Feature to Evaluation Framework

A visible feature starts an inquiry; it does not end one

OBJECT OR CLAIM

One visible feature

Examples include a mark, seam, pit, polish or substantial feel.

AVAILABLE EVIDENCE

Name what is actually present

Separate observation from cause and consequence.

POSSIBLE EVALUATION

Ask a narrow question

The feature may identify a material, surface or construction issue to examine.

ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATION

Multiple causes remain

Manufacture, finishing, wear, repair or design may produce similar appearance.

LIMITATION

No complete verdict

Appearance alone may not reveal hidden extent or future performance.

RESPONSIBLE NEXT STEP

Clarify or inspect

Request better views, compare disclosures or seek scoped assessment.

Public references: [18,20,21]

Limitation: Feature-to-verdict shortcuts erase counterevidence and intended-use context.