VDA 6.3 was published for the first time in 1998 and was revised in 2010, 2016 as well as 2022 (present edition).

What has changed compared to the 2016 version?

- Software-related aspects have been considered in the questionnaire.

- The content of this volume was harmonized with further VDA methods, namely Automotive SPICE and maturity level assurance for new parts (VDA MLA).

- Requirements with regard to purchasing activities were added to P3 and P4.

- Notes on conducting remote audits were added.

- Chapter 4 ("Audit process") was deleted, as its contents are included in ISO 19011.

- Chapter 8 ("Process audit services") was completely deleted from the VDA Volume 6.3.

- Chapter 10 ("Best practice/lessons learned") was deleted.

- The evaluation of transport and parts handling (EU7) was omitted.

- In some cases, questions with special significance (*-questions) were redefined.

- Some of the questions regarding the potential analysis were reallo- cated.

- A comprehensive online glossary for all VDA volumes is established.

What has remained the same?

- The classification system (A, B, C) for the overall assessment

- The structure of the questionnaire

- The evaluation model for the individual questions (10-8-6-4-0)

- The applicability of process elements P2-P7 according to figure 2-1

- The Turtle Model

- Previous downgrading rules

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