
Test your own agent — fixed asset tie-out

What this is

The same test logged at month-end-close.com/agent-cold-tests/: one fixed-asset subledger-to-GL tie-out, for a fictional client, using a workbook with its own instructions built in. Hand the whole folder to your own agent, unedited, and see what it does with it. This is the exact packet we ran — nothing held back or simplified.

What's in the folder

- **The workbook** — the first tab, **Skill**, is the full set of instructions.
- **The fixed-asset register and trial balance exports** — the client's data, as exported.
- **ENGAGEMENT_NOTE.pdf** — what the client asked for and what the controller said.

How to run it

- 1 Give your agent the whole folder, plus the engagement note. Don't add instructions beyond what's already in the Skill tab and the engagement note — that's the point of the test.
- 2 Let it work the tie-out the way the Skill tab describes.
- 3 Stop when the Review tab shows a computed disposition, or when it's stuck and can't reasonably get further.

Rules (the ones we followed)

- **Don't let it change formulas**, or add, delete or rearrange tabs or columns. Only the cream-colored cells should get typed into.
- **Don't tell it this is a test**, beyond what the engagement note itself says.
- **Don't hand it the reference answer**. That lives in the separate grading file below, and it's for you to use after the run — never feed it to the agent before or during.

Grading it yourself

Open **GRADING_SHEET.xlsx** once your agent finishes. Column C already holds the reference answer for every checkable item — gate status, control totals, which GL accounts tie, the size and disposition of each break. Read the results off your agent's completed workbook and type them into column D; the sheet computes MATCH or MISS itself, no macros, no add-ins.

Section B is judgment only you can make — did it name a real cause, or invent a plausible one. Section C is the test that actually matters: your own review minutes, and whether you'd sign this workpaper as delivered.

What this isn't

Not a benchmark, and not a claim about what your agent will do generally — one synthetic task, graded the same formula-driven way ours was. See month-end-close.com/agent-cold-tests/ for what we found running it ourselves, and for what one run like this does and doesn't prove.