The Automotive Industry is among the most competitive in the world today, with stringent requirements and expectations for suppliers. Ensure your organization is on the cutting edge with IATF 16949!

**What is IATF 16949 Certification?**

In response to the need for a uniform quality management standard for automotive suppliers around the world, the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) originally developed ISO/TS 16949 in 1999. The standard embraced ISO 9000 - the international benchmark for quality - and was intended to unify industry expectations under one banner of quality and continual improvement.

October 2016 saw the release of a sweeping update to ISO/TS 16949, which included a new name: IATF 16949. The new standard, IATF 16949:2016, is aligned with the most recent version of ISO’s quality management systems standard, ISO 9001:2015. Thus IATF 16949 is not simply a one-off standard, but must be implemented in conjunction with ISO 9001.

At center stage in IATF 16949 - as in ISO 9001:2015 - is risk mitigation. This focus on risk-based thinking requires top management to be wholly engaged in the organization, with responsibilities such as contingency planning review and implementation of cybersecurity, in addition to anti-bribery and ethics escalation policies. Since the automotive industry is an ever-evolving environment, IATF 16949 also includes requirements to ensure that changes are matched by adjustments to quality management systems.

**A Quality Management System based on this standard:**

- Promotes continual improvement in all areas.
- Is a way to define how a business can meet its customer and stakeholder requirements.
- Emphasizes reduction of variation/defects in the supply chain (thus reducing waste).
- Requires corporate responsibility policies to be thoroughly documented and implemented. Objectives must be likewise defined and pursued through continuous improvement.
- Includes automotive industry-specific requirements and core tools such as:
  - Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP)
  - Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
  - Measurement Systems Analysis (MSA)
  - Production Part Approval Process (PPAP)
  - Statistical Process Control (SPC)

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