

North Canton Ohio November 15, 2019 - - Thermtrol Corporation, a leading provider of wire harness serving the automotive, heavy vehicle off road, industrial and medical industries has announced that they have achieved IATF 16949:2016 certification. The IATF certification is the highest international quality standard for the automotive industry. This certification is a significant milestone for Thermtrol that demonstrates their commitment to manufacturing high-quality, best-in-class products, not just for their automotive customers, but established quality processes that are used across the entire business.

This is in addition to ISO9001 Quality Management System Certification.

### **How is this newer version of the certification different?**

The updated version of ISO/TS 16949, IATF 16949:2016 was published on October 3rd, 2016. It replaces the previous ISO/TS 16949 and sets forth the requirements for a QMS used by an organization within the automotive industry. Meant to be used with ISO 9001:2015, it supplements the requirements for a stand-alone QMS, customizing the standard to the specifics of the automotive industry.

IATF 16949:2016 blends various standards from across the United States and Europe. It outlines best practices for the design, development, manufacture, installation, and service of automotive products. This international measure of quality is the gold standard for any company to develop a system for ensuring improvement and customer satisfaction.

### **What does the certification mean for Thermtrol customers?**

Thermtrol takes automotive quality very seriously. The purpose of the IATF certification is to ensure that our customers can rely on faithful delivery of high-quality products. Thermtrol has long been committed to customer satisfaction and ongoing improvements, and this certification is evidence of that commitment.

"This is a great accomplishment for our employees and the company as a whole. It is a step in the right direction as we position ourselves as industry leaders. Our customers will see the benefits of this certification with improved quality, service and overall value." Said Mr. Puneet Wadhwa, Thermtrol Vice President - Global Quality.