

Information sheet Obligation to Prove Information Security for Suppliers

Proof of Information Security is Precondition for Supplier Integration

External companies, suppliers and development partners are requested to provide a proof of their information and / or prototype security as a precondition for technical connection for data exchange with VW and Audi brands as well as for availability of confidential and secret information, components, assembly carriers and prototypes.

Obtaining this proof is coordinated by the company operational services (OS) and integrated as inherent part into the CSN connection processes as well as acceptance of external companies.

How is proof of information security provided?

Proof of information security is considered to be provided, if the partner company is able to submit a **valid ISO 27001 certificate** to OS with the scope comprising the content of cooperation with Volkswagen and / or Audi.

If the partner company is not able to submit a valid ISO 27001 certificate, OS will obtain a **self assessment** based on the questionnaire "Information Security Assessment" of the VDA (Verband der Automobilindustrie) from the partner company. For more information: <http://www.vda.de/de/arbeitsgebiete/informationsschutz/index.html>.

The questionnaire contains a pattern which helps the partner company to determine, analyse and, if needed, to improve the maturity level of its information security.

Proof of information security is considered to be provided, if the partner company is able to submit a self assessment valued as "Succeeded" (i.e. the maturity level given by Volkswagen and Audi has been achieved). This self assessment needs to be signed by the management of the partner company or its representative.

On this basis, OS gives an **approval for technical connection** which is accepted within Volkswagen Group.

The approval is valid for 3 years and after this period a new proof of information security is needed. The self assessments of the partner companies are checked randomly. On-site checks remain unconsidered.

For coordination of these self assessment processes OS charges administrative fees for the partner company.

For questions about the self-auditing procedure and any other queries regarding this issue our Service Support Center is at your disposal:

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