

A big plus for all suppliers to the automotive industry

TÜV NORD CERT Certification according to quality management standard IATF 16949



With the publication of the IATF 16949 in 2017, the automotive industry took a further step towards automotive excellence and standardization of the requirements for quality management systems in this sector.

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

Most well-known automotive manufacturers (OEMs) need certification to IATF 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 IATF 16949 is relevant for all companies who manufacture and supply products for the automotive industry, and who both want and have to optimize their organizational 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 IATF 16949 you can demonstrate your company's conformity with the globally recognized 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 IATF 16949 is an important prerequisite for sustainable success.



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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 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

TUV USA, INC is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services throughout the world. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are in general permanently employed. This guarantees independence and neutrality and also means that we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

The route to the certificate



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