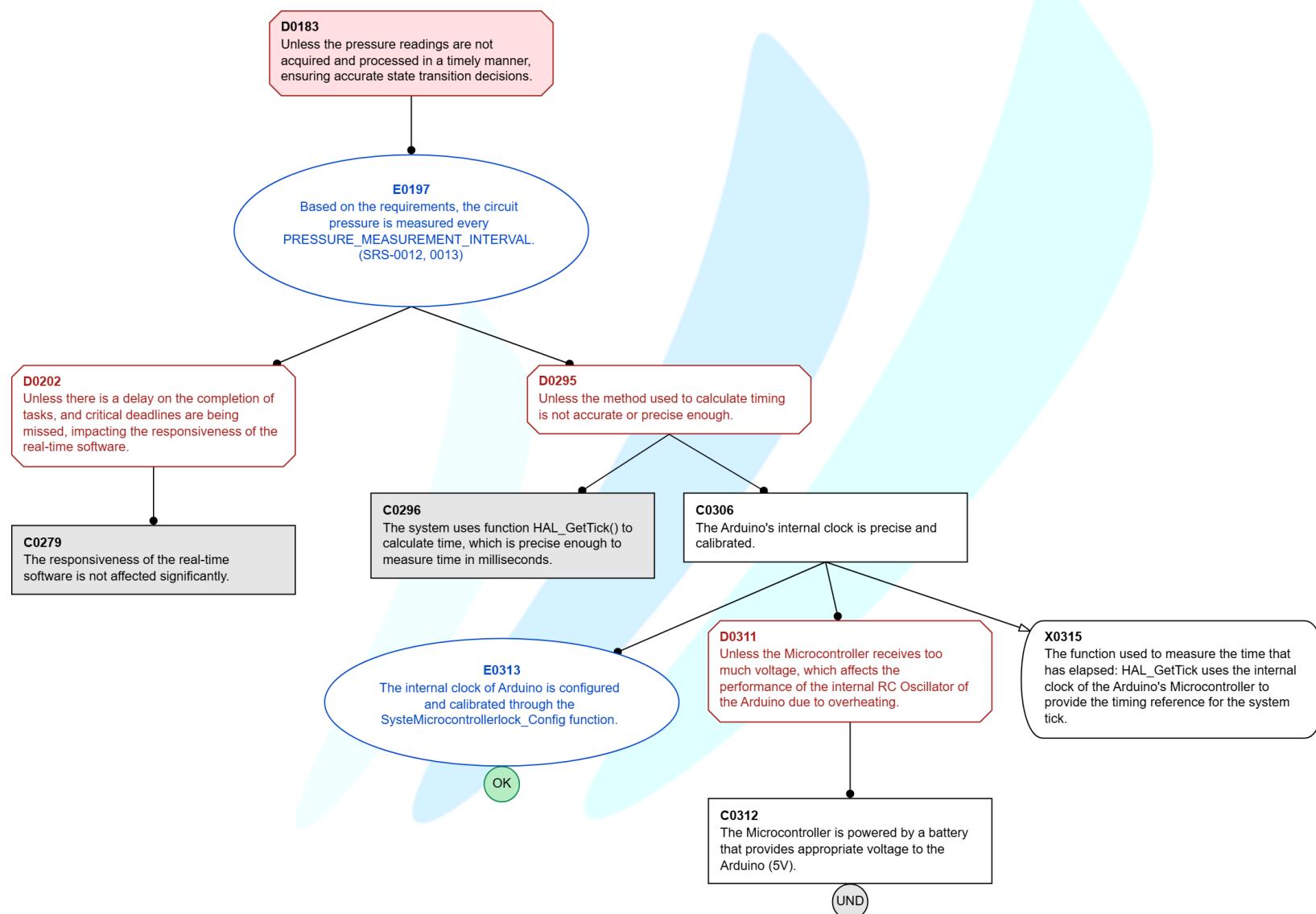


C0023 - If the measured circuit pressure is more than MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPIRATION_TNL cmH2O, the ventilator will not open the inspiratory side...

Parent subtree(s)	S0020	Descendant subtree(s)	D0064 , D0068 , D0167 , D0183
Glossary Terms	MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPIRATION_TNL		

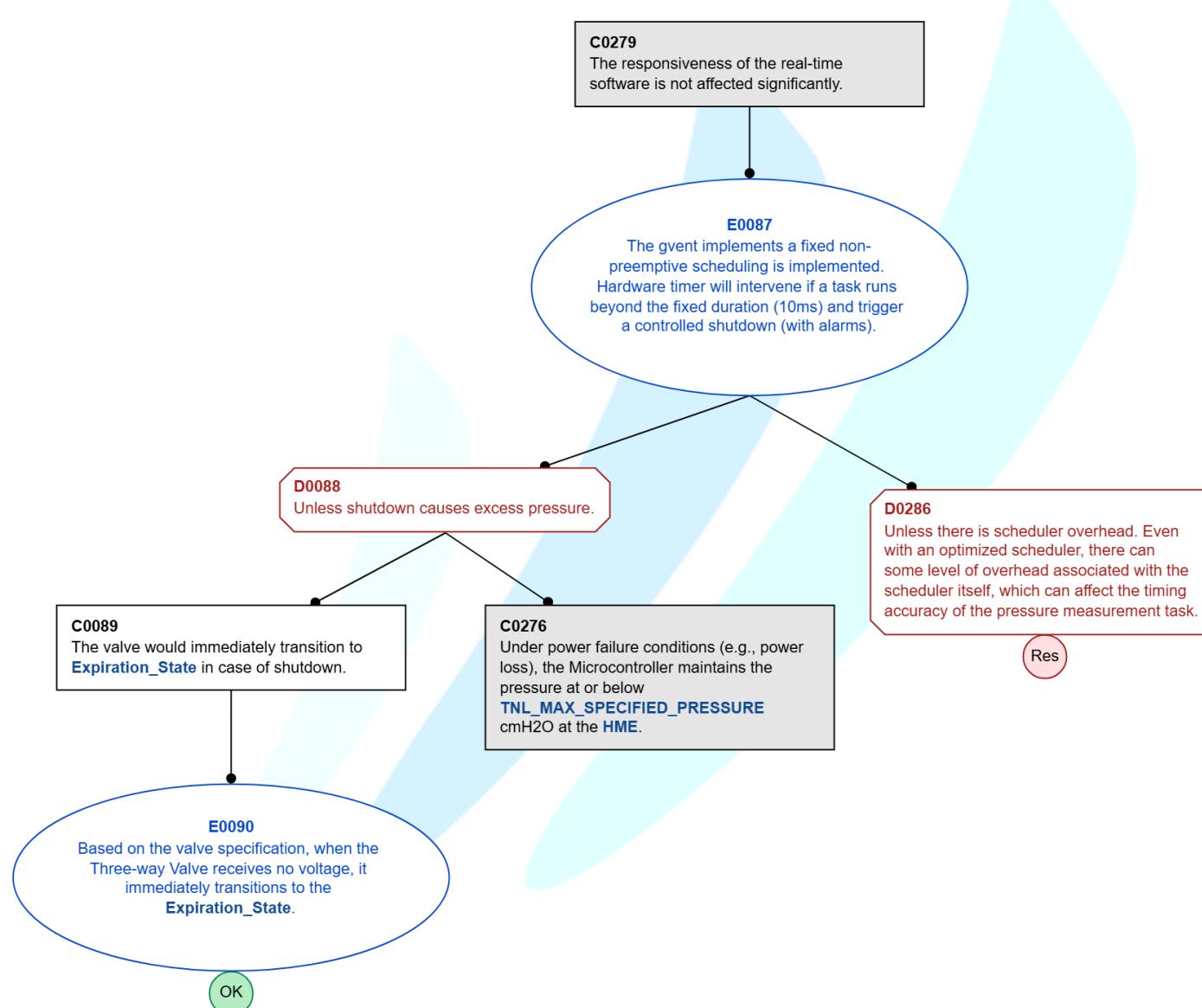


D0183 - Unless the pressure readings are not acquired and processed in a timely manner, ensuring accurate state transition decisions.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0023	Descendant subtree(s)	C0279, C0296
Glossary Terms	None		

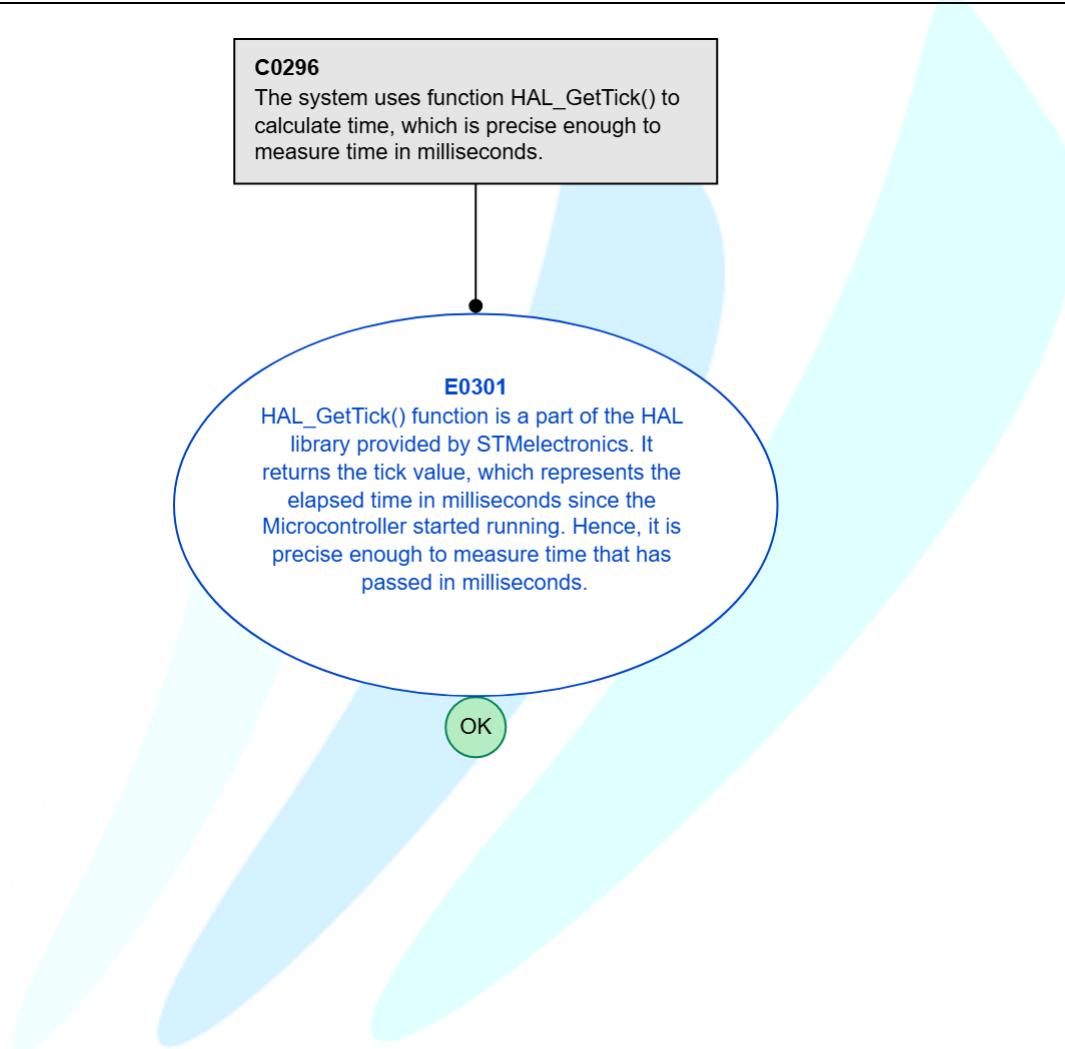


C0279 - The responsiveness of the real-time software is not affected significantly.

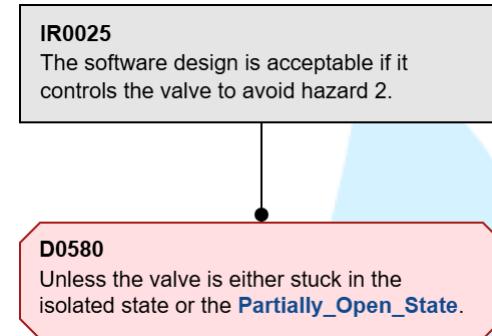
Parent subtree(s)	C0196	Descendant subtree(s)	C0276
Glossary Terms	Expiration_State , TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME		



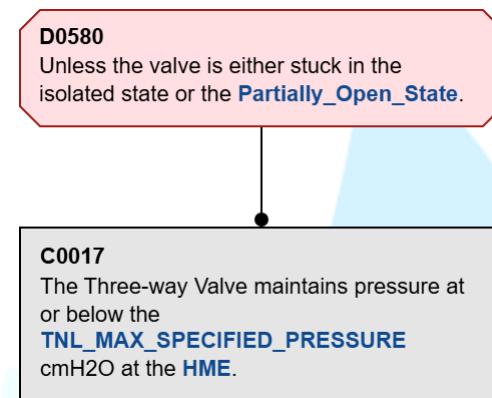
C0296 - The system uses function HAL_GetTick() to calculate time, which is precise enough to measure time in milliseconds.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0196 , C0466	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



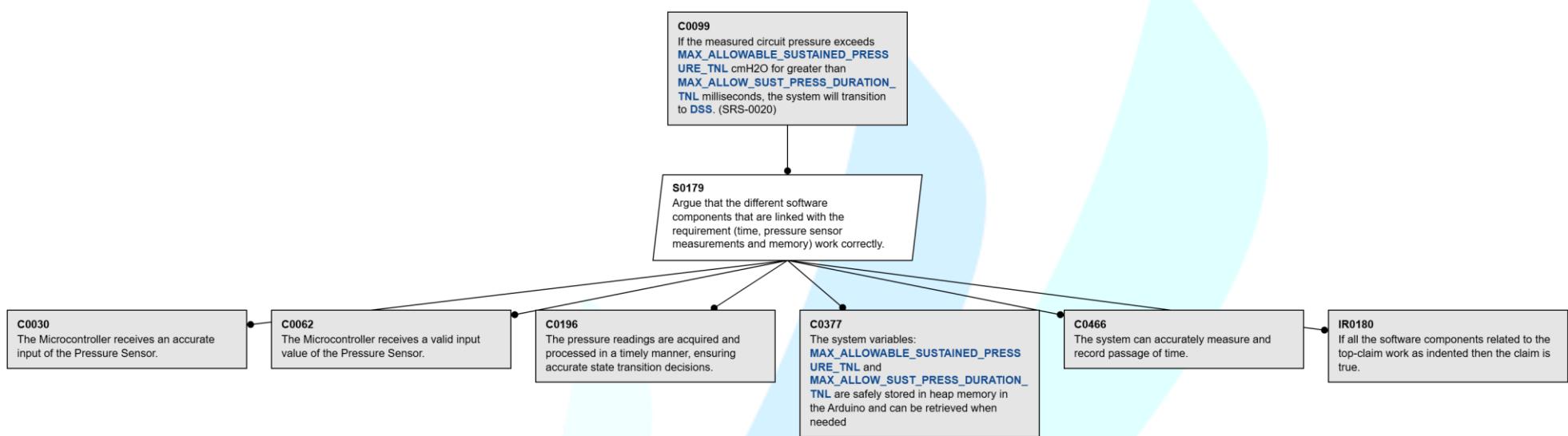
IR0025 - The software design is acceptable if it controls the valve to avoid hazard 2.			
Parent subtree(s)	S0020	Descendant subtree(s)	D0580
Glossary Terms	Partially_Open_State		



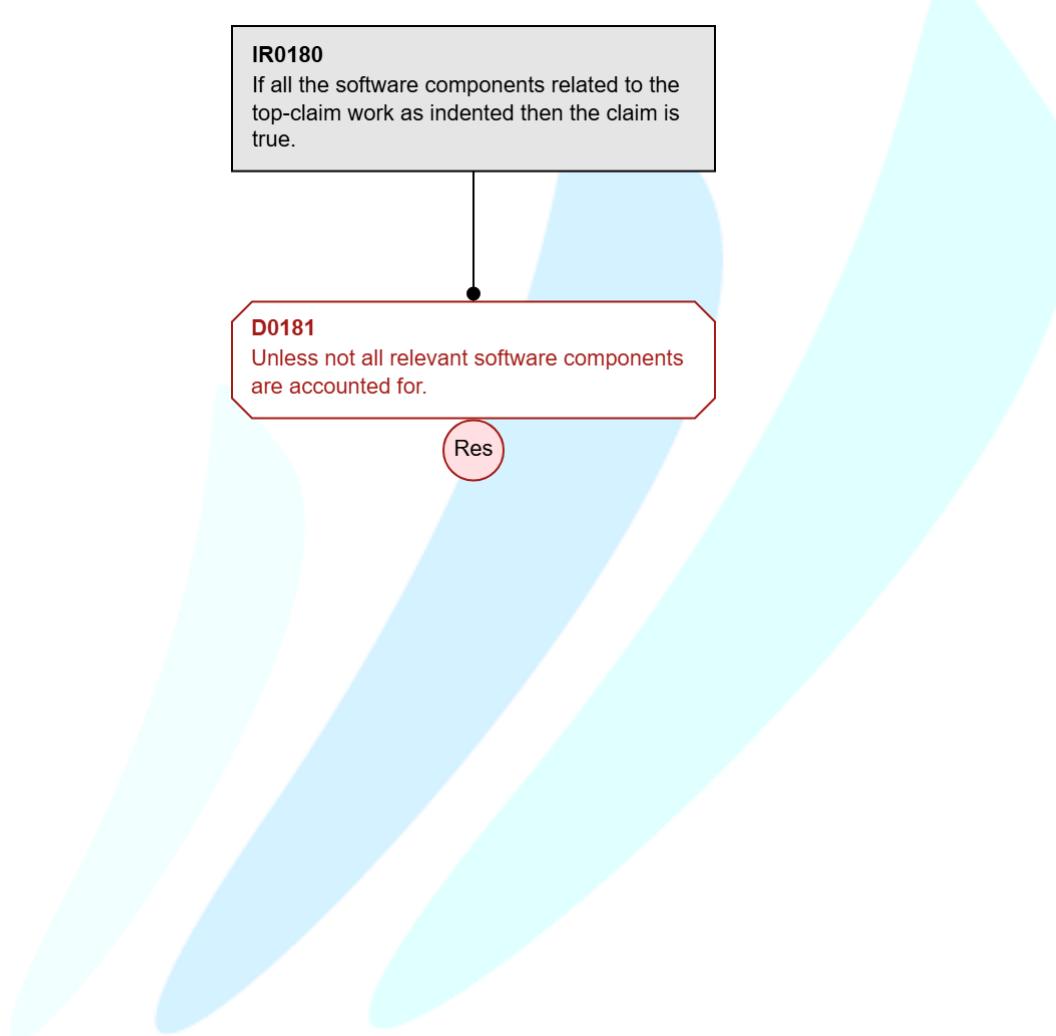
D0580 - Unless the valve is either stuck in the isolated state or the Partially_Open_State.			
Parent subtree(s)	IR0025	Descendant subtree(s)	C0017
Glossary Terms	TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE , HME , Partially_Open_State		



C0099 - If the measured circuit pressure exceeds MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL cmH2O for greater than MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL milliseconds, the system will transition to DSS. (SRS-020)			
Parent subtree(s)	S0020	Descendant subtree(s)	C0030 , C0062 , IR0180 , C0196 , C0377 , C0466
Glossary Terms	MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL , MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL , DSS		

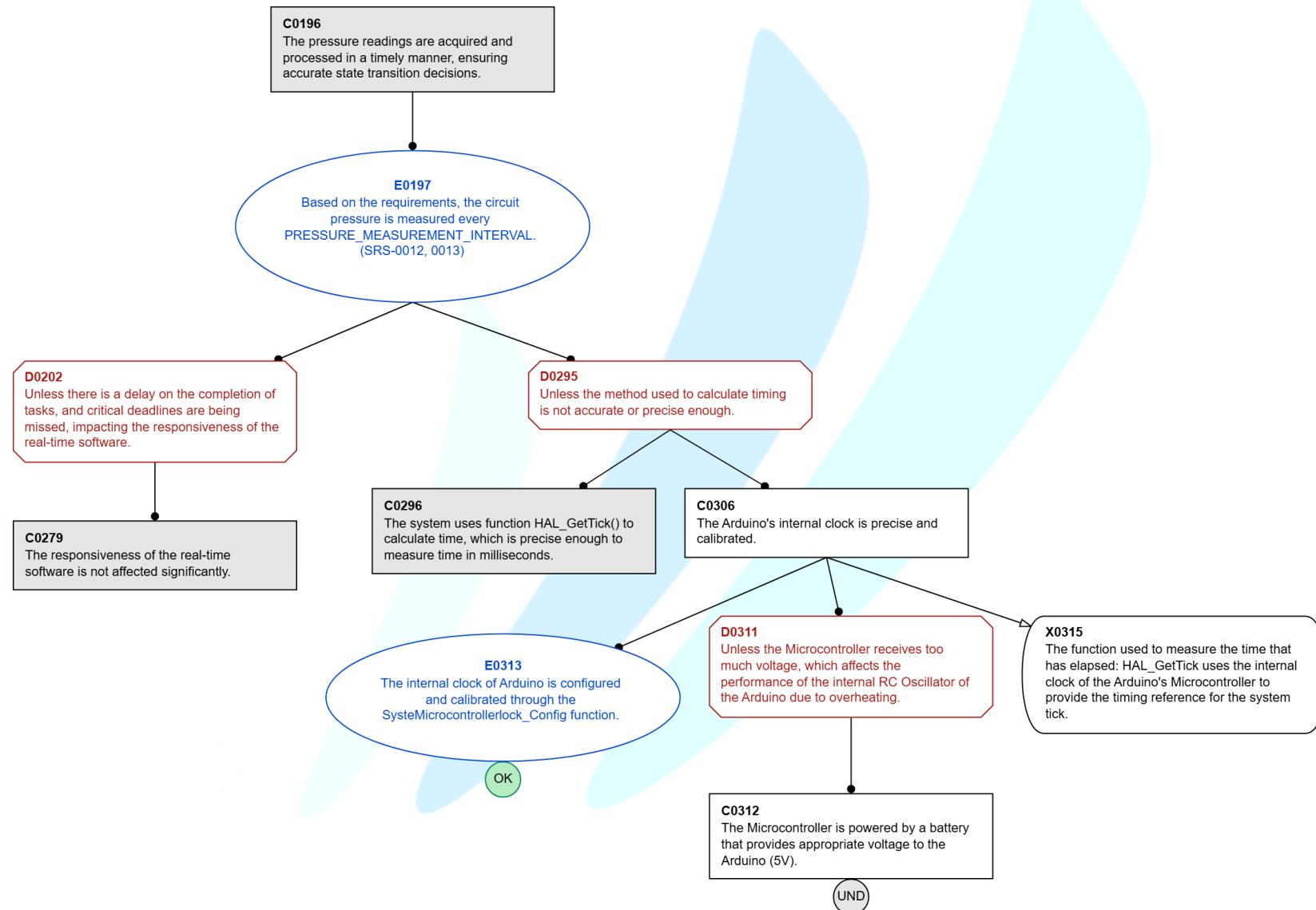


IR0180 - If all the software components related to the top-claim work as indented then the claim is true.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0099	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		

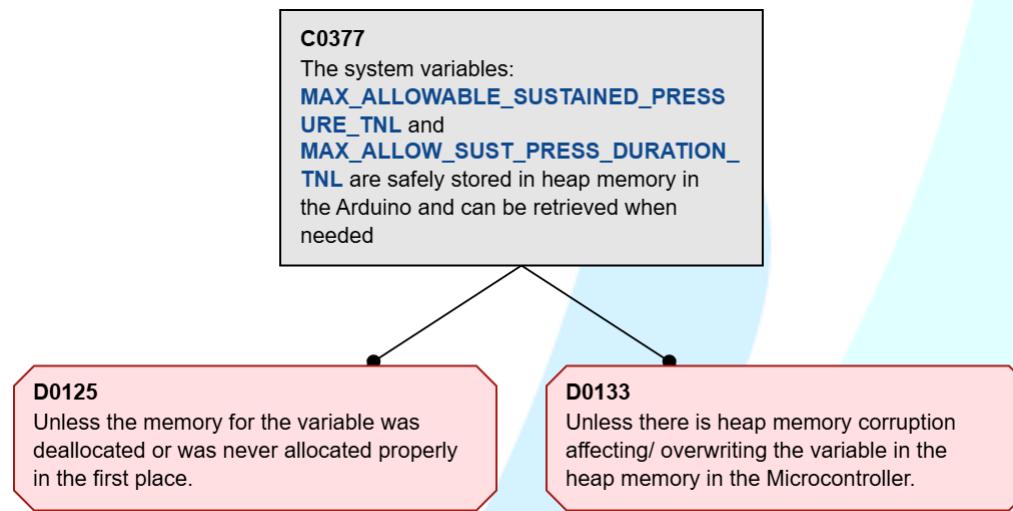


C0196 - The pressure readings are acquired and processed in a timely manner, ensuring accurate state transition decisions.

Parent subtree(s)	C0099	Descendant subtree(s)	C0279 , C0296
Glossary Terms	None		

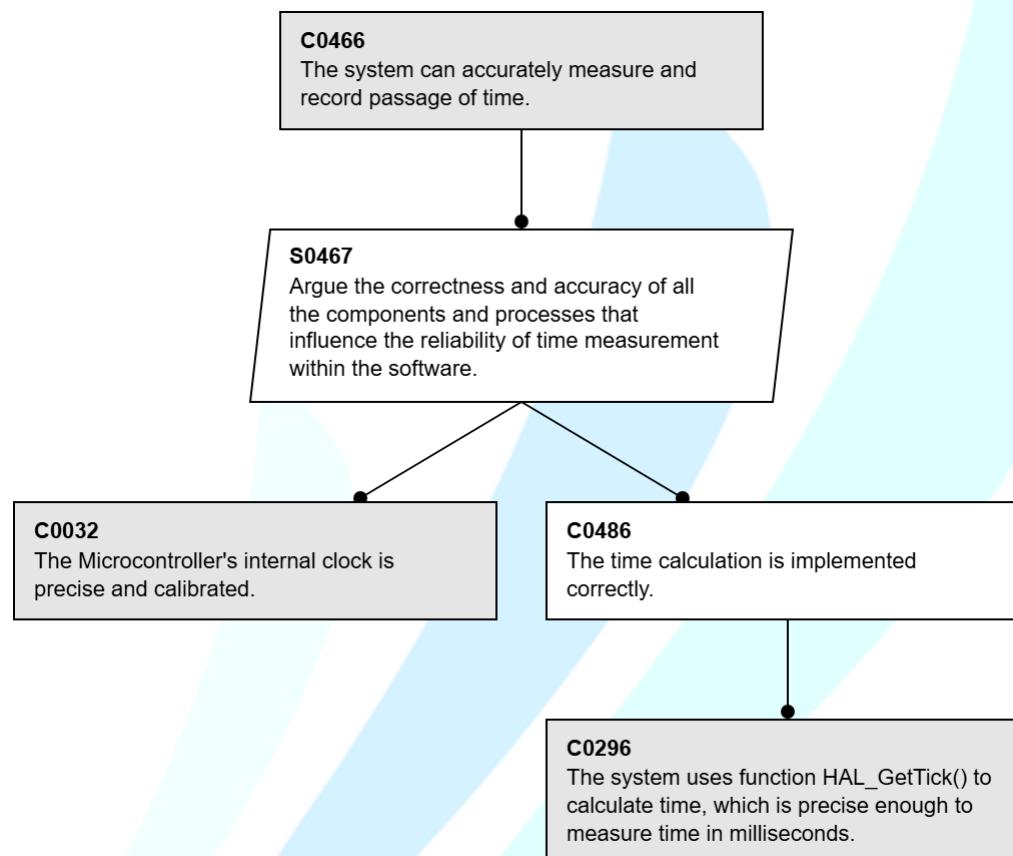


C0377 - The system variables: MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL and MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL are safely stored in heap memory in the Ard...			
Parent subtree(s)	C0099	Descendant subtree(s)	D0125, D0133
Glossary Terms	MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL , MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL		

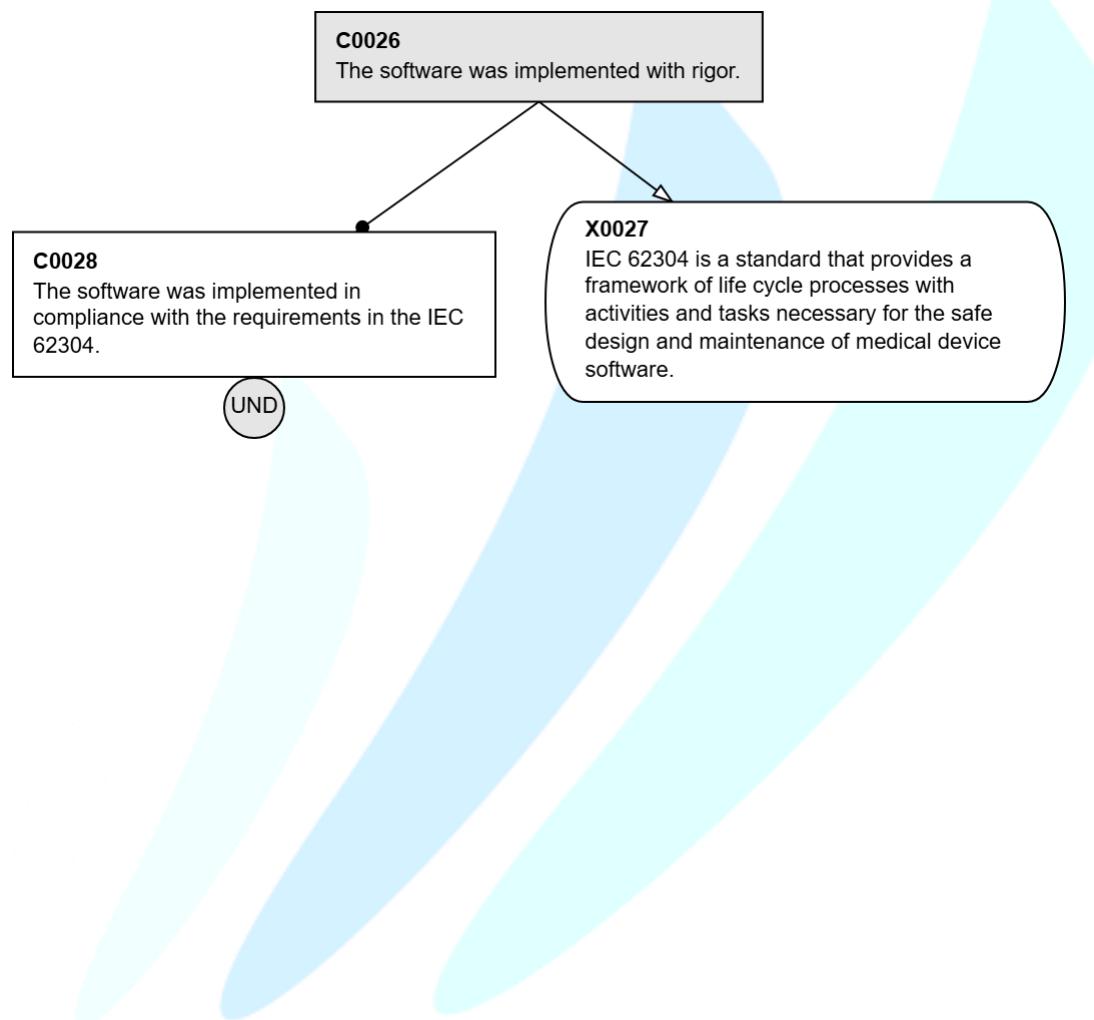


C0466 - The system can accurately measure and record passage of time.

Parent subtree(s)	C0099	Descendant subtree(s)	C0032 , C0296
Glossary Terms	None		



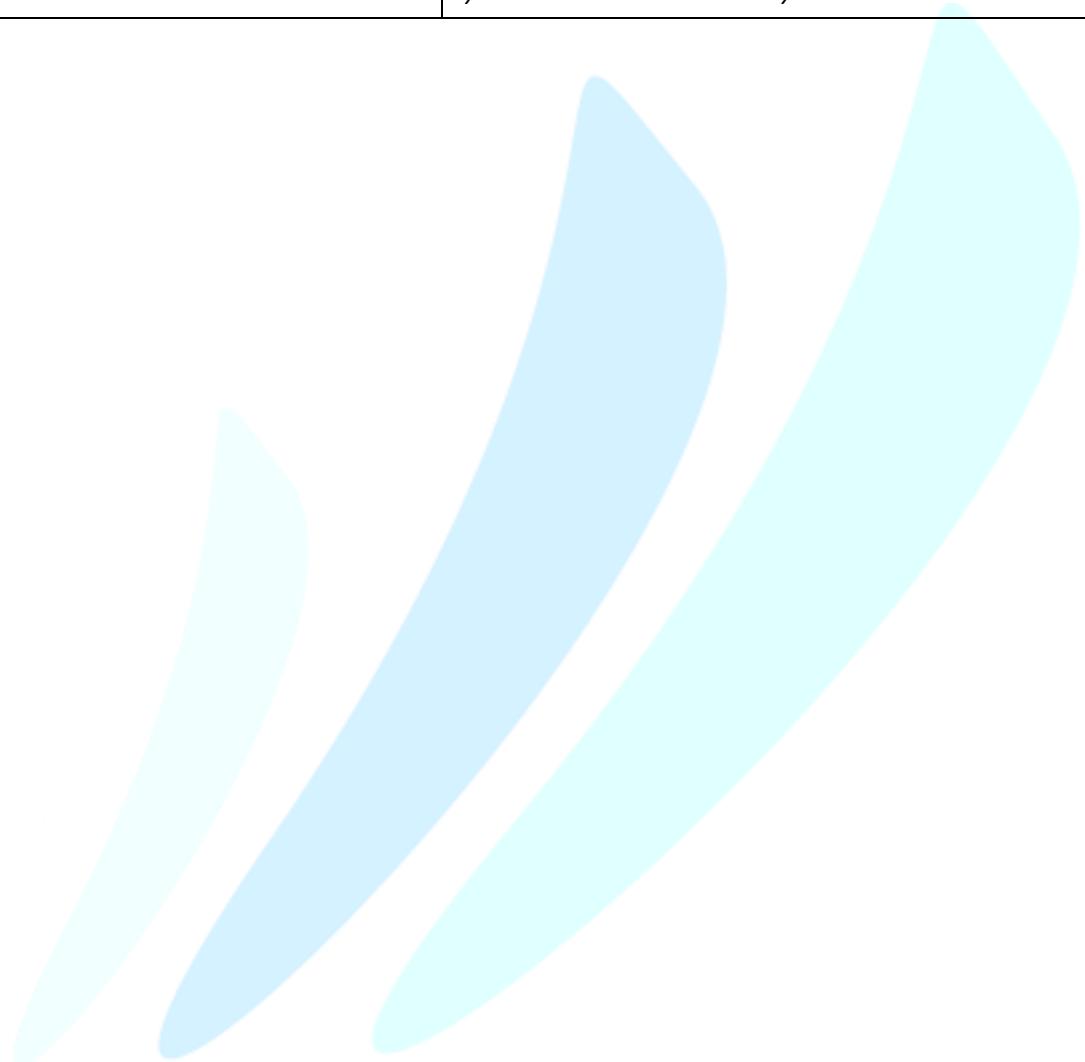
C0026 - The software was implemented with rigor.			
Parent subtree(s)	C0005	Descendant subtree(s)	None
Glossary Terms	None		



Glossary

Term	Definition
DSS	<i>Design Safety State - In this state the expiratory side of the Three way valve is open. The state persists until the system is power cycled.</i>
MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL	<i>The maximum pressure (cmH₂O) the patient's airways can withstand without being harmed irrespective of the duration of the over-pressure condition.</i>
TIME_TO_TRANSITION_TO_DSS_TNL	<i>The amount of time (ms) required for the ventilator to transition to Design Safety State.</i>
HME	<i>Heated Moisture Exchanger</i>
MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL	<i>the circuit pressure (cmH₂O) setpoint that if exceeded for MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_DURATION_TNL ms, would be considered unsafe by the operator.</i>
MAX_ALLOW_SUST_PRESS_DURATION_TNL	<i>MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_DURATION_TNL – the maximum time (ms) that the circuit pressure can be at or above TNL_MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_CSP cmH₂O before being considered unsafe by the operator.</i>
H-1	<i>H1 occurs when the pressure at the HME momentarily exceeds MAX_ALLOWABLE_MOMENTARY_PRESSURE_TNL cmH₂O for any period of time.</i>
H-2	<i>H2 occurs when the pressure at the HME exceeds MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_TNL cmH₂O for a period of time exceeding MAX_ALLOWABLE_SUSTAINED_PRESSURE_DURATION_TNL milliseconds.</i>
TNL_MAX_SPECIFIED_PRESSURE	<i>The current maximum pressure set-point that the operator (e.g., doctor) has set.</i>
MAX_PRESSURE_TO_START_INSPIRATION_TNL	<i>The maximum pressure (cmH₂O) in the circuit so that the inspiratory side of the Three-way valve may be opened.</i>
Inspiration_State	<i>When (air can move between the Gravity Chamber and the HME) and (air cannot move between the HME and the PEEP valve).</i>
Expiration_State	<i>When (air can move between the PEEP valve and the HME) and (air cannot move between the Gravity Chamber and the PEEP valve)</i>
PEEP	<i>Positive End Expiratory Pressure</i>
TNL_MAX_PEEP_PRESSURE	<i>The set-point selected by the operator for the Positive End Expiratory Pressure. This is the pressure in cmH₂O that the patient's lungs will dissipate to during the Inspiration_State</i>
V&V	<i>Verification and Validation</i>

Partially_Open_State	<i>The “partially open state” occurs when the Three-way Valve is not in fully Inspiration_State or Expiration_State.</i>
Isolated_State	<i>The “isolated state” occurs when air cannot flow into nor out of the HME. This occurs when either: a) the HME port of the 3-way valve is blocked or b) both the inspiratory and expiratory ports of the 3-way valve are blocked.</i>
RMVS	<i>Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator Systems</i>
FMEA	<i>Failure Mode and Effects Analysis</i>
STPA	<i>System-Theoretic Process Analysis</i>



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