

ISO 9001:2015 to IATF 16949:2016 - QMS Transition Checklist

This instruction / checklist is intended for use in upgrading your Quality Management System for the transition from ISO 9001:2015 version to the IATF 16949:2016 revision for Quality management systems used in the automotive production and relevant services parts industries.

The above Quality Management Systems are compatible with each other and have common requirements.

In the IATF 16949:2016 and ISO 9001:2015 standards the requirements are described in:

- Clause 4 Context of the organization
- Clause 5 Leadership
- Clause 6 Planning
- Clause 7 Support
- Clause 8 Operation
- Clause 9 Performance evaluation
- Clause 10 Improvement

You have the ISO 9001:2015 version in place and now have the objective of upgrading the system to the IATF 16949:2016 revision. The good news is that since you are familiar with formal management systems, this initiative will be relatively straightforward.

Essentially, the documentation package for the management system will contain:

- One condensed Manual to introduce the documented information required for IATF 16949.
- A group of procedure/system documents in your QMS with updates to reflect a document numbering system related to the new clause numbers and to incorporate the upgrades for IATF 16949:2016 requirements,
- A group of forms and attachments needed for the documented information and systems.

The documentation will need to be reviewed, upgraded, and implemented. The first step is to assign a person responsible for the QMS, such as with a Management Representative to become familiar with the changes for the 2016 version of the automotive standard. Visit the16949store.com for training materials, resources, and information on quality management systems requirements.

The following table with detailed instructions focuses on the areas of the documentation required for the IATF 16949:2016 quality management system. As you undertake the task of upgrading your quality management system from the ISO version to the IATF version, note that the intent of the main clauses is shown in **blue font**. In the first left hand column of the instructions, the clause numbers **highlighted in green** indicate where specific IATF 16949 additions are made to ISO 9001:2015, and the clause numbers **highlighted in yellow** indicate where ISO 9001 requirements are carried over for IATF 16949.

Keep in mind that while you need to focus on the new requirements of IATF, your company now has an opportunity to review the carry-over ISO 9001 QMS and improve the system while incorporating the IATF 16949 requirements.

Use copies of the ISO and IATF standards along with this instruction to pinpoint for your organization the areas that need attention. You may want to make notes and add comments in the space available to the right and the left of the column for reference documentation. Use the upgrade checklist section on the right side of the table to assign the responsibility for the upgrade and to follow up on its completion.

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IATF 16949:2016 Clause	Changes to the existing ISO 9001:2015 Quality System	Reference document	Changes in existing documentation	Upgrade Checklist	
				Assigned to:	Date Completed
All	The International Automotive Standard IATF 16949:2016 is restructured and contains 10 sections or clauses numbered 1 through 10. It is important to note that the standard is revised to incorporate the new clause structure and content of ISO 9001:2015. Also, new automotive industry requirements, definitions, and notes are included.	IATF 16949:2016	The requirement clauses of the new standard are the Clause 4 through Clause 10. Your company needs to become familiar with the new structure and the changes and subsequently upgrade the Quality Management System (QMS). Your company now has an opportunity to review the exiting ISO 9001:2015 QMS and improve the system while incorporating the IATF 16949:2016 requirements.		
All	While the specific requirement for a quality manual is not in ISO 9001:2015, the new standard requires a Quality Manual as part of the Documented Information be maintained for the QMS.	Manual	For an existing quality manual, review / rework / update your document into a condensed version that will introduce the new quality system or if a manual is not available, prepare a new Quality Manual.		
---	The format and structure of the quality manual is at your discretion and will depend on the size, culture, and complexity of your company, see also clause 7.5.1.1.	Manual	In the condensed manual include sections for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of the Quality Management System (QMS) • Distribution Control List, • Revision Status, • Quality Policy and Objective, Strategic Direction, Corporate Policies • Organization Chart, • Company Background - Products and Services, • Process Flow Diagram, • List of Documented Information, • Records Documentation Matrix. 		
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4	<p>For ISO 9001:2015, this clause introduces two sub-clauses relating to the context of the organization, (1) understanding the organization and its context and (2) understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties. Together they require that you determine the issues and requirements that can impact on the planning of the QMS. In addition, the scope of the QMS and the QMS processes along with their applicability and interactions need to be determined.</p> <p>For IATF 16949:2016, sections are introduced to supplement requirements for the scope of the QMS, customer specific requirements, conformance of products and processes, and product safety.</p>				
4	Clause 4, Context of the Organization is a requirement in IATF 16949:2016.	Documented information	<p>Your company must determine the issues and requirements that can impact on the planning of the QMS and that can affect the ability to achieve the intended results of the QMS.</p> <p>For typical guidance, see procedure P-400 for Organizational context and worksheet, F-440-002 to identify issues and requirements.</p>		
4.1	Documented information for the QMS sets the stage for an understanding of the requirements and of the international standard.	Procedure	Review and document the information (in a document P-400, Organizational Context) that outlines the process to understand and determine the internal and external issues that are relevant to the QMS.		
4.2	A stakeholder approach provides for an understanding of the requirements of interested parties.		Include (in a document P-400) the process to understand and determine the needs and expectations of interested parties.		
4.3	Clause 4.3 covers the requirement for the scope of the QMS.		Include P-400, the process to determine the scope of the QMS. Refer to 4.3 a) thru c) and consider the internal and external issues, the requirements of interested parties, and your products and services.		
4.3.1	For IATF 16949, the requirements for determining the scope of the QMS are supplemented.		Include in the scope of the QMS, the supporting on-site or off-site functions, such as design centers, corporate headquarters, and distribution centers.		
4.3.1	For IATF 16949, an exclusion is only permitted for clause 8.3, design and development of products.		<p>If your company does not design and develop products or services, include justification for the exclusion of clause 8.3.</p> <p>Note that conformity to IATF 16949 can only be claimed if the exclusion does not affect your ability or responsibility to meet product and service requirements and enhance customer satisfaction.</p>		
4.3.2	For IATF 16949, customer specific requirements are included in the scope of the QMS.		Evaluate customer-specific requirements and include them in the scope of the QMS.		
4.4	Clause 4.4 covers the requirements for the QMS and its processes.		Your company must establish, implement, maintain, and continually improve the QMS.		