

**SUPPLIER QUALITY ASSURANCE MANUAL
FOR PARTS AND RAW MATERIALS**

***** QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR TRIAL AND MASS PRODUCTION *****

SECTION 35 - SUB-SUPPLIER QUALITY ASSURANCE

PURPOSE: To define the minimum requirements of the Supplier's responsibility in controlling the quality of their Sub-Suppliers.

SCOPE: Applies to Suppliers of production parts and raw materials to DENSO.

EXPLANATION:

The Supplier is responsible for the part/material quality and evaluating the Sub-Supplier's performance. The role of the Supplier is to coordinate and guide the Sub-Supplier's quality assurance activities similar to the Supplier's requirements in the DENSO SQA Manual.

SUPPLIER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Supplier should have a system in place for evaluating and selecting Sub-Suppliers.
2. The Supplier must develop quality requirements with the Sub-Supplier to support the Supplier's DENSO approved Control Plan (Reference Section 16 - DENSO Supplier Control Plan).
3. Suppliers are expected to involve Sub-Suppliers in the communication, planning, and problem-solving activities (as required) to assure quality is built into every stage of production.
4. Suppliers have the ability to establish the degree of control placed on the Sub-Supplier based on how critical the Supplier's product is to DENSO's product/ process.
5. Suppliers are responsible for assuring that countermeasure activity prevents recurrence during Mass Production. Boundary Samples should be clearly defined between the Supplier and Sub-Supplier (Reference Section 39 - Boundary Samples/ Master Samples).
6. DENSO reserves the right to audit Supplier and Sub-Supplier's facilities.

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7. In order for a Supplier to change or add a Sub-Supplier, they must first receive approval from DENSO before implementing the change. Supplier must verify with their QA/QC Engineering contact whether the proposed change would result in a Design or Process change and submit the proper supporting documentation as is specified by DENSO. (Reference Section 40 - Process Change Request (PCR), Reply/ Design Change Request (DCR)/ Engineering Change Instruction (ECI)).

The Supplier should communicate its intentions to DENSO a minimum of 3 months prior to the planned implementation of the change. The Supplier should, however, plan well in advance of this since considerations of the request by the relevant departments at DENSO may take considerably longer than 3 months to occur.

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