



RAJESH KAKKAR

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Rajesh Kakkar is Senior Director - Excellence in Manufacturing and Environment, Health and Safety. Prior to this he was the Director- Manufacturing & Supply Chain at Mahle Filter Systems Limited.

Starting his career with Kelvinator India in 1979, Rajesh joined ANAND Automotive Systems in 1981 as Engineer - Quality Assurance at Purolator India (now MAHLE Filter Systems India) at the Parwanoo plant, working through design, product development, materials and production departments, acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to take up greater responsibilities. Rajesh was promoted to Plant Manager in 1996 and after three years, he was transferred to the Stuttgart office of ANAND Automotive Systems Limited as Regional Manager - Europe. In July 2002, he was promoted to General Manager - International Business for Purolator India and in 2005 he was promoted to Director Manufacturing - MAHLE Filter Systems India Limited.

In his current role, Rajesh is responsible for VSME deployment in all ANAND Plants, including improving quality, maintenance and efficiency at the supplier's end. He also oversees the COPOQ (Cost of Poor Quality) parameter to monitor progress on a monthly basis and help plants to achieve their targets by focusing intently on the projects at hand. As the leader of the AHPS (ANAND Heijunka Production System), he ensures that manufacturing excellence is maintained across the Group. A large part of his responsibility also includes ensuring stringent safety, environment and health standards, across facilities.

Rajesh successfully underwent the VLFM programme from July 2008 to May 2009. He has also completed a senior management programme for management development conducted at IIM Ahmedabad in 1998 and the advanced management programme at Oxford University, UK, in 2007. Rajesh holds a mechanical engineering diploma from the Board of Technical Education in Delhi.