

# VDA 6.3 PROCESS AUDIT

## Demonstrate your value as a high quality level supplier to the German Car Makers

### BUSINESS CHALLENGE

- The automotive/motorcycle industry is one of the most challenging industries in the world. Car manufacturers require their suppliers to have their processes under control, understand customers' specific requirements and focus on continuous improvement.
- In 2016, the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) published a new version of its process-audit standard: VDA 6.3.
- Given the German car industry's size and high profile, the introduction of a new standard means the world takes notice. We answer your need-to-know questions about the new VDA 6.3.



### WHAT IS VDA 6.3?

- Applicable as of January 2017, VDA 6.3 is a process-audit standard that evaluates and improves controls within the manufacturing plant organization.
- Essentially, it defines what needs to be evaluated during a process audit, and assesses the capabilities and performance of all the processes within the manufacturing plant and the way they are managed in term of continuous improvement. Of course, process audit pays attention to the final product quality performance regardless client requirements.

### WHAT DOES VDA 6.3 COVER?

VDA 6.3 covers the process audit over the entire product lifecycle. Each process is analyzed through a series of questions that determines how each process has been implemented during the development phase and how it's managed in the industrial phase.

Each question carries equal weight, thus offering the most reliable results at the final score assessment. If you achieve a positive score for each of your processes, all German car manufacturers recognize that your organization's processes are capable of producing a high-quality product.



### WHAT ARE THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN VDA 6.3 AND IATF 16949?

IATF 16949 Standard focuses on Quality Management System compliance and how this is implemented within the organization.

VDA 6.3 process audit, meanwhile, focuses on the performance of processes regarding industrial performance, product quality, and efficiency of the organization.

Both are complementary and VDA 6.3 reinforces this complementarity by integrating new items from IATF 16949 with a process performance approach.



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## 3 KEY BENEFITS



Show evidence of a mature organization able to answer to the highest expectations



Demonstrate the performance of your processes along the product lifecycle

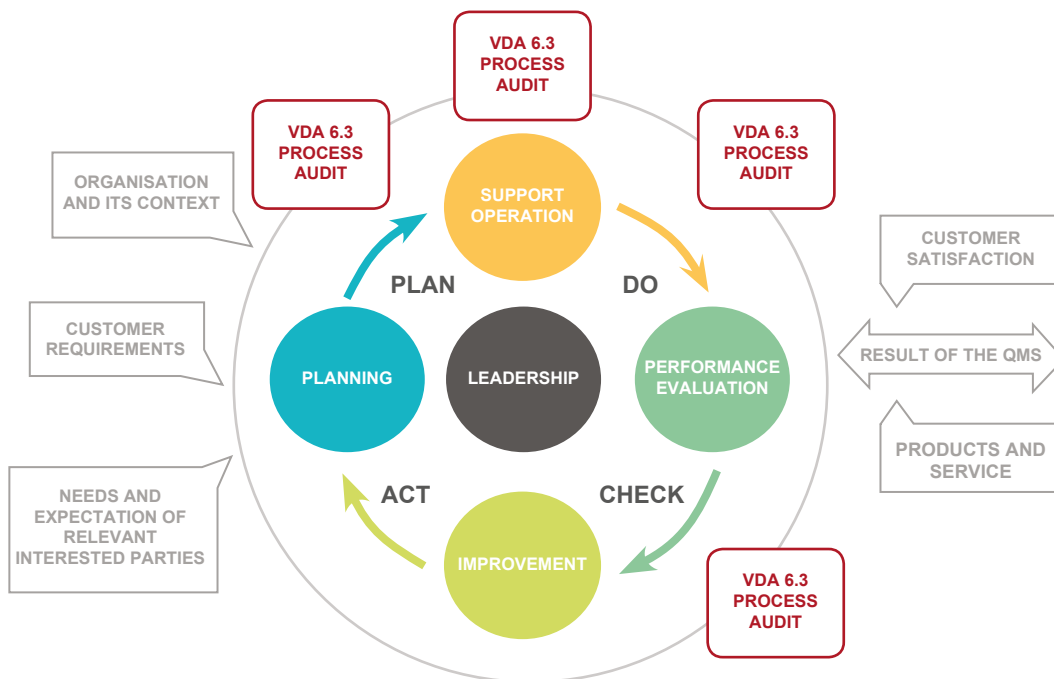


Demonstrate your capability to deliver highly qualitative products for premium

## WHY SHOULD I BE AUDITED AGAINST VDA 6.3?

Premium German automakers mandate compliance to VDA 6.3, for suppliers to be ranked as “top reliable” suppliers in term of quality of product and organizational performance.

VDA 6.3 is also particularly useful if you wish to follow a premium strategy and ensure your supply chain is capable of supporting this approach to global competitiveness.



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