

MEASUREMENT GATE · COMPANION TO EgD-BOOT-001

Burn Ledger

What the credits cost, where they concentrate, and what they bought. Measured, not asserted.

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A contract that is not measured is a preference. This is the instrument that makes EgD-BOOT-001 enforceable.

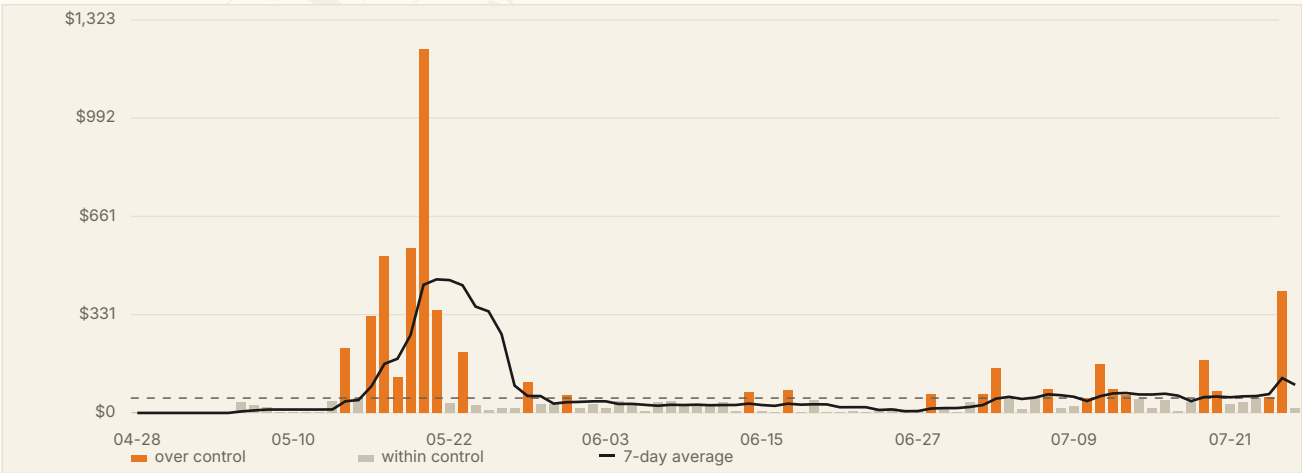
The bill

Org-scope credit consumption. One credit is one US cent, so these are real dollars, not abstract units.

LAST 90 DAYS \$6,446 644,620 credits	LAST 30 DAYS \$1,893 189,252 credits	LAST 7 DAYS \$662 66,173 credits
BURN RATE NOW \$95/day up 50% against the 30-day average of \$63/day	PAID SHARE 60% paid \$3,882 paid · \$2,561 promotional, 90 days	

Daily burn against the declared control

The control is 5,000 credits (\$50) per day. It is not a hard stop; it is the line that makes a breach visible instead of invisible. 24 of 90 days in the window ran above it.



Bars are single days. The solid line is the seven-day moving average. The dashed rule is the declared control.

Concentration — the drift signal

Waste does not arrive evenly. It arrives in flow states, when the operator is producing and nobody is reading the meter. These ratios are the fingerprint of spend that tracked attention rather than need.

TOP TEN DAYS 64.4% of the 90-day spend, in ten days	HEAVIEST DAY \$1,225 2026-05-20 — 35.5× the median active day	MEDIAN ACTIVE DAY \$34 78 of 90 days had any activity	DAYS OVER CONTROL 24 control \$50/day
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Where the credits go

Model choice is the single largest lever on the bill. A heavyweight model left running on lookup work is the most common form of silent burn — which is precisely what rung one of the contract exists to prevent.

MODEL	90 DAYS	SHARE	30 DAYS
Claude Opus 4.7	\$3,041	47.2%	\$789
Claude Opus 4.8	\$510	7.9%	\$478
claude-opus-5-0	\$308	4.8%	\$308
GPT-5.2	\$221	3.4%	\$62
Claude Sonnet 5	\$187	2.9%	\$187
Claude Sonnet 4.6	\$146	2.3%	\$62
GPT-5.4 mini	\$9.24	0.1%	\$1.98
Gemini 3 Flash	\$4.09	0.1%	\$3.64
GPT-5.4 nano	\$0.53	0.0%	\$0.30

What it bought

Spend is only half a ledger. Yield is the other half, and spend without yield is the only definition of waste that survives an argument.

COST PER ARTIFACT \$105 18 artifacts for \$1,893, 30 days	CANON FORMAT COMPLIANCE 22.2% 4 PDF against 10 markdown; canon default is PDF
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Findings

Concentration is the finding, not the total. 64.4% of ninety days of spend landed in ten days, and the heaviest single day ran 35.5× the median active day at \$1,225. A steady operator working at a steady rate does not produce that curve. It is the signature of processing that expanded to fill available attention.

Cost per artifact is the number to drive down. \$1,893 over thirty days produced 18 recorded artifacts, or \$105 each. Whatever else that bought — reasoning, retrieval, iteration — it can only fall if the cheap rungs are exhausted first.

Format drift and spend drift are the same failure. 4 of 18 artifacts were PDFs against 10 markdown files, where the canon default is PDF. Both failures come from the same place: an agent operating on its own defaults rather than the operator's canon.

Heavyweight models carry the bill. Claude Opus 4.7 alone accounts for \$3,041 of the ninety-day total. Correct for hard reasoning, wasteful for lookups. The ladder exists so that lookups never reach that far.

Duty of the agent

Before any rung-six action — broad search, subagents, batch browsing, generation — state the current burn rate and whether the day is already over control. That one line is the whole gate. It costs nothing, it is a rung-two fact, and it converts an invisible charge into a decision the operator is able to make.

Free and cheap actions are never to be confirmed. Expensive actions are always to be confirmed. That asymmetry is the entire design.

Provenance

FIELD	VALUE
Document	EgD-B00T-002 — Burn Ledger, companion to EgD-B00T-001
Live surface	eveglyphdesign.github.io/eve-glyph-boot-contract/dashboard/
Data and generator	docs/dashboard/data.json · scripts/refresh_ledger.py
Data source	pplx analytics computer usage / leaderboard, org scope. 1 credit = 1 US cent
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