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A Distinguished Window into the Rough and Tumble World of Calibration

ISO 17025 and ISO 9001: Partners in Kryme

With the demand crystal clear, we listened: You wanted more ISO information; we're giving you more ISO information.

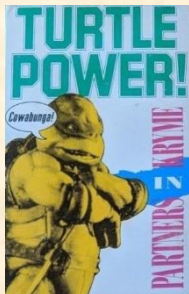
Before you stop reading, this isn't just some dull ISO 17025 summary like we gave you last October. † No way. This is hard-hitting, ripped-from-the-headlines stuff.

Plus, if you don't keep reading, you'll never know if we intentionally spelled "kryme" like that in the headline, or if this newsletter is actually written by semi-illiterates. (Editor's Note: Couldn't it possibly be both?) ‡

Anyway...we're obviously talking about ISO standards. Specifically, we're talking about how **ISO/IEC 17025:2017 meets the management system requirements that are applicable to ISO 9001.**

It's all official, too. In a joint ISO-ILAC-IAF communique from April 2017, a few people who are pretty important in the quality

world signed a piece of paper that said so. It was on letterhead and everything.



When all else fails, we're content with using even the most tenuously related references for our headlines or imagery.

While in reality, ISO 17025 has met or exceeded the relevant portions of ISO 9001 for years, this is the first time that it's been so explicitly stated by the standard-setting bodies. So whether your quality program requires ISO 17025 or 9001 – we meet that standard!

† *It would probably be wise not to run down our own newsletter, but let's face it: anyone who was going to read that issue has read it by now.*

‡ *Full disclosure: there's no actual editor. I think that's probably pretty clear to most people by now.*

About This Issue

- 35% of readers born between 1975 and 1985 have a vague memory of jamming out to the only song by Partners in Kryme that was ever heard by anybody ("Turtle Power"). 4% of us still love it.
- There are 3 self-referential comments this month. Coming issues will slowly grow that until the entire newsletter is nothing but jokes and references about itself.

Thread View, Part 2

Loyal readers (which we assume consists of all of you, just for the sake of our own self-esteem) will almost certainly recall a mention of our new Thread View calibration system in Issue #3.



This is just a copy and paste of the photo from September. We considered taking a new picture, but frankly we think we nailed it the first time.

In the spirit of referencing former Cal Corner issues – which is now officially the unofficial theme of this month – we thought we'd provide an exciting update on the topic!

Quest Metrology, the manufacturer of the Thread View II system, has asked DTS to be the calibration provider for this system to their customers. That means that across the U.S., Diamond Technical Services now has the training and capability to support installation and regular calibrations of Thread View systems!

We're excited to partner with Quest Metrology in this endeavor, and to convince any new Florida customers that calibrations really are best in the November to February time range.



Ask Kal, the Calibration Quokka

Hey Kal, is a lab only able to calibrate equipment they have listed on their scope of accreditation?

Short answer – no! A calibration provider can calibrate any type of equipment that they have the masters, accuracy capabilities, training, and procedures to tackle. Having a certain type of equipment listed on a 17025 accreditation scope means that an auditing body has reviewed and approved that specific calibration as accredited for that lab. However, there may be plenty of other types of calibrations that lab can do that happen to not be on the accreditation.

Remember, even if a particular type of calibration is not listed on the scope itself, an accredited lab must still meet stringent performance and documentation requirements for any calibration work they do!

Have a general calibration-related question you'd like answered?
Email newsletter@dts-na.com with "Ask Kal" as the subject!



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