

TISAX implementation

Audit of key IT systems according to TISAX standards

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What is Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange (TISAX), and why do you need it?

Companies in the automotive industry are required to demonstrate regularly every three years that they meet the information security criteria.

The Verband der Automobilindustrie information security assessment (VDA ISA) catalogue of information security requirements published by the German Association of the Automotive Industry or VDA includes key aspects and criteria of the internationally recognised ISO 27001 standard and additional lists of criteria that are directly relevant to the automotive sector, such as data protection and prototype protection. In addition, there is a fully developed and comprehensive audit and exchange mechanism.

The audit and reporting processes provide a high degree of comparability and transparency and thus build confidence for the relevant customers, who, therefore, increasingly require a TISAX label.

The TISAX online platform allows participants to share assessment data while at the same time allowing them and audit providers to communicate with each other.

The overarching objective of TISAX is to establish a standardised label based on common criteria within the automotive industry and to create a sharing space/community where IT/IS performances are shared between automotive players.

Relevance:

01

Cross-company recognition of the assessment results amongst all TISAX participants

02

Broad acceptance in the automotive sector

03

Effective risk management strategies

04

Consequent orientation to customer needs

05

Higher credibility for certified organisations between suppliers and customers

06

Helps in protecting critical data and reducing liabilities

TISAX assessment domains

Information security

- 41 controls
- Information security policies
- Information security management system (ISMS) controls
- Necessary domain for all TISAX labels

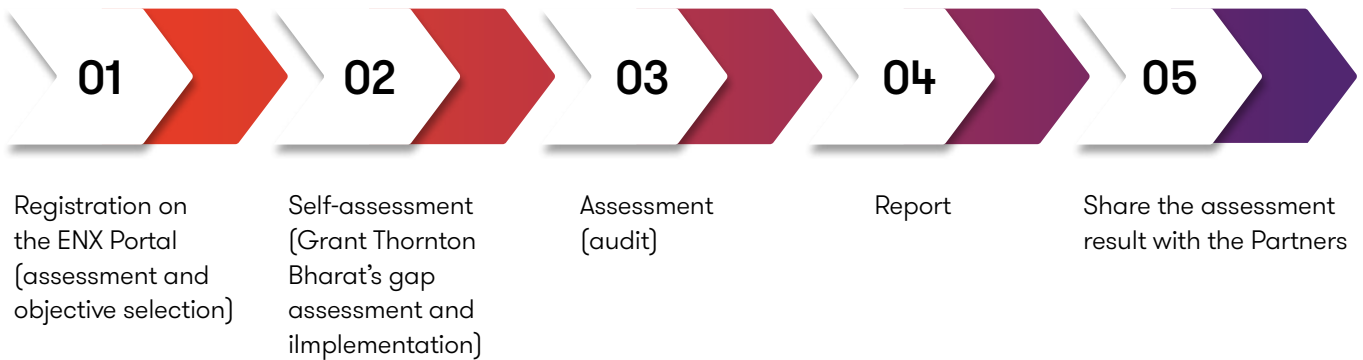
Prototype protection

- 22 controls
- Physical and environmental security
- Organisational requirements
- Handling of vehicles, components and parts
- Requirements for trial vehicles
- Requirements for events and shootings

Data protection

- 4 controls
- Policies and procedures
- Appointment of a privacy officer
- Implementation of data protection mechanisms
- Awareness and training of employees

Registration process



Benefits of TISAX

- TISAX provides a modular approach for assessments. TISAX assessments are scoped according to the assessment objectives recommended by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or the ones selected by the supplier. TISAX allows participants to tailor the scope of assessment as per their operations and select any combination of assessment objectives and get the corresponding TISAX label.
- TISAX also has six maturity levels and three assessment levels to choose from. The issuance of a TISAX label requires organisations to have a maturity level of at least three (established), and the minimum assessment level required is AL2.
- TISAX implementation and adoption is easier for Tier 1 auto component players, given they have some IS control frameworks already in place around prototype and data protection. TISAX implementation helps Tier 2 auto component players by getting them recognition from OEMs. It allows participants to tailor the scope of their assessments as per their operations, thereby helping in the adoption of other IS frameworks as well.



01

TISAX offers an internationally recognised standard with the requirement for information security, prototype protection and data protection. This enables Partners to have a trusted and transparent model to gauge the effectiveness of their suppliers' information security practices.

02

TISAX is a well-recognised standard within the automotive industry and thus allows participants to avoid redundant audits for each customer and easily access new business opportunities.

03

TISAX offers a standard set of requirements and a single assessment which is valid for three years. This reduces the cost of implementation of security controls through standardisation and helps avoid redundant checks.

04

TISAX helps organisations to protect their technical know-how, confidential information and intellectual property through globally recognised tools and processes.

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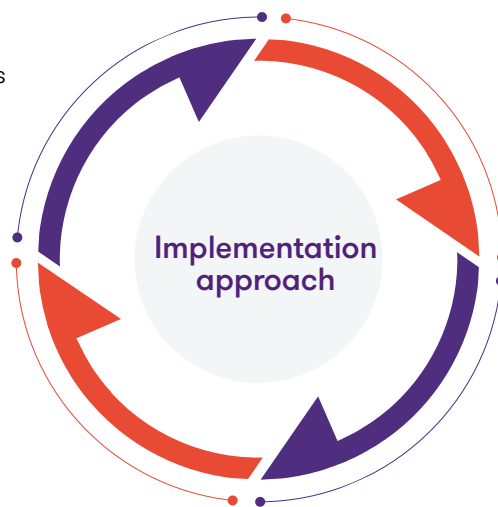
Grant Thornton Bharat is a global provider of know-how and a strong partner with extensive expertise in areas such as information security and TISAX. Currently, we are one of the few consultancies to provide TISAX support across India.

We use our industry-specific experience from various other engagements within the automotive sector in the TISAX support process. We have worked with Indian vehicle manufacturing giants and are aware of the challenges faced within the automobile industry in India. Our team of information security professionals comes with industry experience and domain knowledge and has all the tools to help prepare for the TISAX assessment and implement the requirements as per the VDA ISA. The team undergoes multiple trainings and is updated on all the changes to this dynamic standard. Apart from this, our team proactively looks for the latest revisions and changes, and the entire toolset is updated with each revision.



Plan

- Scope estimation
- Understanding the organisation and its processes
- ENX registration support
- Project planning



Act

- Improvement and sustenance activities
- Accommodate changes in the organisation
- Implement corrective actions

Do

- Perform gap analysis and highlight positive aspects and shortcomings
- Liaise between stakeholders for gap closure
- Provide recommendations and improvement points
- Training and awareness

Check

- Perform self-assessment against the latest VDA ISA questionnaire
- Provide maturity score against TISAX controls for the final assessment by ENX
- Support the stakeholders in the certification audit

Post implementation, our team ensures constant support for and during the TISAX certification audit, making the certification process smooth for our clients.

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