

1.4 Awards

In 2016, the Group enjoyed widespread recognition from its customers and partners for innovation capability and product and service quality, attesting to its operational excellence.

1.4.1 Innovation rewarded

- In 2016, Valeo was named, for the fourth time, one of the most innovative companies in the world in the Top 100 Global Innovators Report published by Clarivate Analytics (former intellectual property and science business of Thomson Reuters).
- Valeo won two 2016 PACE (Premier Automotive Suppliers' Contribution to Excellence) awards, for its electric supercharger and its water-cooled condenser.
- At a ceremony organized by CLEPA (the European Association of Automotive Suppliers) in Brussels (Belgium), a panel of independent experts awarded first prize in the Safety category to Valeo's Remote Clean4U™ (remote-controlled windshield de-icing and cleaning system) and second prize in the Green category to Valeo's EG (Efficiency Generator) alternator.
- At the 2016 Automechanika Show (Germany), Valeo's SCALA™ laser scanner won the Innovation Prize in the Original Equipment Products & Services category.

1.4.2 Outstanding excellence

Customers continued to recognize the high standard of the Group's performance, particularly in the area of quality. Valeo received 79 distinctions in 2016 (up 32% on 2015), including:

European customers

- Groupauto International Trading Group awarded Valeo Service its 2016 Supplier of the Year prize.
- The Powertrain Systems Business Group's Czechowice site (Poland) won Opel/Vauxhall's Supplier Quality Excellence Award.
- PSA Peugeot Citroën awarded Best Supplier Plant distinctions to Valeo's Visibility Systems site in Tuam (Ireland) for the second year running, the Comfort & Driving Assistance Systems site in Ben Arous (Tunisia), the Thermal Systems site in Humpolec (Czech Republic), and the Visibility Systems site in Issoire (France) and Giarmata and Timisoara (Romania). The Timisoara site also won a Supplier Quality Award.
- PSA Peugeot Citroën gave Quality System Basics Awards to the Thermal Systems site in Itatiba (Brazil), the Visibility Systems and Powertrain Systems site in Fuenlabrada (Spain), the Powertrain Systems site in Nanjing (China) and the Visibility Systems site in Wenling (China).
- The Visibility Systems site in Shenyang (China) earned an Excellent Quality Award from Volkswagen.
- The Thermal Systems and Visibility Systems site in Foshan (China) earned Quality Excellence Awards from Volvo Cars.

US customers

- Valeo Lighting North America earned a Recognition of Excellence Award from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA).
- In Ford Motor Company's Annual World Excellence Awards, the Hainaut site (Belgium - Special Lighting Products) won a Gold Award for Valeo's Visibility Systems Business Group and a Smart Brand Pillar Award for the Comfort & Driving Assistance Systems Business Group.
- Ford Q1 Certification was obtained by the wiper and alternator businesses at the Bursa site (Turkey - Certification) and Ford Q1 Awards were earned by the Chennai (India), Fuenlabrada (Spain) and Timisoara (Romania) Visibility Systems sites.
- General Motors named Valeo Supplier of the Year for the eleventh time; nine Visibility Systems Business Group sites received the Supplier of the Year distinction: Córdoba (Argentina), Sao Paulo (Brazil), Querétaro (Mexico, two businesses), Seymour (United States), Foshan (China), Wuhan (China), Le Hainaut (Belgium), Timisoara (Romania). And ten sites earned Supplier Quality Excellence Awards: Itatiba (Brazil - Thermal Systems); Foshan (China - Thermal Systems), Wenling and Wuhan (China - Visibility Systems); Kyong Ju (South Korea - Powertrain Systems); Pune (India - Powertrain Systems); Akita and Ibaraki (Japan - Comfort & Driving Assistance Systems); Czechowice (Poland - Powertrain Systems); Rayong (Thailand - Thermal Systems).
- Toyota North America awarded Certificates of Achievement for Quality to the Visibility Systems Seymour (United States) and Querétaro (Mexico) sites.