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as_contract_block	<i>Convert a Validator to a Multi-Line Block</i>
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### Description

Produces a multi-line text summary suitable for roxygen @details documentation. Each step appears on its own line as a bullet point.

### Usage

```
as_contract_block(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a restriction object.

**Value**

A character(1) string with one step per line.

**See Also**

Other core: [as\\_contract\\_text\(\)](#), [fail\(\)](#), [require\\_custom\(\)](#), [restrict\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
v <- restrict("x") |> require_numeric(no_na = TRUE) |> require_length(1L)
as_contract_block(v)
```

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as_contract_text	<i>Convert a Validator to Plain Text</i>
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**Description**

Produces a single-line text summary suitable for roxygen @param documentation. Use with inline R code in roxygen: ``r as_contract_text(validator)``.

**Usage**

```
as_contract_text(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a restriction object.

**Value**

A character(1) string describing the validation contract.

**See Also**

Other core: [as\\_contract\\_block\(\)](#), [fail\(\)](#), [require\\_custom\(\)](#), [restrict\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
v <- restrict("x") |> require_numeric(no_na = TRUE) |> require_length(1L)
as_contract_text(v)
```

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**fail***Format a Validation Error*

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### Description

Produces a consistently formatted error message and stops execution. Intended for use inside custom validation steps created with `require_custom()`, so they produce the same structured errors as built-in steps.

### Usage

```
fail(path, message, found = NULL, at = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>path</code>	the full path (e.g. "x" or "newdata\$x2").
<code>message</code>	the specific failure message.
<code>found</code>	optional value to show on a Found: line.
<code>at</code>	optional integer positions to show on an At: line.

### Details

Format: path: message, with optional Found: and At: lines.

### See Also

Other core: `as_contract_block()`, `as_contract_text()`, `require_custom()`, `restrict()`

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
fail("x", "must be positive", found = -3, at = 2L)  
# Error: x: must be positive  
#   Found: -3  
#   At: 2  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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require_between	<i>Require Value in Range</i>
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**Description**

Validates that all elements of a numeric value fall within a specified range.

**Usage**

```
require_between(  
  restriction,  
  lower = -Inf,  
  upper = Inf,  
  exclusive_lower = FALSE,  
  exclusive_upper = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
lower	numeric(1) lower bound (default -Inf).
upper	numeric(1) upper bound (default Inf).
exclusive_lower	logical; if TRUE, lower bound is exclusive.
exclusive_upper	logical; if TRUE, upper bound is exclusive.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other value checks: [require\\_negative\(\)](#), [require\\_one\\_of\(\)](#), [require\\_positive\(\)](#), [require\\_unique\(\)](#)

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require_character	<i>Require Character Type</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value is character. Optionally checks for NA values.

**Usage**

```
require_character(restriction, no_na = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

restriction     a restriction object.  
no\_na            logical; if TRUE, rejects NA values.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other type checks: [require\\_df\(\)](#), [require\\_integer\(\)](#), [require\\_logical\(\)](#), [require\\_numeric\(\)](#)

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require\_col\_between     *Require Column Values in Range*

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**Description**

Validates that all values in a column fall within a specified range.

**Usage**

```
require_col_between(
  restriction,
  col,
  lower = -Inf,
  upper = Inf,
  exclusive_lower = FALSE,
  exclusive_upper = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

restriction     a restriction object.  
col              character(1) column name.  
lower            numeric(1) lower bound (default -Inf).  
upper            numeric(1) upper bound (default Inf).  
exclusive\_lower     logical; if TRUE, lower bound is exclusive.  
exclusive\_upper     logical; if TRUE, upper bound is exclusive.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other column checks: [require\\_col\\_character\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_numeric\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_one\\_of\(\)](#)

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require\_col\_character *Require Character Column*

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**Description**

Validates that a specific column in a data.frame is character. Produces path-aware error messages.

**Usage**

```
require_col_character(restriction, col, no_na = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

restriction     a restriction object.  
col             character(1) column name.  
no\_na           logical; if TRUE, rejects NA values in the column.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other column checks: [require\\_col\\_between\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_numeric\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_one\\_of\(\)](#)

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require\_col\_numeric *Require Numeric Column*

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**Description**

Validates that a specific column in a data.frame is numeric. Produces path-aware error messages (e.g. newdata\$x2: must be numeric).

**Usage**

```
require_col_numeric(restriction, col, no_na = FALSE, finite = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

restriction     a restriction object.  
col             character(1) column name.  
no\_na           logical; if TRUE, rejects NA values in the column.  
finite          logical; if TRUE, rejects non-finite values in the column.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other column checks: [require\\_col\\_between\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_character\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_one\\_of\(\)](#)

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`require_col_one_of`      *Require Column Values from a Set*

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**Description**

Validates that all values in a column are among the allowed values.

**Usage**

```
require_col_one_of(restriction, col, values)
```

**Arguments**

<code>restriction</code>	a restriction object.
<code>col</code>	character(1) column name.
<code>values</code>	vector of allowed values.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other column checks: [require\\_col\\_between\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_character\(\)](#), [require\\_col\\_numeric\(\)](#)

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`require_custom`      *Create a Custom Validation Step*

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**Description**

Allows advanced users to define their own validation step without growing the package's built-in API surface. The step function receives (value, name, ctx) and should call `fail()` on validation failure.

**Usage**

```
require_custom(restriction, label, fn, deps = character(0L))
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
label	character(1) human-readable description for printing.
fn	a function with signature <code>function(value, name, ctx)</code> that calls <code>fail()</code> on validation failure.
deps	character vector of context names this step requires (default: none).

**Value**

A new restriction object with the custom step appended.

**See Also**

Other core: `as_contract_block()`, `as_contract_text()`, `fail()`, `restrict()`

**Examples**

```
# Custom step: require all values to be unique
require_unique_id <- restrict("id") |>
  require_custom(
    label = "must contain unique values",
    fn = function(value, name, ctx) {
      dupes <- which(duplicated(value))
      if (length(dupes) > 0L) {
        fail(name, "contains duplicates", at = dupes)
      }
    }
  )
```

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 require\_df

*Require a Data Frame*


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**Description**

Validates that the value is a data.frame.

**Usage**

```
require_df(restriction)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
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**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other type checks: [require\\_character\(\)](#), [require\\_integer\(\)](#), [require\\_logical\(\)](#), [require\\_numeric\(\)](#)

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`require_finite`      *Require Finite Values*

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**Description**

Validates that a numeric value contains no Inf, -Inf, or NaN values. Does not check for NA (use [require\\_no\\_na\(\)](#) for that).

**Usage**

```
require_finite(restriction)
```

**Arguments**

`restriction`      a restriction object.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other missingness checks: [require\\_no\\_na\(\)](#), [require\\_not\\_null\(\)](#)

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`require_has_cols`      *Require Specific Columns*

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**Description**

Validates that a data.frame contains all specified columns.

**Usage**

```
require_has_cols(restriction, cols)
```

**Arguments**

`restriction`      a restriction object.  
`cols`              character vector of required column names.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require_integer	<i>Require Integer Values</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value contains whole numbers. By default accepts both integer and numeric types as long as all values are whole ( $x == \text{floor}(x)$ ). Set `strict = TRUE` to require the R integer type.

**Usage**

```
require_integer(restriction, no_na = FALSE, strict = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
no_na	logical; if TRUE, rejects NA values.
strict	logical; if TRUE, requires R integer type. If FALSE (default), accepts any numeric value that is a whole number.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other type checks: [require\\_character\(\)](#), [require\\_df\(\)](#), [require\\_logical\(\)](#), [require\\_numeric\(\)](#)

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require_length	<i>Require Specific Length</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value has exact length `n`.

**Usage**

```
require_length(restriction, n)
```

**Arguments**

restriction    a restriction object.  
 n              integer(1) required length.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require\_length\_matches

*Require Length Matching an Expression*

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**Description**

Validates that `length(value)` equals the result of evaluating a formula. The formula is evaluated using only explicitly passed context arguments, plus `.value` (the validated value) and `.name` (the restriction name).

**Usage**

```
require_length_matches(restriction, formula)
```

**Arguments**

restriction    a restriction object.  
 formula       a one-sided formula (e.g. `~ nrow(newdata)`).

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require_length_max	<i>Require Maximum Length</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value has at most length n.

**Usage**

```
require_length_max(restriction, n)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
n	integer(1) maximum length.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require_length_min	<i>Require Minimum Length</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value has at least length n.

**Usage**

```
require_length_min(restriction, n)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
n	integer(1) minimum length.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require_logical	<i>Require Logical Type</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value is logical. Optionally checks for NA values.

**Usage**

```
require_logical(restriction, no_na = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
no_na	logical; if TRUE, rejects NA values.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other type checks: [require\\_character\(\)](#), [require\\_df\(\)](#), [require\\_integer\(\)](#), [require\\_numeric\(\)](#)

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require_named	<i>Require Named Value</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value has names. Useful for named vectors and lists.

**Usage**

```
require_named(restriction)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
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**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require_negative	<i>Require Negative Values</i>
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**Description**

Validates that all elements are negative. By default uses  $\leq 0$  (non-positive); set `strict = TRUE` for  $< 0$ .

**Usage**

```
require_negative(restriction, strict = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`restriction` a restriction object.  
`strict` logical; if TRUE, requires  $< 0$ . If FALSE (default), requires  $\leq 0$ .

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other value checks: [require\\_between\(\)](#), [require\\_one\\_of\(\)](#), [require\\_positive\(\)](#), [require\\_unique\(\)](#)

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require_no_na	<i>Require No NA Values</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value contains no NA values. Works on any atomic type.

**Usage**

```
require_no_na(restriction)
```

**Arguments**

restriction    a restriction object.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other missingness checks: [require\\_finite\(\)](#), [require\\_not\\_null\(\)](#)

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require_not_null	<i>Require Non-NULL Value</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value is not NULL. Place this step first in the pipeline when NULL is a possible input.

**Usage**

```
require_not_null(restriction)
```

**Arguments**

restriction    a restriction object.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other missingness checks: [require\\_finite\(\)](#), [require\\_no\\_na\(\)](#)

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require\_nrow\_matches *Require Row Count Matching an Expression*

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**Description**

Validates that `nrow(value)` equals the result of evaluating a formula. The formula is evaluated using only explicitly passed context arguments, plus `.value` (the validated value) and `.name` (the restriction name).

**Usage**

```
require_nrow_matches(restriction, formula)
```

**Arguments**

`restriction` a restriction object.  
`formula` a one-sided formula (e.g. `~ nrow(reference)`).

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require\_nrow\_min *Require Minimum Number of Rows*

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**Description**

Validates that a `data.frame` has at least `n` rows.

**Usage**

```
require_nrow_min(restriction, n)
```

**Arguments**

`restriction` a restriction object.  
`n` `integer(1)` minimum row count.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_scalar\(\)](#)

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require_numeric	<i>Require Numeric Type</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value is numeric. Optionally checks for NA and non-finite values.

**Usage**

```
require_numeric(restriction, no_na = FALSE, finite = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
no_na	logical; if TRUE, rejects NA values.
finite	logical; if TRUE, rejects Inf/-Inf/NaN.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other type checks: [require\\_character\(\)](#), [require\\_df\(\)](#), [require\\_integer\(\)](#), [require\\_logical\(\)](#)

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require_one_of	<i>Require Value from a Set</i>
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**Description**

Validates that all elements of the value are among the allowed values.

**Usage**

```
require_one_of(restriction, values)
```

**Arguments**

restriction	a restriction object.
values	vector of allowed values.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other value checks: [require\\_between\(\)](#), [require\\_negative\(\)](#), [require\\_positive\(\)](#), [require\\_unique\(\)](#)

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require_positive	<i>Require Positive Values</i>
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**Description**

Validates that all elements are positive. By default uses  $\geq 0$  (non-negative); set `strict = TRUE` for  $> 0$ .

**Usage**

```
require_positive(restriction, strict = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`restriction` a restriction object.  
`strict` logical; if TRUE, requires  $> 0$ . If FALSE (default), requires  $\geq 0$ .

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other value checks: [require\\_between\(\)](#), [require\\_negative\(\)](#), [require\\_one\\_of\(\)](#), [require\\_unique\(\)](#)

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require_scalar	<i>Require Scalar Value</i>
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**Description**

Validates that the value has length 1. Rejects NULL, zero-length vectors, and vectors with more than one element.

**Usage**

```
require_scalar(restriction)
```

**Arguments**

restriction     a restriction object.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other structure checks: [require\\_has\\_cols\(\)](#), [require\\_length\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_max\(\)](#), [require\\_length\\_min\(\)](#), [require\\_named\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_matches\(\)](#), [require\\_nrow\\_min\(\)](#)

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require\_unique     *Require Unique Values*

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**Description**

Validates that the value contains no duplicates. Reports the positions of duplicated elements.

**Usage**

```
require_unique(restriction)
```

**Arguments**

restriction     a restriction object.

**Value**

The modified restriction object.

**See Also**

Other value checks: [require\\_between\(\)](#), [require\\_negative\(\)](#), [require\\_one\\_of\(\)](#), [require\\_positive\(\)](#)

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restrict	<i>Create a Composable Validator</i>
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### Description

Creates a callable validation object that accumulates checks via the base pipe operator `|>`. The resulting object behaves like a function: call it with a value to validate.

### Usage

```
restrict(name)
```

### Arguments

name                    character(1) name used in error messages (e.g. "newdata").

### Value

A restriction object (callable function) with no validation steps.

### Calling convention

Validators accept value as the first argument, plus context via named arguments in `...` or as a named list in `.ctx`:

```
require_pred(out, newdata = df)
require_pred(out, .ctx = list(newdata = df))
```

Named arguments in `...` take precedence over `.ctx` entries with the same name. If a step declares dependencies (e.g. `require_length_matches(~ nrow(newdata))`), the validator checks that all required context is present before running any steps and errors early if not.

### See Also

Other core: [as\\_contract\\_block\(\)](#), [as\\_contract\\_text\(\)](#), [fail\(\)](#), [require\\_custom\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# Define a validator
require_positive <- restrict("x") |>
  require_numeric(no_na = TRUE) |>
  require_between(lower = 0, exclusive_lower = TRUE)

# Use it
require_positive(5) # passes silently

# Compose with pipe
require_score <- restrict("score") |>
```

```
require_numeric() |>  
require_length(1L) |>  
require_between(lower = 0, upper = 100)
```

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