



Add value.
Inspire trust.

Automotive certification scheme for IATF 16949

Establish your conformity to
automotive industry standards.

Your challenges

The global automotive industry upholds rigorous and specific standards of quality for vehicle original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and suppliers of products and production materials. OEMs and suppliers recognise the importance of complying with these standards to remain competitive. Aligning to a quality management system with ISO 9001 as a basis is also important for increasing profitability by reducing problems and risks in the supply chain.

What is IATF 16949?

IATF 16949 specifies the requirements of ISO 9001 for automotive production. Born from the need for a globally harmonised quality management system requirements document, ISO/TS 16949 was developed by the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) and the ISO technical committee. This technical specification combined all previous and published national automotive quality standards such as QS-9000, VDA 6.1, EAQF 94 and AVSQ. Based on the ISO 9001:2015 standard, ISO/TS 16949 was replaced by IATF 16949 in 2016.

Why is IATF 16949 important?

Obtaining the IATF 16949 certification demonstrates that your company has met the quality management system requirements to create a process of continuous improvement with an emphasis on defect prevention and reduction of variation and waste in the supply chain. The standard is implemented for all branches of manufacturers and suppliers of products or production materials, services such as heat treatment or galvanising, and other products specified by automotive customers such as the constituent parts of vehicles.

Certification to this standard is recognised by leading automotive manufacturers and OEMs. Most leading manufacturers will only work with companies that hold IATF 16949 certification, as they insist that suppliers adhere to the strict requirements laid out in the standard.

How can we help you?

TÜV SÜD provides the expertise and experience to assess your organisation to the requirements of IATF 16949 and other industry-accepted standards. Our services help your company to gain the confidence of major suppliers and manufacturers in the automotive industry. In addition to offering comprehensive evaluations and reports, we can provide you with our TÜV SÜD certification marks, which are globally recognised and synonymous with quality and safety.

Our IATF 16949 services

Our suite of services enables you to establish your company's conformity to the IATF 16949 standard.

▪ Audits

As an official contracted IATF Certification Body, we conduct audits according to IATF 16949 certification rules. Our expert auditors are among the most experienced automotive assessors in the industry and can support you in gaining a competitive edge.

▪ Certification

Once your company has achieved a positive result in an audit, we will provide an IATF-registered IATF 16949 certificate.

▪ Entry into IATF Database

As a certified IATF 16949 client, TÜV SÜD will enter your company into the IATF Database. This is used to inform all automotive OEMs that your company has a valid IATF 16949 certification.

Your business benefits

- **Save money** – via a one-stop service provider that avoids the need for multiple supplier and third-party assessments.
- **Save time** – by combining audits with ISO 9001 to achieve a faster turnaround.
- **Minimise risk** – by ensuring conformity to the international automotive standard requirements.
- **Gain recognition and reputation for your brand** – with an IATF 16949 certificate from TÜV SÜD that is widely recognised and highly respected within the global automotive industry.

Why choose TÜV SÜD?

TÜV SÜD has over 100 years of experience in automotive solutions, working with top OEMs and suppliers across the entire value chain. Our highly qualified auditors are conveniently available in all key regions across the globe. Your company can take advantage of our many local TÜV SÜD offices for immediate and cost-effective support.

Our certifications are among the most reputed worldwide. We are an official IATF-contracted and registered Certification Body. So by choosing TÜV SÜD, your certification will be instantly recognised by automotive OEMs everywhere.

Add value. Inspire trust.

TÜV SÜD is a trusted partner of choice for safety, security and sustainability solutions. It specialises in testing, certification, and auditing services. Through more than 24,000 employees across over 1,000 locations, the company adds value to customers and partners by enabling market access and managing risks. By anticipating technological developments and facilitating change, TÜV SÜD inspires trust in a physical and digital world to create a safer and more sustainable future.

SIX STEPS TO YOUR CERTIFICATION

Implement IATF 16949 requirements in your quality system and processes.

Get in touch with us to receive a customised quote, including detailed costs, planning and time required.

Stage 1 audit by TÜV SÜD auditors.

Stage 2 audit by TÜV SÜD auditors.

Close any non-conformances generated from audit.

Receive your IATF 16949 certification.

Related services

TÜV SÜD provides the following related services:

- International homologation and type approval
- Integrated quality assurance
- ISO 9001 – Quality management system certification
- ISO 26262 – Functional safety standard certification
- Vehicle and component testing