

Denka Products Certified under IATF16949, an Automotive Industry Quality Management System Standard



"AN PLATE" and "SN PLATE" certified under IATF16949

Denka Company Limited (headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; president: Manabu Yamamoto; hereinafter "Denka") hereby announces that it has acquired certification under IATF16949,* an automotive industry quality management system standard, for ceramic substrates: "AN PLATE" and "SN PLATE" produced at the Omuta Plant (Omuta City, Fukuoka Prefecture). This move was intended to support Denka's efforts to accelerate the growth of specialty businesses, one of the Denka Value-Up management plan growth strategies the Company is currently executing.

In recent years, the automotive industry has seen the growing popularity of hybrid vehicles and electric vehicles (EVs) as well as automobiles equipped with autonomous driving systems, a trend that has led to the creation of increasingly complex automobile parts. Not only are automobile parts manufacturers expected to meet needs associated with this trend, they are called to stably supply products that fulfill strict reliability requirements in the face of ongoing revisions to safety standards and are being asked to maintain even more robust quality management systems.

AN PLATE and SN PLATE, both of which have been certified as stated above, are widely used in such devices as inverter power modules, a type of automobile component essential to EVs. Using the acquisition of this certification as a springboard, we are determined to make even greater contributions to the creation of vehicles of higher quality. In addition, we will consider acquiring this certification for other products for automotive applications.

Looking ahead, Denka will continue to take full advantage of its unique technologies to improve quality and develop innovative products. Through the stable supply of highly reliable automobile component materials, we will contribute to driving safety and help ensure that all people can use cars with peace of mind.

Note: AN PLATE and SN PLATE are registered trademarks of Denka Company Limited.

* IATF (International Automotive Task Force) 16949

Based on the ISO9001 quality management system standard, the IATF16949 quality management system standard was established by the International Automotive Task Force via the incorporation of industry-specific requirements with regard to defect prevention, the reduction of variation and waste in the supply chain, and continuous improvement. Today, IATF16949 has been adopted by a number of automakers worldwide as a global standard for the procurement of automobile parts.

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