



# TISAX<sup>®</sup> Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange

How to obtain a TISAX<sup>®</sup> label and build  
trusted supply chain partnerships



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## Obtaining your TISAX® label with BSI

Taking the path from registration to obtaining your TISAX® label should be as simple as possible.

As your trusted partner, BSI is committed to helping you at every step of the way.



**Rob Brown**  
Global Head of Automotive

“If you’re a supplier or service provider to the automotive industry, this guide is for you – especially if you’ve been asked to obtain a TISAX® label by your client or OEM.

We’ll help you get started with TISAX® by explaining the key terminology, resources and processes you’ll need to understand. No matter where you’re starting from, BSI is here to help you through the process successfully.”

# What is TISAX®?

TISAX® stands for Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange and is the exchange mechanism for the VDA's Information Security Assessment (ISA). TISAX® enables mutual acceptance of information security assessments between suppliers and partners in the automotive industry. It was developed by VDA in cooperation with ENX to deliver positive impact throughout the automotive supply chain.

## How is TISAX® different to ISO management systems standards?

TISAX® protects information in the automotive supply chain from theft, manipulation and loss. While being distinct from other management systems certification schemes, TISAX® is built upon ISO/IEC 27001, the international standard for Information Security Management, with additional requirements specifically for the automotive industry.

## What is ENX Association and its role in TISAX®?

ENX Association is the trade association that operates the TISAX® programme. It was established in 2000 and consists of automobile manufacturers, suppliers and four national automotive associations. It enables and simplifies secure and trustworthy collaboration throughout the value chain.



The TISAX® process is managed through ENX's online portal, which you can access [here](#).

# The TISAX<sup>®</sup> Process



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## TISAX<sup>®</sup> Registration

The TISAX<sup>®</sup> process begins with registering officially as a participant on the [ENX online portal](#).

Getting this step right will simplify the process, making what follows that much easier and hassle-free. Read on to discover how.

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## BSI engaged

Book your TISAX<sup>®</sup> audit with BSI.

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## TISAX<sup>®</sup> assessment

Perform your self-assessment, which BSI will assess.

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## TISAX<sup>®</sup> label

BSI submits the assessment results to ENX who issues the TISAX<sup>®</sup> label.

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## Results exchange

Share your labels in the ENX portal.

# Understanding key terms

TISAX® uses different terminology from the language used in ISO management systems standards and certification.

**Familiarizing yourself with some of the key terms and concepts will accelerate your path towards obtaining a TISAX® label.**

## TISAX® label

The TISAX label is proof of your compliance with the requirements of your designated assurance level. The label, which gives customers reassurance of your adherence to the expected standards, is typically valid for three years.

In addition to the TISAX® label, you're able to generate a decorative assessment document to display in your premises.

## Scope excerpt

The scope excerpt is obtained when you register on the ENX portal. It is a summary of your participant status and is used to confirm the scope, type and duration of assessment.

## Assessment objectives

Assessment objectives are set by the OEM and stated in the scope excerpt. They set the focus of the assessment and the assessment level. This information is needed by BSI to calculate the scope type and duration of the audit.

## Assessment level (AL)

There are three assessment levels, which provide the specific requirements you must comply with, and the type and duration of the audit to assess compliance. The assessment level is confirmed during the registration process on the ENX portal, and it varies depending on the type of product or service you provide. The three levels are:

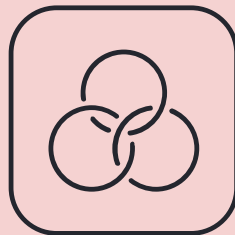
**AL1:** Self-assessment by the auditee

**AL2:** Plausibility check of self-assessment, restricted to evaluation of evidence, and an expert interview

**AL3:** Full assessment, including evaluation of evidence, on-site inspection and expert interviews

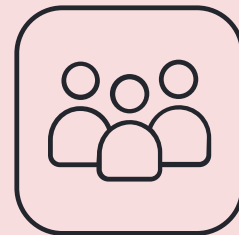
# Three essential resources

During the TISAX® registration and assessment process, you will have access to the ENX portal, the participant handbook, and the Information Security Assessment (ISA). Used together, they enable you to understand the process, officially register as a TISAX® participant, and share your assessment results with customers and supply chain partners.



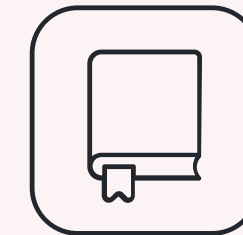
## 1 ENX portal

The [ENX portal](#) is the online network and database of TISAX® participants, their supplier information and assessment results. The portal enables the “exchange” of trusted information.



## 2 Participant handbook

The participant handbook sets out the TISAX® process over eight sections. It will equip you with all the information required to successfully navigate the process. [You can view it online here.](#)



## 3 Information Security Assessment (ISA)

The ISA is a Microsoft Excel workbook containing three sets of requirements called catalogues: one each for Information Security, Prototype Protection and Data Protection. It has several tabs, including Maturity Levels, Definitions, Results and Example KPIs. This enables you to assess performance against target maturity levels. [You can download the ISA here.](#)

# Start your TISAX<sup>®</sup> journey with BSI today

As your partner in progress, we can help you meet the requirements of auto makers and demonstrate your commitment to information security.

We're independently recognized to provide TISAX<sup>®</sup> assessments to organizations across the globe. Our experts can also help you prepare for Level 1, 2 and 3 assessments with flexible on-demand training and guidance.

Visit our TISAX<sup>®</sup> webpage for more information



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