

New software and hardware solution support fleet management and dealers

Fast and uncomplicated recordation of the current status

Reliable and current vehicle-related information are an important basis in order to assess the current condition of vehicles fast and realistically when purchasing, taking back or delivering vehicles. Together with PS-Team Fahrzeuglogistik Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG, AuDaCon developed INSPECT, a combined hard- and software solution that supports fleet managers, leasing companies and car rental companies as well as car dealers and workshops.

With the new system that both partners market under the name AuDaConINSPECT and PS INSPECT, the user is in the position, to detect fast and uncomplicated the current status of a vehicle. The investment of time and administrative effort is reduced to a minimum. Through the digitalisation of the data the processing is simplified considerably. Thanks to the software led vehicle inspection the common completion of paper forms and the subsequent data entry procedure in the respective software becomes redundant. This results in a considerable reduction of processing time per vehicle.

When entering the data a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) is used that secures a maximum degree of mobility. Thanks to INSPECT, no matter where the vehicle is taken respective inspected, the current status of the vehicle can be recorded fast and without any problems. The user inspects the respective vehicle with the help of concrete predetermined inspection sheets. These inspection sheets have to be worked through step by step. All surveys result from questions and assessment catalogues that are developed in accordance with the individual requirements of the respective company. The user transfers the vehicle-related protocol before the inspection to his PDA. This process insures that when entering the data no important data can be missed or no useless data is recorded. By entering the data no prose has to be entered. Via a selection screen or rather by a click on the correspondent wear or problem area in general and clear graphics no falsification of the survey through personal description is possible. The data acquisition can because of this also carried out by employees who do not dispose of distinctive automotive knowledge.

The necessary preliminary work is manageable. With help of the PMT (Protocol Management Tool) at first the user generates vehicle specific protocols. With these protocols the survey can be carried out. Through this the user has the possibility to emphasise and to configurate the inspection sheet according to his needs. This whole process takes place at the workplace, where also the templates can be loaded to the PDA. After the inspection of the vehicle the completed protocols can be transferred to the system and are immediately available for the analysis. At the same time the completed protocol can be printed out by a network-independent printer via cable, infrared or bluetooth connection.

The contact person of the inspector receives immediately a written result of the vehicle inspection.

Divers target groups and many possible applications

The possible applications of INSPECT are manifold. This new system will not only be employed at leasing companies, fleet managers and car rental companies but also at insurance companies, forwarding agencies and special service companies in the area of vehicle preparation or in the delivery handling of large fleets. In this area the current status of a vehicle on delivery, respective when taking it back can quickly be documented.

Other important target groups for INSPECT are car dealers and workshops, e.g. for the recordation of vehicles in the used car business. Also in the field of direct acceptance INSPECT supports the user. With the assistance of the system necessary repair work can be recorded and the work that should be undertaken can be determined. Through the connection with the corresponding computer system the recorded data can be employed for the further workshop flow.

In combination with the technical data of AuDaCon necessary repair information, the stipulation of the needed labour value or the order of spare parts can be undertaken. The separately offered data bases exclusively upon information and original data derived from manufacturers as well as from the automotive and spare parts industry. With the help of this detailed information concerning different models, configurations and motorisation, the handling of all further work steps in the workshops or the vehicle business are facilitated considerably.

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