

Powerway APQP Advantage

Powerway APQP Advantage™ streamlines Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) document creation, control, consistency and distribution across departments within your organization, providing at-risk notifications prior to customer submission.



The Timken Company- Precision Steel Components (PSC) division in Canton, Ohio, wanted to automate the processes for complying with QS-9000 Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) requirements. After extensive research they selected Powerway Quality Planner to be used with Powerway Document Manager and Powerway Intranet Publisher because the three modules provided the fully-integrated solution PSC was looking for.

After only five weeks, Timken had reduced the time to document the APQP process from a week to hours, according to Jove Desphy, Manager, Technology & Business Advancement. "The result is a far more efficient process with much less potential for errors," Desphy said. "A key time-saving aspect of the software is its ability to distribute documents over our Intranet site."

PSC hopes to encourage suppliers to migrate to the program so that their PPAP documents can be seamlessly incorporated into PSC's submissions.

Today's automotive suppliers face enormous pressures producing high quality products at the lowest possible costs while, at the same time, documenting the processes to meet customer requirements. Moreover, industry e-Business initiatives require suppliers to provide greater visibility into product planning processes—earlier and more frequently than ever before. For small- to mid-market suppliers spending valuable time preparing documentation using general-purpose word processing and database software, the amount of time and administrative overhead spent on paperwork is overwhelming. Yet, with the right tools, suppliers can focus more on APQP execution and less on non-value added administrative costs such as document creation, management, control and distribution.

Powerway APQP Advantage software streamlines APQP document creation, control, consistency and distribution. At the same time, suppliers are assured that their documentation is accurate and complete prior to customer submission for initial part approval and at each quality gate throughout the APQP process. Powerway Institute training and Powerway Professional Services are included for quicker time-to-value.

