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- The VDA methods and requirements (VDA Standards) are developed by German automotive industry which consist of most experienced OEM und supplier experts.
- The VDA Standards are published in English and Chinese language.
- These standards & methods define the “state of the art” of quality management in the German automotive industry; The German Automotive Industry constantly further develops the standards.
- Only VDA QMC has genuine access to the latest revisions of VDA standards/trainings and knowledge.

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Mandatory Volumes (Cover page color: Red)

No.	Title	Language	Version & Release date in Germany
1	VDA 1 Documented Information and Retention-Guideline for control and retention of documentation within the parameters of the product life cycle – particularly their classification	CN/EN	4 th completely revised edition, August 2018
2	NEW VDA 2 Quality Assurance for Supplies – Production process and product approval (PPA)	CN/EN	7 th revised edition, planned publish on Q3, 2026
4	VDA 4 Section 1: General Methods Overview, Elementary Aids, Development Processes	CN/EN	3 rd , fully revised and expanded edition, March 2021
	Section 2: Risk Analyses Fault Tree Analysis – FTA, Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA), SWOT-Analysis (Strengths – Weaknesses – Opportunities –Threats)	CN/EN	3 rd fully revised and expanded edition, March 2021
	Section 3: Methods Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DFMA), Digital Mock-Up (DMU), Design of Experiments (DoE) – Trial Methodology, Manufacturing Feasibility Analysis, POKA YOKE, Quality Function Deployment (QFD), TRIZ, Economical Process Design and Process Control, 8D Method, 5 Why Method, Selection of Preventive Quality Management Methods	CN/EN	3 rd , fully revised and expanded edition, March 2021
	Section 4: Process Models Six Sigma, Design for Six Sigma (DFSS), Industrial Tolerance Process	CN/EN	3 rd , fully revised and expanded edition, March 2021
5	VDA 5 Measurement and inspection processes Capability, planning and management	CN/EN	3 rd , revised edition, July 2021
5.1	VDA 5.1 Traceable Inline Measuring Technology	CN/EN	2nd edition, March 2024
5.2	VDA 5.2 Capability of Measurement Processes for the Torque Inspection on Bolted Joints (revision)	CN/EN	2nd revised edition, January 2025. CN version planned Q3, 2025
5.3	VDA 5.3 Capability of Inspection Processes Optical Sensors/Image Processing	CN/EN	1 st edition, December, 2024
6	VDA 6 Certification Requirements for VDA 6.1, VDA 6.2 and VDA 6.4	CN/EN	6 th revised edition, September 2016; English version, September 2017
6.1	VDA 6.1 QM-System Audit Serial Production	CN/EN	5 th edition, Dec. 2016
6.2	VDA 6.2 QM System Audit - Services - Special Requirements for Service Organizations in the Automotive Industry	CN/EN	3 rd edition, Jun. 2017
6.3	VDA 6.3 Process Audit	CN/EN	4 th revised edition, Jan. 2023
6.4	VDA 6.4 System Audit-Production Equipment	CN/EN	3 rd edition, Jun. 2017

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6.5	VDA 6.5 Product Audit – Guidelines	CN/EN	3 rd , revised edition in March 2020
6.7	VDA 6.7 Process Audit – Production Equipment Product realization process/single-piece production	CN/EN	3 rd , revised edition, May 2020
6.8	VDA 6.8 Supply Chain Process Audit	CN/EN	1 st edition, December 2024
16	VDA 16 Decorative Surfaces of External Fittings and Functional Parts in the Internal and Externals of Automobiles – Evaluation Conditions / Definitions of Characteristics and Dealing with Defects / Acceptance Criteria	CN/EN	3 rd Edition 2016
19	NEW VDA 19.1 Inspection of Technical Cleanliness Particulate contamination of functionally-relevant automotive components	CN/EN	3 rd revised edition, planned released in 2026
	VDA 19.2 Technical Cleanliness in Assembly Environment, Logistics, Personnel and Assembly Equipment	CN/EN	1 st edition, 2010 Improved Chinese translation version, December 2024
Agile Collaboration	Agile Collaboration	CN/EN	1 st edition, Jan. 2021
EOS	EOS – Electrical Overstress in the Automotive industry	CN/EN	1 st edition, Jan. 2020
LL	Lessons Learned	CN/EN	1 st edition, Nov. 2020
PC1	Product Compliance Volume 1: Product Compliance System	CN/EN	1 st edition, Nov. 2023
PC2	NEW Product Compliance Volume 2: Product Safety and Product Conformity	CN/EN	1 st edition, planned Q2, 2026
PI*	Product Integrity – Recommended action for organizations regarding product safety and conformity, 1 st edition Nov. 2018 (Including Recall Management Using Over the Air updates, 1 st edition July 2020)	CN/EN	edition 1.1 Sep. 2020 (China)
8D	8D - Problem Solving in 8 Disciplines	CN/EN	1 st edition, Nov. 2018

* This volume planned to be replaced by Product Compliance Volume 2: Product Safety and Product Conformity on Q2, 2026

Guidelines Volumes (Cover page color: Blue-Gold, Gray and Blue-Red) (A-Z)

Title	Version & Release date in Germany	
AIAG & VDA FMEA Handbook	CN/EN	1 st edition, 2019
A process description covering Special Characteristics (SC)	CN/EN	2 nd , updated edition, Apr. 2020
Customer specific requirements	CN/EN	2 nd revised edition, Nov. 2018
Field Failure Analysis (FFA) & Audit standard	CN/EN	2 nd edition, Dec. 2018
Guidelines on analyzing possible scenarios and risks when using consumer electronics (CE) components in vehicles	CN/EN	2 nd revised edition, September 2022
Maturity Level Assurance (MLA) for New Parts Product creation - Maturity Level Assurance for new Parts – Methods, measurement criteria, documentation	CN/EN	3 rd revised edition, June 2022
Robust Production Process (RPP) Product Manufacturing and Delivery – Robust Production Process, Pre-requisites, Standards,Controlling, Examples	CN/EN	1 st edition, Nov. 2007 Update reprint in Nov. 2019
Standardized Process for Handling Customer Complaints	CN/EN	2 nd edition (revised), Dec. 2020
VDA 5 Practical Guide	CN/EN	1 st edition, September 2022

Automotive SPICE® Related Volumes

Title	Language	Version & Release date in Germany
Automotive SPICE® Process Reference Model - Process Assessment Model (PAM)	CN/EN	4.0 Version, Nov. 29 th 2023
Automotive SPICE® Process Reference and Assessment Model for Cybersecurity Engineering	CN/EN	2.0 Version, Mar. 28 th , 2025
Automotive SPICE® for Cybersecurity Part I: Process Reference and Assessment Model for Cybersecurity Engineering Part II: Rating Guidelines on Process Performance (Level 1) for Cybersecurity Engineering	CN/EN	2 nd edition, March 2025
Automotive SPICE® Guidelines Process assessment using Automotive SPICE in the PAM 4.0	CN/EN	2 nd revised edition, November 2023
Automotive SPICE® Potential Analysis Process Reference and Assessment Model	CN/EN	1 st edition, June 2024
Automotive SPICE® Potential Analysis Process Reference and Assessment Model based on Automotive SPICE® and Automotive SPICE® for Cybersecurity including Guidelines	CN/EN	1 st edition, August 2024