

ISO/TS 16949:2009

Quality Management System For Automotive Suppliers



Beginning in 1994 with the successful launch of QS 9000, DaimlerChrysler, Ford and GM recognised the increased value that could be derived from an independent quality system audit programme, and the efficiencies that could be gained in the supply chain by having common system requirements.

In 1996, the success of these efforts led to a move toward the development of a globally harmonised quality management system requirements document. From this, the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) was formed to lead the development effort.

The IATF is a group of automotive manufacturer and trade associations whose common goal is to improve the quality of products to the automotive industry worldwide. IATF members include the "Big 3", along with Fiat, Citroen, VW, Renault and national automotive trade associations from the USA, Germany, France, UK, and Italy. The Japanese vehicle association, JAMA, has also been involved with the IATF's efforts to develop ISO/TS 16949.

The result of the IATF's effort is the ISO/TS 16949 specification which forms the requirements of ISO 9001 for automotive production and relevant service part organisations.



Of major impact to the automotive supply base are several OEMs announcement of deadline dates for ISO/TS 16949:2009 upgrades. All automotive suppliers will need to achieve certification.



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