



## FAQ's for ISO/TS 16949 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2009

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IATF communicated FAQ's are clarifications of existing requirements. They are not new requirements, thus the original requirements should form the basis for reporting any noncompliance and not the FAQ's.

Revised text is shown in **blue**.

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Number	TS Reference	Question	Answer
1.	Applicability / Scope	Which clients can obtain Certification/Registration to ISO/TS 16949:2009?	<p>Any Organization in the Automotive Supply Chain meeting the criteria below can obtain Certification to ISO/TS 16949:2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scope 1.1 General               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This Technical Specification, in conjunction with ISO 9001:2008, defines the quality management system requirements for the design and development, production and, when relevant, installation and service of automotive-related products.</li> <li>- This Technical Specification is applicable to sites of the organization where production and/or service parts specified by the customer are manufactured.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. "Automotive" shall be understood as including the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cars, Trucks (Light, Medium and Heavy), Buses, Motorcycles</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. "Automotive" shall be understood <b>to exclude</b> the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Industrial, Agricultural, Off-Highway (Mining, Forestry, Construction, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. 3.1.11 "Site"</li> </ol>

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			<p>- Location at which value added manufacturing processes occur.</p> <p>5. "Manufacturing"</p> <p>- Process of making or fabricating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production materials</li> <li>• Production or service parts</li> <li>• Assemblies, or</li> <li>• Heat treating, welding, painting, plating, or other finishing services</li> </ul>
2.	External laboratory 7.6.3.2	Is it required that the relevant inspection, test or calibration services are to be included in the scope of the ISO 17025 accreditation (certificate) of the external laboratory?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>If the scope of 17025 accreditation does not include the relevant inspection, test or calibration services, customer acceptance of the external lab is an alternative, provided there is evidence of a documented acceptance from the customer (see NOTE 1 for ISO/TS 16949 clause 7.6.3.2)</p>