

Vantage Recertifies with Notified Body DNV Ex Quality Assurance Notification ~ Safety and Reliability

Vantage Technology knows that third-party certification is more often than not a customer requirement. We also understand that more than just an exceptionally engineered product is necessary to provide the safety and reliability required in an explosionproof – flameproof connector. A manufacturer with a commitment to quality is the critical ingredient.

A Quality Assurance Notification (QAN) is an integral part of EU Directive 94/9/EC, commonly referred to as the ATEX Directive. When a product is destined for use in a potentially explosive atmosphere within the EU market, the manufacturer must demonstrate to a Notified Body that approved quality procedures and processes are in place, with provisions for continuous monitoring, before it is awarded a Product Conformity EC-Type Examination (ATEX) Certificate.

EX Quality Assurance Notification

Annex IV of the Directive requires the manufacturer to “operate(s) a quality system approved by a notified body for production, final equipment inspection and testing and is subject to on-going surveillance.” The Quality Assurance Notification is the continued monitoring of systems and processes in relation to those Ex products and ensures compliance of the equipment with the type as described in the EC-Type-Examination certificate and with the requirements of the Directive which apply to them.

Zonal Scheme



Vantage has recently recertified its Ex Quality Assurance Notification through Det Norske Veritas (DNV). In concert with ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Certification, Vantage is committed to quality in every aspect of the organization.



Vantage is ISO 9001:2000 certified
by Det Norske Veritas, DNV

Divisional Certifications

In North America a similar scheme is followed except in lieu of a certified quality system being required, quarterly *product* inspections are carried out by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). OSHA accredits a NRTL under the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 to determine if electrical products meet certain safety standards such as: product design requirements, test methods, classifications and product performance.

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Customer benefits of Quality Certification

Vantage is in a unique position when it comes to third-party certifications. On-site audits of our quality system to international standards and on-site inspections of our products to OSHA standards means Vantage connectors meet the most stringent hazardous location requirements anywhere in the world. Our customers benefit from this multi-layered approach to quality through improved internal processes, greater consistency, and a more streamlined approach to doing business. These certifications give our customers unparalleled confidence and ultimately, enhanced customer satisfaction.



Vantage connectors carry more third party product certifications than any manufacturer. Our proven history of service, safety, and reliability make us the premier manufacturer of connectors for hazardous locations and extreme environments.