

the process as simple as possible by improving systems already in place.

- **Training:** IMSM offers training to supplement your IATF 16949; training with IMSM is flexible and delivered by experienced IMSM Trainers.

### What is involved?

- The Consultant will perform a Gap Analysis to determine where your company's processes are in relation to achieving the standard.
- If required, IMSM will develop and deliver tailored training programmes for your staff to supplement your IATF 16949. This ensures a full understanding and implementation of the quality controls being put in place.
- The external audit is the monitoring of the company's conformance to the IATF 16949 standard. IMSM will continually support your organisation throughout the process as well as leading up to the audit, offering support and guidance to conformity.
- Once your organisation is confirmed as being IATF 16949 compliant, your organisation will be submitted to the certifying body deemed suitable and awarded certification upon their confirmation of conformance to the standard.

### Related Services

Beyond IATF 16949, IMSM can also introduce your business to a range of management system standards to help develop and grow a profitable business, including:

- ISO 9001 Quality Management
- ISO 14001 Environmental Management
- ISO 45001 Health & Safety Management
- AS 9100 Aerospace

These standards are all designed to be compatible with IATF 16949 and can be integrated to deliver audit efficiency, consistency and optimisation.

Explore the ways ISO standards can help to improve your business. Contact IMSM today for an informal discussion with your local ISO Specialist.

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# Automotive

# IATF 16949



## Business Challenge

The automotive industry, operates under extreme pressures, mostly cost and time. It is one of the most challenging in the world. With parts and raw materials sourced from across the globe, being able to rely on suppliers is key for all organisations within the supply chain. Suppliers are required to provide information upfront that proves they comply with the highest quality standards, meet specific customer requirements and are focused on continual improvement.

## Business Solution

IATF 16949 standard is recognised globally for representing a significant opportunity for standardisation and improvement across the entire automotive industry. IATF 16949 is applicable to any organisation that manufactures components, assemblies and parts for supply to the automotive industry.

## What is IATF 16949?

IATF 16949 is the global technical specification and Quality Management Standard for the automotive industry. Based on ISO 9001:2015, it is designed to be used in conjunction with this standard and contains supplemental requirements specific to the automotive industry. IATF has been developed to improve quality and assure the integrity of industry suppliers, by the International Automotive Task Force (IATF).

## What are the key benefits to your business?

IATF 16949 provides a framework to help develop and improve your organisation's performance:

- Demonstrate commitment to product quality and compliance to customer requirements. Reduce or eliminate multiple assessments with the additional benefits of minimal disruption to the business, associated paperwork and costs.
- Gain a commercial advantage during negotiations and increase the credibility of your organisation when bidding for global sourcing contracts or expanding business locally. Most of the big manufacturers will only contract suppliers that are certified with IATF 16949.
- Demonstrate high levels of quality compliance and a clear focus on continual improvement, emphasising defect prevention and a reduction in variation and waste.
- Gain time and cost savings by avoiding multiple customer specific certification audits.
- Adopt industry best practices and a common quality system approach to the entire supply chain for supplier development and consistency.
- Practice absolute legal compliance and improved risk management.

- Reduce production variations and improve manufacturing efficiencies to positively impact your bottom line.
- Gain a significant improvement in staff motivation, commitment and understanding of their responsibility in improving quality.

## Why choose IMSM?

The IMSM approach is based on a key set of principles in order to create balanced and sustained results for our clients:

- **Fixed Fee:** IMSM's ISO implementation is priced at a fixed rate from day one. No hidden charges, no unexpected invoices.
- **Flexible implementation:** Designed to fit around your business requirement and schedule.
- **Expertise:** All IMSM ISO Specialists and Consultants are successfully trained to the highest standard by an IRCA or equivalent approved training body and have earned a reputation of integrity for contributing value and best practice. IMSM guarantees that your ISO Specialist will be highly qualified and trained to assist and audit your business to IATF 16949 compliance.
- **Full Service:** IMSM offer full implementation; we will produce the manuals and make

**IATF 16949 - Secure your reputation in global markets**