

# SARIV achieves IATF 16949:2016 certification

Given its increasing collaboration with the automotive sector, SARIV Srl recently obtained the IATF Certification 16949:2016 – the international standard for quality management systems in the automotive industry.

**I**n addition to the provisions of ISO 9001, IATF Certification 16949 places particular emphasis on the concept of defect prevention and reduction of variability and losses in the supply chain. It allows SARIV to create a shared approach to the quality management system throughout the automotive industry's production chain, and to respond to the industry's best practices.

"The quality control of our products is a founding pillar of the business and the company is committed to improving daily, which means putting the emphasis on the quality of the products and processes – but starting upstream, from the care in every single step of our production process, to ensure top quality products," explains Nicola Sartore, CEO of SARIV. "For this reason, we believe that investing in certifications on our quality system is essential to achieve the efficiency standards required by our customers, and that we ourselves define as a target constantly evolving and improving."

The automotive market is an important sector for SARIV with overall sales share increasing from 20% to 50% in the last four years. "We have been successfully working with the automotive market for a number of years," points out Nicola. "However, around two years ago we found that new customers were requesting ISO/TS 16949, which meant that we could not work with them. That is when we decided to obtain the new IATF 16949:2016 standard, which is a revision of the technical specification ISO/TS 16949:2009."

Due to the structure of the production floor, and SARIV's commitment to Industry 4.0, the certification process was made a lot easier. "To meet the automotive market needs you need to be able to supply a lot of data on your processes and product quality," says Nicola. "By adopting digitisation we have everything online, which makes tracing back throughout the production process a lot easier. When working with the automotive market you need to maintain the records for 15 years after the car is out of production. When you consider that usually a car is produced for around seven years, this means that you need to keep records for 22 years. Through digitisation you can press one button to find data on any processes or suppliers."

SARIV also has the know-how to develop new ideas and solutions and is able to work with automotive customers through distributors as a competence centre to solve application challenges. "You need to be good at helping to develop projects and provide effective solutions in an efficient manner," states Nicola. +

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