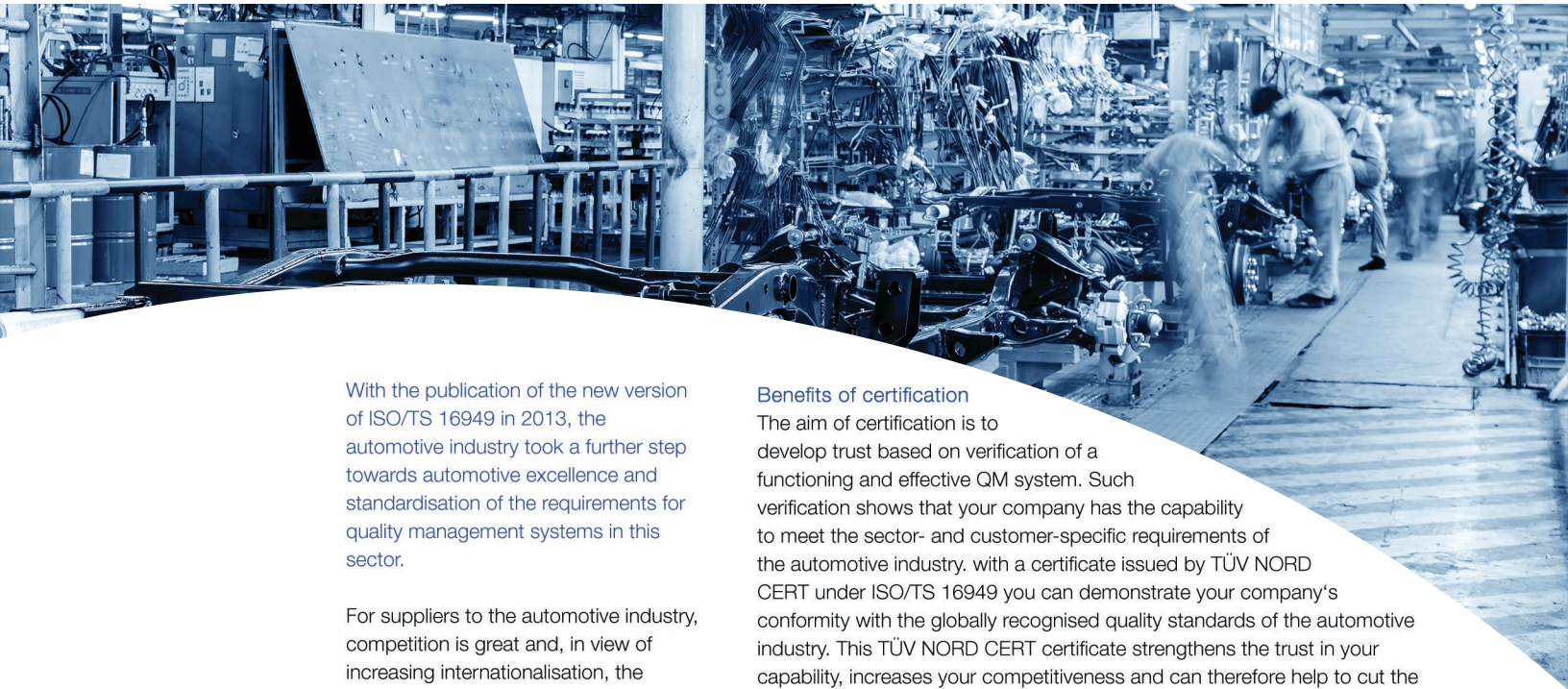


A big plus for all suppliers to the automotive industry

# TÜV USA INC. – Certification according to quality management standard ISO/TS 16949



With the publication of the new version of ISO/TS 16949 in 2013, the automotive industry took a further step towards automotive excellence and standardisation of the requirements for quality management systems in this sector.

For suppliers to the automotive industry, competition is great and, in view of increasing internationalisation, the pressure is steadily increasing.

Most well-known manufacturers need certification to ISO/TS 16949 in order to enter and maintain a business relationship - and ever- growing cost pressure is also forcing companies to develop and implement efficient and competent processes in all areas.

#### Target groups for certification

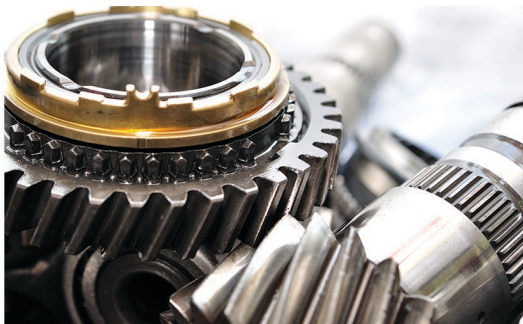
Certification to ISO/TS 16949 is relevant for all companies who manufacture and supply products for the automotive industry, and who both want and have to optimise their organisational processes in order to achieve continual improvement and increased efficiency.

#### Benefits of certification

The aim of certification is to develop trust based on verification of a functioning and effective QM system. Such verification shows that your company has the capability to meet the sector- and customer-specific requirements of the automotive industry. With a certificate issued by TÜV NORD CERT under ISO/TS 16949 you can demonstrate your company's conformity with the globally recognised quality standards of the automotive industry. This TÜV NORD CERT certificate strengthens the trust in your capability, increases your competitiveness and can therefore help to cut the number of customer audits and visits. This means that certification according to ISO/TS 16949 is an important prerequisite for sustainable success.

#### Prerequisites for certification

The actual certification procedure begins with the valuation of specific information your company supplies to TÜV NORD CERT in the run-up to an audit. On the basis of this information and of a readiness assessment conducted on site at your company (Stage 1 Audit), basic certifiability is established. Alongside this, your QM documentation and the corresponding processes are reviewed to check conformity with the regulations. You receive a report on the results. If your company is classified as "ready", there follows the certification audit (Stage 2 Audit). This audit is prepared in detail, taking into due account your specific QM activities, and the audit sequence is described in the audit schedule. The certification audit is then carried out based on the audit plan. If nonconformities are identified, a maximum three-month period of nonconformity management follows. Following check and release of the process by the certification body, the certificates are issued. Within the certificates' three-year validity period, a surveillance audit must be carried out at least once a year.



### Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a certification company operating internationally and recognised by the IATF (International Automotive Task Force – a federation of leading automotive manufacturers and associations). Our certificates are respected throughout the world and are internationally recognised. TÜV NORD CERT auditors are highly qualified specialists familiar with all aspects of the industry. With a TÜV NORD CERT certificate according to ISO/TS 16949 we can help you attain your goals through efficient quality management and assure and maintain your customers' trust in you.

### The route to the certificate



### Are you interested?

**Please send us your response by fax or email.  
We are looking forward to hearing from you.**

☐ **Yes, I am interested in certification  
to ISO/TS 16949. Please contact me.**

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