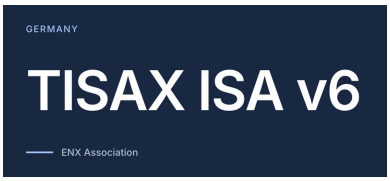
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Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange (TISAX), VDA ISA version 6

TISAX with VDA ISA version 6 is the automotive industry's assessment and exchange mechanism for information security, governed by ENX Association and published by the VDA.



What it is

TISAX (Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange) is the automotive industry's mechanism for assessing and sharing information security results: a company is assessed by an ENX-approved audit provider against the VDA ISA catalog and shares the result with its business partners through the ENX portal. This page covers VDA ISA version 6 (ISA 6), published by the VDA on October 15, 2023 and applied to assessments ordered from April 1, 2024; ENX's download page lists the current patch level as 6.0.3.

At a glance

PUBLISHER
ENX Association (TISAX governance); Verband der Automobilindustrie (VDA) publishes the VDA ISA catalog

TYPE
Framework

VERSION
VDA ISA version 6 (patch level 6.0.3)

EFFECTIVE
April 1, 2024 (assessments ordered from this date); VDA ISA2027 applies to assessments ordered from January 1, 2027

DOMAIN
Cybersecurity

FAMILY
TISAX

REGION
Germany

INDUSTRY
Automotive

ADOPTION MODEL
Industry Requirement

IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY
High

Source: portal.enx.com/en-us/TISAX/downloads/

Why it matters

- **Assess once, share with many** One assessment can be shared with any number of TISAX participants through the ENX portal, which reduces repeated customer audits.
- **Depth that matches the data** Assessment levels AL 2 and AL 3 set how closely the audit provider verifies the self-assessment, based on the protection needs of the information handled.
- **A shared maturity scale** Every control is rated on maturity levels 0 to 5, and the ISA sets a target maturity level of 3 for each question.
- **Control over disclosure** The assessed company chooses whether and how far to share the report, from assessment-related information with labels up to the assessment summary.

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How SmartSuite supports TISAX ISA v6

ISA Requirement Library

Load the Information Security, Prototype Protection and Data Protection controls with owners, protection-need requirements and implementation status.

Scope and Objective Register

Record each assessment scope, its locations, the assessment objectives and the assessment level the partner expects.

Maturity Self-Assessment

Rate each control from 0 to 5 against the target maturity of 3 and attach the evidence an audit provider will ask for.

Evidence and Audit Trail

Keep policies, procedures and operating records linked to the controls, with approvals and review dates.

Corrective Actions and Follow-up

Track non-conformities, corrective action plans, the nine-month temporary label expiry and the follow-up assessment through closure.

Supplier Label Tracking

Track which suppliers hold which TISAX label, when it expires and what the partner requires of them.

Common framework mappings

CIS Controls v8.1 | ISO 27001:2022 | ISO 27002:2022 | ISO 27701 | ISO/SAE 21434 | NIST CSF 2.0 | NIST 800-53 Rev.5 | UNECE R155

Official resources

TISAX Participant Handbook

Provides detailed guidance on participation in TISAX assessments and compliance processes.

enx.com/handbook/TISAX%20Participant%20Handbook.pdf

TISAX Assessment Guide

Describes the assessment process and requirements for achieving TISAX certification.

enx.com/handbook/tisax-participant-handbook.html

TISAX Exchange Platform Introduction

Outlines how to use the TISAX Exchange platform for managing assessment results.

portal.enx.com/en-US/TISAX

Frequently asked questions

What is TISAX and what does an assessment produce?

TISAX is the automotive industry's assessment and exchange mechanism, governed by ENX Association. A company is assessed by an ENX-approved audit provider against the VDA ISA catalog and receives a TISAX report with TISAX labels, which it can share with business partners through the ENX portal. Results are not public, and they are valid for three years.

Which ISA version applies now, and what is ISA2027?

ISA 6 (patch level 6.0.3) applies to assessments ordered from April 1, 2024. The VDA published ISA2027 on July 1, 2026, and it applies to assessments ordered from January 1, 2027; ENX states that the final date to open an initial assessment under ISA 6 is March 2027. Future catalogs will be named for the year they become mandatory and released each summer.

What are AL 2 and AL 3, and how do maturity levels fit in?

Assessment levels set how the audit provider works. At AL 2 the provider checks the plausibility of the self-assessment with evidence and an interview; at AL 3 it verifies everything, including on-site activities. Separately, every ISA control is rated on maturity levels 0 to 5, and the ISA sets a target maturity level of 3 for each question.

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Which assessment objectives and labels does TISAX offer?

The ten current objectives are Confidential, Strictly confidential, High availability, Very high availability, Proto parts, Proto vehicles, Test vehicles, Proto events, Data and Special data. A company selects the objectives a partner requires, and a passed assessment earns the matching labels. Info high and Info very high could be selected only until March 31, 2024; Confidential and Strictly confidential are selectable from April 1, 2024.

What happens if the audit provider finds non-conformities?

A minor non-conformity can lead to temporary TISAX labels, which expire nine months after the closing meeting of the initial assessment, cannot be renewed and last until the corrective actions are verified in a follow-up assessment. The participant may first have the corrective action plan assessed. Permanent labels are valid for three years.

License included / downloadable: Yes The VDA ISA catalog and the TISAX Participant Handbook are free to download from ENX, and the ISA is licensed under Creative Commons Attribution-NoDerivatives 4.0 with additional terms for distributing derivatives. Registering as a TISAX participant and ordering an assessment carry separate fees. The platform links to the ENX downloads and does not reproduce the catalog.

Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/tisax-isa-v6-trusted-information-security-assessment-exchange