

The Transition Plan

Transition levels

There are several levels of transition to ISO/TS 16949:2002

Transition	Impact
No formal system to ISO/TS 16949:2002	367 new requirements
ISO 9001:1994 to ISO/TS 16949:2002	119 new requirements to upgrade to ISO 9001:2000 and a further 137 new requirements to meet ISO/TS 16949:2002
QS-9000 Ed 3 to ISO/TS 16949:2002	119 new requirements to upgrade to ISO 9001:2000 and a further 28 new requirements to meet ISO/TS 16949:2002
ISO/TS 16949:1999 to ISO/TS 16949:2002	119 new requirements to upgrade to ISO 9001:2000 and a further 7 new requirements to meet ISO/TS 16949:2002

This transition is not like previous transitions such as the transition from ISO 9001:1987 to ISO 9001:1994 when all that was required was a few additional procedures, records or activities. Even those making the transition from the 1999 version of ISO/TS 16949 to the 2002 version should not make the mistake of thinking it is just a matter of looking at the additional automotive specific requirements. It is a change in direction, a change in approach and perhaps the most radical of changes, a change from managing tasks to managing processes.

Key stages and tasks

The change from the ISO 9001:1994 to ISO/TS 16949:2002 is a major change in direction from a functional approach to a process approach. This new approach focuses on designing processes that enable the organization to meet its objectives and the key stages can be summarized as follows.

1. Determine the needs and expectations of customers and other interested parties;
2. Establish policies, objectives and a work environment necessary to motivate the organization to satisfy these needs;