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Why Your Supplier's **QUALITY** System **MATTERS**

It's important to choose suppliers like Eagle Stainless, which has had quality certifications in place since 1998. Read on to see how your supplier's quality system can work for you.

Quality systems create overall efficiency

When a company implements a quality system, it must examine itself from top to bottom to gain a thorough understanding of every operation. This approach to quality requires discipline throughout an enterprise that translates into efficiency. Suppliers who have accomplished this, like Eagle Stainless, find it benefits them and their customers.

Products passing through quality systems are right the first time

To meet the rigorous requirements of quality systems, products undergo quality checks at each step of their production, and variances are corrected early. Any mistakes are analyzed and used to improve the process for future orders. All these systems ensure you will get your order as specified without losing time on rework.

Quality systems improve delivery times

The disciplined production, continuous process improvement, and quality checks required by quality systems serve to speed production processes. An established quality system will help get your product out the door faster with no mistakes.

Reduce your audit frequency with supplier quality systems

Having an established quality system assures you of regular audits through certifying bodies. That means you don't have to worry about whether audits are up to date or if they meet industry standards.

Quality systems create atmospheres of teamwork and customer service

Implementing a quality system requires teamwork and employee empowerment. At Eagle, for instance, every employee is concerned with the quality of every product at every step of production. This extends from order entry and raw material purchasing to fabrication and QA to final test and shipping.

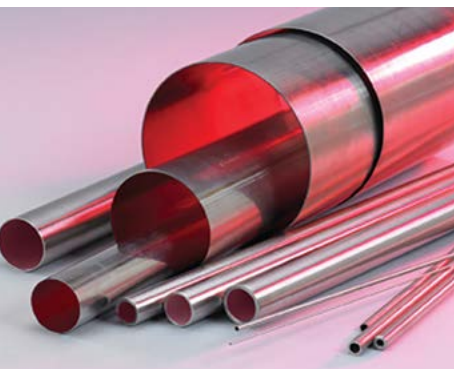


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Build trust in your suppliers by selecting those with quality systems

Trusting your supplier from the outset is the first step toward building a meaningful and profitable partnership. With a supplier like Eagle, which has demonstrated consistently high standards since its founding in 1982, you can rest assured that you have a partner dedicated to meeting your needs.



Quality systems cross international boundaries

The ISO series of certifications, for example, are recognized internationally. The standards make industries more efficient and break down barriers to international trade.

Your customers require quality systems recognized by their industry

To save yourself money, time, and headaches, it is important that your supplier is certified to a quality system recognized by your customers. It is not unusual for companies to carry multiple certifications such as ISO 9001, AS 9100 for aerospace, and ISO 13485 for medical devices.



Quality systems make standardization easier

Implementing a quality system requires intense organizational assessment and procedural and cultural change. However, subsequent qualifications are much easier to attain since many standards are interrelated and all emphasize efficiency, quality, and teamwork.

Sustainable manufacturing goes hand-in-hand with quality systems

Both quality systems and sustainable manufacturing practices emphasize efficient use of resources. Quality systems achieve sustainability goals through thorough examination of operations, employee empowerment, and "right-the-first-time" processes.



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