



AutoPath: Accelerate to SAP with AutoPath

The automotive ecosystem is becoming more complex as the industry faces new opportunities and new entrants. Automotive companies need better digital tools and end-to-end solutions to manage risks and drive growth.

Consumers are demanding connected vehicles offering a broad range of services, just like their smartphones, and drivers are also more environmentally conscious and expect their cars to reflect that. At the same time, industry mergers and acquisitions are increasing as companies look for specialized technologies and tools to give them a competitive advantage.

The automotive industry will continue to face challenges. From changing regulations to complex global supply chains to more technologically advanced cars to the push for fully autonomous vehicles, companies need to be agile and flexible to respond to the ever-changing market dynamics.

Gaining agility and responsiveness

AutoPath is Capgemini's SAP-qualified pre-configured SAP S/4HANA® solution that enables automotive suppliers to streamline operations, providing greater visibility and control of core business processes.

It is ideal for companies wanting to align with automotive industry-leading practices and promote the standardization and simplification of business operations. The pre-configured solution manages new product introductions, scheduling agreements, forecasts, and just-in-time delivery schedules; maintains production schedules; and performs automated Kanban execution. It draws on a repository of OEM EDI messages and label formats, including those from GM and Ford.

By combining the AutoPath solution with Capgemini's iCaptive-Agile methodology, businesses can experience an accelerated speed-to-value for SAP implementations. AutoPath is designed to provide extensive integration capabilities with other solutions, such as social media, mobility, analytical, IoT, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and blockchain.



AutoPath delivers for automotive suppliers

When adopting SAP S/4HANA, clients typically accept over 80 percent of the AutoPath processes out-of-the-box. This jumpstart allows more time to invest with key business stakeholders on critical solution design areas, leading to higher quality, improved business adoption, and simplified maintenance.

AutoPath has pre-built, integrated end-to-end SAP business processes designed for automotive suppliers built on top of SAP Best Practices. It reduces implementation risk while increasing the speed to get real business value from your SAP investment.

It delivers a consistent and predictable plug-in experience and its pre-configured business processes cover:

- Finance-to-manage – Integrated finance across all operations
- Procure-to-pay – Optimized procurement process and supplier quality
- Order-to-cash – Frictionless customer processing to increase loyalty and profitability
- Demand-to-supply – Multi-mode manufacturing with Connected Manufacturing powered by IoT
- Maintain-to-settle – Integration maintenance including Predictive Maintenance powered by IoT
- Service-to-cash – Provide new opportunities to optimize the aftermarket potential.

Cappgemini has completely reinvented the methods that drive SAP-enabled business transformation initiatives with its iCaptive methodology and repository, including:

- Contains pre-populated content for more than 220 automotive-supplier business processes

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- Provides market-tested implementation content and guides, including configuration documents, process flows, business-process documentation, test scripts, and key design decisions
- Built-in site- and country-specific content to help localizations
- Built-in business process integration with SAP's Solution Manager
- Drives the lean concept of design error-proofing by tying each process to the individual configuration nodes and key decisions required to complete that piece
- Provides timely upstream visibility into areas of greater implementation risk.

The resulting digital-transformation journey avoids wasteful haste and is more efficient. AutoPath accelerates the process with:

- Pre-configured end-to-end business-process scenarios that typically address 80 percent of the business requirements of automotive suppliers
- A strong, experienced, and knowledgeable partner in the automotive industry
- A clearly defined scope and timeframe for implementations
- Reliable, repeatable delivery
- Early visibility into areas that require additional attention.

Intelligent Path to Renewable Enterprise

Moving from traditional SAP architectures to SAP S/4HANA is more than an upgrade. It means creating a new Digital Core – a next-generation platform that's simple and comprehensive and will evolve with your growing needs. It enables you to become a Renewable Enterprise. These are agile companies with SAP S/4HANA at the core which anticipate market conditions and customer needs and continuously transform to deliver even better business performance by exploiting intelligent technologies.

We manage the technology in layers called the Digital Core and the Intelligent Enterprise. The Digital Core is the foundational layer that runs the company, and we help you keep it clean and simple. The Intelligent Enterprise is the innovation layer, and we use technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, blockchain, and Robotic Process Automation (RPA) to transform your business for the future.

Why Cappgemini?

AutoPath is a ready-made solution that allows automotive suppliers to get a running start with SAP implementations. Cappgemini has a rich history of successful collaboration with SAP and leading companies across the automotive industry, making it the best choice. We look forward to being part of our clients' success stories.

Cappgemini and SAP

Cappgemini has been a leading SAP Global Integration Partner since 1993, helping our clients navigate the most complex SAP transformations in the world. Cappgemini is one of the largest SAP systems integrators, with approximately 20,000 practitioners and more than 1,300 clients worldwide.

About Cappgemini

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