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 recognize 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 ISO/TS 16949?
ISO/TS 16949 specifies the requirements of ISO 9001 for automotive production. Born out of the need for a globally harmonized 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 combines all previous and published national automotive quality standards such as QS-9000, VDA 6.1, EAQF 94, and AVSQ.

Why is ISO/TS 16949 important?
Obtaining the ISO/TS 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 technical specification is implemented for all branches of manufacturers and suppliers of products or production materials, services such as heat treatment or galvanizing, and other products specified by automotive customers such as the constituent parts of vehicles.

Certification to this technical specification is recognized by leading automotive manufacturers and OEMs. Most leading manufacturers will only work with companies that hold ISO/TS 16949 certification, as they insist that suppliers adhere to the strict technical specifications laid out in the standard.
How can we help you?
TÜV SÜD provides the expertise and experience to assess your organization to the requirements of ISO/TS 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 recognized and synonymous with quality and safety.

Our ISO/TS 16949 services
Our suite of services enables you to establish your company’s conformity to the ISO/TS 16949 technical specification.

- **Audits**
  As an official contracted IATF Certification Body, we conduct audits according to ISO/TS 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 ISO/TS 16949 certificate.

- **Entry into IATF Database**
  As a certified ISO/TS 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 ISO/TS 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.
- **Minimize risk** – by ensuring conformity to the international automotive standard requirements.
- **Gain recognition and reputation for your brand** – with an ISO/TS certificate from TÜV SÜD that is widely recognized 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 recognized by automotive OEMs everywhere.

Choose certainty. Add value.
TÜV SÜD is a premium quality and safety solutions provider that specializes in testing, inspection, auditing, certification, training, and knowledge services. Represented in over 800 locations worldwide, we hold accreditations in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, and Asia. By delivering objective solutions to our customers, we add tangible value to businesses, consumers, and the environment.

Related services
TÜV SÜD provides the following related services:

- International homologation and type approval
- Integrated quality assurance
- ISO 9001 – Quality management system certification
- ISO 14001 – Environmental quality management system certification
- OHSAS 18001 – Occupational health & safety
- ISO 50001 – Energy management system certification
- ISO 26262 – Functional safety standard certification
- Vehicle and component testing