SOC 2 TYPE 1 vs TYPE 2:

Which Report Does Your Customer Actually Want?

SOC 2

TYPE 1

Control Design



- Evaluates control design
- Assessed at a specific date
- Demonstrates control readiness

SOC 2

TYPE 2

Operating Effectiveness



- Evaluates design and operating effectiveness
- Assessed over a defined period
- Demonstrates consistent control operation

KEY DIFFERENCES

	TYPE 1	TYPE 2
Assessment	Point-in-time	Over a defined period
Focus	Control design	Design + operating effectiveness
Evidence	Control documentation	Documentation and testing
Customer Assurance	Initial assurance	Sustained assurance

WHICH SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

TYPE 1
Initial assurance, if accepted by the customer.

TYPE 2
Required for enterprise procurement and when customers need evidence of controls operating effectively over time.

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