

Press release

SKF's research centre first to get new quality certification

SKF Engineering & Research Centre in Nieuwegein, The Netherlands has been certified to the new ISO 9001:2000 standard by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance. This makes SKF the first bearing company in the world to have its research laboratory independently certified to the new standard.

The ISO 9001 standard is one of three derivatives of the basic ISO 9000 series of Quality Standards and is dependent on the scope that a company covers with its Quality Management System.

The international accreditation forum established a transition period of three years from December 2000 for those companies certified to the earlier 1994 standard to achieve the new certification. SKF's research centre did it in nine months. SKF's research centre was also the first bearing research centre to gain certification to the 1994 standard.

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