



MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION THE OVERALL PROCESS

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Overall Certification Process

VCA is one of the World's leading accredited certification bodies (registrars) operating in the automotive sector. With over 20 years of specialising in quality systems with the World's automakers and their suppliers, VCA has a firm footing in the motor industry providing ISO 9001, ISO/TS 16949, OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 certification.

VCA is accredited by: the UK Accreditation Service UKAS for:

ISO 9001.

ISO 14001.

Acorn Inspections.

EMAS Verification.

VCA is recognised by: the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) through the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Limited (SMMT) for:

ISO/TS 16949.

Holding European Accreditation and links with partners in the Pacific Rim and Europe, many of the World's top automotive companies have come to rely on VCA's professionalism and integrity when seeking added value from their management system certifications.

To carry out this work VCA uses auditors and engineers drawn from all sectors of the motor industry; design, manufacturing, environmental control and service, experienced in conducting management system assessments at companies from single man component firms to the multi-national car manufacturers, and in all continents of the World.

Although VCA operates primarily in the automotive sector, for VCA's scope of certification please click on the link to the document...

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VCA's major customers include Ford, Rover, Jaguar, Nissan and Honda.

A directory of VCA certified suppliers/organisations can be supplied on request from Mike Vicarage

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The assessment process

Quality

Environment

VCA Provide an information pack on the operation of the scheme.



Client can contact VCA to discuss any issue regarding the VCA approach and complete the application form for a no obligation quote based on the information you provide.



If the quote is acceptable, a contract is signed and a VCA appointed lead auditor arranges a convenient time to conduct a planning visit



Review of readiness (inc. confirmation of scope) takes place and a report prepared on findings. Arrangements for the initial assessment are confirmed.

Planning visit takes place. The objectives for the audit team are to: Confirm scope of the audit review environment policy. Gain an overview of training and the awareness programmes. Examine the environmental review process. Review the targets, objectives and programmes. Conduct the document review.

A report is prepared on findings and arrangements for the main assessment are agreed with the client.



Initial assessment takes place, assessment recommendations provided by the audit team and client report prepared.

Main assessment takes place, assessment recommendations' provided by the audit team and client report prepared.



If there are any issues raised by the audit team, VCA will require a plan for the corrective actions to be presented to the VCA. In extreme circumstances, depending on the nature of the issues, a further assessment may be necessary to review the corrective actions.



The lead auditor will then submit a report to the Certification Compliance Committee and if/when confirmed, VCA will provide a certificate of registration. In addition, VCA will publicise your achievement through its website database.



As part of the certification process, as a minimum, VCA will confirm your certification on an annual basis through surveillance visits

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