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This IATF 16949 Quick Checklist is a useful tool to quickly review what needs to be considered for compliance with the internationally recognized standard for quality management systems in the automotive industry.

IATF 16949

The IATF 16949 standard is an internationally recognized quality management system (QMS) for the automotive supplier industry. It is structured in 10 chapters, covering areas such as quality management principles, customer-related processes, design and development, production and service provision. The standard places a strong emphasis on risk management, process improvement, and customer satisfaction, and is designed to promote consistency and quality throughout the automotive supply chain.

Key Topics of the IATF 16949

Product safety

Risk management and contingency planning

Requirements for embedded software

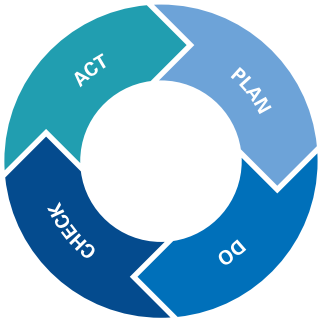
Change and warranty management

Management of sub-tier suppliers

Our checklist provides an initial overview of the structure of IATF, the requirements imposed on your company, as well as the necessary documents to successfully obtain certification. However, please note that this overview does not substitute a detailed gap analysis and training.

STRUCTURE OF IATAF 16949

The structure of IATF 16949 follows the same Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) cycle as other quality management standards, with a focus on continuous improvement.



The standard is divided into 10 sections, which include:

1

SCOPE:
Defines the scope of the standard and the requirements for certification.

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NORMATIVE REFERENCES:
Provides a list of references to other standards and documents that are relevant to IATF 16949.

3

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS:
Defines key terms used in the standard.

4

CONTEXT OF THE ORGANIZATION:
Requires organizations to understand the context in which they operate and identify the needs and expectations of interested parties.

5

LEADERSHIP:
Emphasizes the role of top management in establishing and maintaining the quality management system.

6

PLANNING:
Requires organizations to plan and define processes needed to achieve the desired outcomes and objectives.

7

SUPPORT:
Addresses the resources, competence, communication, and documented information required to support the quality management system.

8

OPERATION:
the Implementation of the planned processes, including product realization and control of nonconforming products.

9

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:
Requires organizations to monitor, measure, analyze, and evaluate the performance of the quality management system.

10

IMPROVEMENT:
Emphasizes the need for continuous improvement through corrective action, preventive action, and management review.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The general requirements include knowledge of the requirements of IATF 16949 and their implementation in your company. In addition, a quality management manual must be created and a quality management representative must be appointed.

- [ ] Does your company already have an existing quality management manual?
- [ ] Has a quality management representative been appointed?
- [ ] Has a procedure for controlling documents and records been implemented?
- [ ] Are employees trained on the requirements of IATF 16949?
- [ ] Are the processes for monitoring products and processes documented?
- [ ] Are internal audits performed?
- [ ] Are non-conformances addressed and corrected?
- [ ] Is the performance of the QMS continuously monitored and evaluated?

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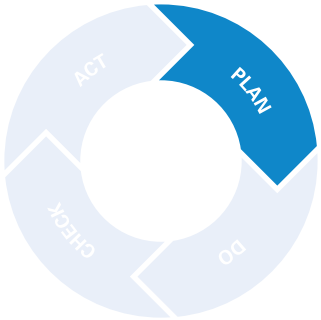

4. CONTEXT OF THE ORGANIZATION

The context of the organization includes the expectations of interested parties, the scope of the QMS, and the general requirements.

- [ ] Are relevant interested parties identified and assessed?
- [ ] Are the requirements of the interested parties documented and implemented?
- [ ] Are the relevant legal and regulatory requirements identified and documented?
- [ ] Is the scope of the QMS defined?
- [ ] Are risks and opportunities identified and assessed?

5. LEADERSHIP

The definition of quality objectives and strategies as well as the involvement of managers are important factors for certification. Ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements is also part of this chapter.

- [ ] Are quality objectives and strategies defined?
- [ ] Are responsibilities and authorities defined within the QMS?
- [ ] Is the QMS considered part of the business strategy?
- [ ] Are managers involved in quality management?
- [ ] Is compliance with legal and regulatory requirements ensured?

6. PLANNING

A thorough analysis and management of risks and opportunities is necessary. Other important topics to consider are contingency plans, quality objectives and preventive measures. The creation of contingency plans is also essential.

- [ ] Are risks and opportunities systematically identified and addressed as part of the planning process?
- [ ] Are quality objectives established and aligned with the strategic goals of the organization?
- [ ] Is the product development process effectively planned and executed to ensure products meet customer needs and regulatory requirements?
- [ ] Are contingency plans developed and maintained to address potential disruptions in the supply chain or production process?
- [ ] Is there a documented process in place to manage changes to the QMS, including changes to processes, products, or the organization's structure?

7. SUPPORT

The supporting processes and resources must meet certain requirements related to assets such as people, infrastructure, work environment, competence, communication, and documentation.

- [ ] Are quality checks systematically performed, documented, and saved?
- [ ] Are resources made available for the implementation of the QMS?
- [ ] Are training programs and requirements documented and planned to ensure competence and awareness of all personnel?
- [ ] Are supplier relationships documented and evaluated to ensure they meet established criteria and requirements?
- [ ] Have procedures been implemented to manage product recalls and product traceability?
- [ ] Are customer requirements identified and documented to ensure they are consistently met and satisfied?

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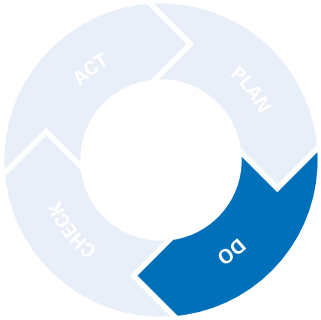

8. OPERATION

This chapter addresses several operational aspects, including the review of product requirements, planning, design, procurement, manufacturing, and monitoring processes and tools.

- [ ] Are product requirements reviewed and validated prior to starting production?
- [ ] Is the planning process in place to meet the IATF 16949 requirements?
- [ ] Is the design and development process in place to meet customer needs and regulatory requirements?
- [ ] Are the selection of suppliers and procurement processes managed according to established criteria and processes?
- [ ] Are manufacturing processes monitored and measured to ensure consistent production to required standards?
- [ ] Are tools and techniques used to identify and address non-conformities in operational processes?

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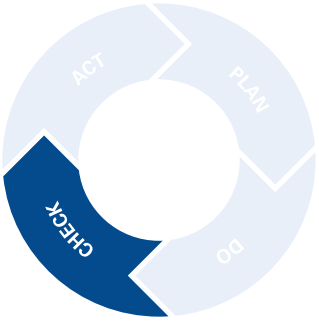

9. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

To ensure the effectiveness of the QMS, it is necessary to establish a set of processes that monitor its performance. These processes may include assessing customer satisfaction, conducting management reviews, and performing internal audits.

- [ ] Are key performance indicators (KPIs) established and monitored to evaluate the effectiveness of the QMS?
- [ ] Is customer satisfaction measured and monitored according to established procedures?
- [ ] Are internal audits conducted at planned intervals to determine the effectiveness of the QMS and identify opportunities for improvement?
- [ ] Are non-conformities and corrective actions documented and tracked to ensure they are addressed in a regular timely manner?
- [ ] Are management reviews conducted to evaluate the performance of the QMS and identify opportunities for improvement?

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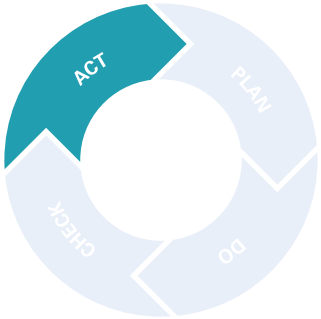

10. IMPROVEMENT

Continuous improvement of the QMS is achieved through the implementation of corrective actions, problem-solving, error-proofing processes, and other measures outlined in this chapter.

- [ ] Are nonconformities and their root causes identified and addressed through corrective and preventive actions?
- [ ] Is problem-solving used to identify and address systemic issues and drive continuous improvement?
- [ ] Are error-proofing techniques used to prevent defects and errors?
- [ ] Is the effectiveness of the QMS regularly reviewed and evaluated to identify opportunities for improvement?
- [ ] Are quality objectives established and monitored to drive continual improvement of the QMS?

DOCUMENTS

The following documents must be submitted in advance for review and audit planning:

- [ ] Current status of customer complaints
- [ ] Internal audit plan with results, action plans and list of qualified auditors
- [ ] Quality Management Review (QM) - Evaluation of the last 12 months
- [ ] Process map and documented procedures
- [ ] Proof that all requirements of IATF 16949 are taken into account
- [ ] QM manual
- [ ] List of customers and customer specific requirements
- [ ] Operational performance trends and KPIs over the last 12 months

Note that the certification body and auditor may request additional documentation or information to ensure that the company meets all the requirements of IATF 16949.

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GAP ANALYSIS:
Our expert auditors also offer gap analysis services to help you identify areas where your company's current quality management system may not meet the requirements of IATF 16949. This process involves comparing your current quality management system to the requirements of the IATF 16949 standard, identifying any gaps or areas for improvement, and developing a plan to address these gaps.

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Our expert auditors are among the most experienced automotive assessors in the industry, and as an accredited IATF Certification Body, we conduct audits in accordance with IATF 16949 certification rules. We'll work with you to gain a competitive advantage in the industry.

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