

## Re: CE compliance testing in the UK

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"keith" wrote

> *Rich Grise wrote:*

> > *John Woodgate wrote:*

<snip>

> *It's government mandated stuff. Of course it's fluff.*

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> > *I'm ISO9000 compliant, right now.*

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> *I doubt it. DO you have the little certification sticker?*

Perhaps I should send him one! NBD!

> > *So, probably, are most of you.*

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> *I am, but the way you talk here, I seriously doubt you are.*

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> > *Certification is another matter – that's for the big-bucks  
anal-retentive*

> > *bureaucrats.*

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> *If you're not certified then you're not ISO 9K compliant. End  
of story.*

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> > *Do what you say, say what you do, and meet the customer spec.*

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> *Nope. You'd better study some more.*

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> > *That's pretty much it.*

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> *Nope. There is much more fluff to it than simply meeting the  
customer's*

> *spec. In fact that's not even a part of it.*

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> *Keith*

I have been an ISO900 Auditor, and Rich has it right except for

the need to pay the high fees for a certificate. (And the regular audits.) But you are not going to get any recognition for doing it right, the credit only comes from jumping through hoops for a price. The entire ISO program is a waste of time and money. I have also written the documents for several companies, It is not at all difficult, just apply the common sense which is so rare now– days!

Follow a few sound rules, be honest and as Rich says:

"I did a not inconsiderable amount of research into this "ISO9000" stuff

not too long ago. It turns out, it's primarily bureaucratic fluff.

I'm ISO9000 compliant, right now. So, probably, are most of you.

Certification is another matter – that's for the big–bucks anal–retentive bureaucrats. Do what you say, say what you do, and meet the customer spec. That's pretty much it."

If you disagree, publ