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IMDS – Material Data System for the Global Automotive Industry

IMDS represents a global system for the registration of data related to the materials that are used throughout the automotive supply chain. Through IMDS, the original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) have at their disposal a common platform which contains all the necessary data and helps them to comply with the existing regulation which requires the OEMs to inform on the materials that have been used during the manufacturing of all the components of a vehicle. Such information is critical for the correct management of the vehicles when they reach their end of life.

Nowadays, IMDS is a data base that contains archives with all the data related to the materials that have been used by all the suppliers along the supply chain of the automotive industry.

In the beginning IMDS was as a product of a collaboration of Audi, BMW, Daimler, EDS (HP), Ford, Opel, Porsche, Volkswagen and Volvo. However, gradually more OEMs started to join the and IMDS eventually became a global standard used by almost the entire automotive industry. Since 2012, there are more than 90,000 IMDS companies and **Geispen Group** takes pride in being one of them.