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David Ford QA Limited is a specialist consultancy in the application of Quality Systems for Ex Equipment Manufacture providing tailored consultancy to meet specific Customer requirements.

Development of Quality Systems for Ex Equipment Manufacture

If your organization requires an ATEX/UKEX Quality Assurance Notification (QAN) or IECEx Quality Assessment Report (QAR) for an Ex-equipment manufacturing facility. Consultancy can be given to assist your organization in developing or extending your Management System to be compliant the requirements of ISO 9001, ISO/IEC 80079-34, SI 2016 No. 1107, Portaria INMETRO 115 and the ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU. Although Certification to ISO 9001 is not a prerequisite to gain a QAR/QAN, however it is advised.

Upcoming Revisions to Standards

Both ISO 9001 and ISO/IEC 80079-34 Standards are currently being revised. ISO 9001:2026 is expected to be officially published in September 2026. The changes are intended to bring the following:

- Clear separation of risks and opportunities for a more balanced approach
- Stronger emphasis on quality culture, values and ethical behaviour
- Improved usability and closer alignment with other ISO management system standards

Voting on the Draft International Standard ISO/IEC DIS 80079-34 ended on 19th September 2025. At the time of writing, there is no publishing date. The changes will include added definitions, the removal of some term’s that had significant overlap with others, the clarification of some existing clauses and the overhaul of external provider selection and control.

About

Established in 2003, David Ford QA Limited is a quality systems consultancy offering a variety of quality assurance services to all sizes of business. Consultancy Services include the development of quality systems, quality plans, quality system auditing and at source verification activities to meet the requirements of ISO 9001, ISO/IEC 80079-34, SI 2016 No. 1107 and the ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU.
The company is run by a father daughter team. Both David and Gemma are qualified Quality Systems Lead Assessors and have extensive experience with the undertaking of ATEX/IECEx quality system audits & HazLoc equipment factory inspections, on behalf of a leading UK based Notified Bodies/ExCB's. David is an Incorporated Engineer and Chartered Quality Professional with over 30 years' experience working within the quality assurance discipline. Gemma is degree qualified with two and a half years' experience of the implementation of quality systems for Ex Equipment manufacturing.

Location

The Company is located in Needham Market near Ipswich with good connections to Southeast England and the Midlands. For assignments further afield, the location is in easy reach of the London airports.

From contract tender to final delivery, David Ford QA Limited can provide independent Quality Assurance support to assist the delivery of compliant product or services.

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