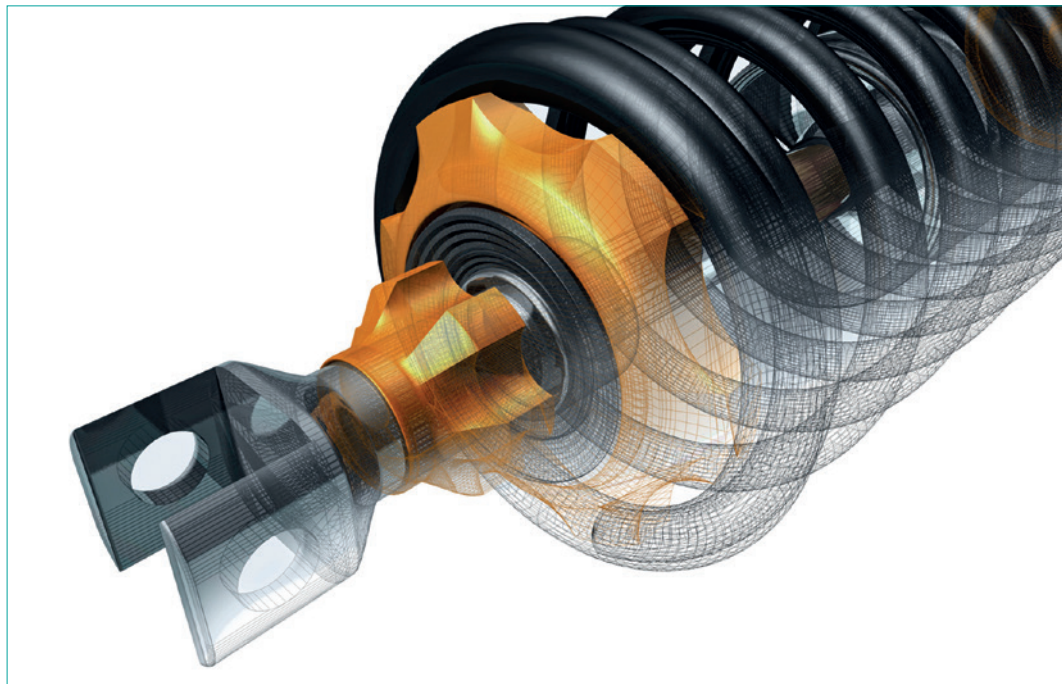


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APM



Advanced Process Management Automotive Change Management

Flexible and scalable process control for integrated change management with SAP

- Unique methods for streamlining automotive change processes
- Reduction of routine activities
- Shorter process cycles for change processes
- Advisor technology that seeks out information, thinks in parallel and optimizes processes
- Straightforward team management system featuring an extensive range of communication and management functions
- Shorter innovation cycles thanks to optimum support for globally distributed product development processes
- Significant increase in overall process security and reliability

Manufacturing companies are facing an extremely dynamic and competitive environment in their global markets. Automotive OEMs and suppliers are highly exposed to the challenges of this environment, and have to meet an ever increasing number of requirements.

With our cenitCONNECT Advanced Process Management (APM) solution, you can develop a workflow that is precisely tailored to your change process. Each of your change processes is a separate SAP object with its own process ID, can be applied at all levels of the company, is uncoupled and transparent, and contains all relevant planning information, notes, documents and release decisions — with comments if requested.

You can detect deviations easily and find important information quickly in order to initiate any corrective actions that may be necessary. These corrective actions can, in turn, be managed as cenitCONNECT APM processes with their own process IDs, can be documented in a standardized way and can be implemented in line with your company's policies.



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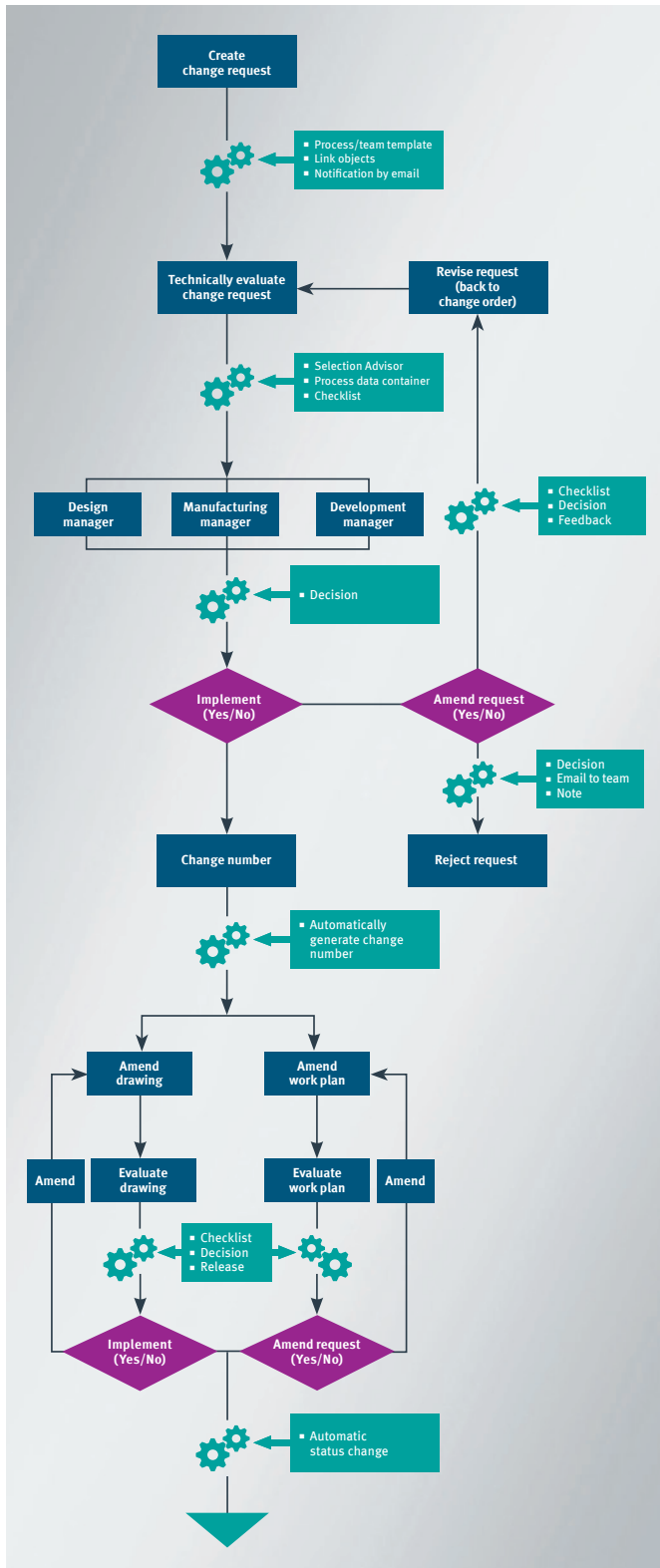
cenitCONNECT APM enables you to select predefined processes (use cases) as the basis for your change process. Important elements for the process are either automatically generated by cenitCONNECT APM (process and change number) or entered in predefined fields (process name and description). In addition, the person responsible for the content is defined (the requestor), as is the issuer who ordered the process. The coordinator is the person responsible for the process workflow and for managing user permissions. After these responsibilities have been defined, the coordinator creates teams and designates the people who will be involved in the process. In the Object Workbench, all necessary SAP objects, such as work plans and bills of materials (BOMs), are collected and assigned to the process. When the process status is changed to "in work," all people responsible for the next step will be notified and will receive a task in their personal work list.

The change request is often technically evaluated by several stakeholders. The Selection Advisor helps to locate and review the relevant documents. In the Task Desk, all the relevant information is prepared and made available to the decision-maker. Using checklists, cenitCONNECT APM then provides support to ensure the validity of the decision.

If the change is not implemented, cenitCONNECT APM automatically supports the exchange of information between team members via email notifications and other communication methods. Decisions, checklists and notes also help to ensure that the process is complete and is coordinated as effectively as possible.

If the change request is approved, cenitCONNECT APM automatically assigns a SAP change number. The design manager receives the correct documents for his review promptly and in the correct status. After the documents have been reviewed with the help of decision-making aids, the release is issued, which leads to a status change. At the same time, the work plans are reviewed and released using predefined decision-making aids.

cenitCONNECT APM is an innovative, flexible and transparent SAP PLM add-on for controlling your change processes.



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