

# Driving through VAT. The automotive industry unveiled

Unlocking VAT savings for the automotive industry with VAT IT Reclaim

Despite being one of the world's largest revenue generators, it's astonishing to learn that numerous companies in the automotive sector are losing millions annually due to unclaimed VAT refunds.

Navigating the complexities of global supply chains and constantly evolving VAT regulations poses significant challenges for businesses, often requiring substantial resources to ensure compliance and secure successful VAT recovery.

With VAT IT Reclaim at the helm, we assist with your multinational, VAT recovery, ensuring you reclaim the VAT rightfully owed to you. By doing so, we not only help you save significant sums but also enhance operational efficiency and optimise your supply chain.

## Elevate your business finance with VAT IT Reclaim

With over 300 automotive companies as clients, VAT IT is the industry's leading VAT reclaim partner. In the past five years, we've reclaimed more than €348 million from 600,000 invoices on various automotive-related expenses. Our clients include major OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturer), system and component suppliers, parts suppliers, and SMEs. We excel in recovering VAT on manufacturing and warranty costs, tooling, import VAT, automotive conferences, and more, leveraging our deep understanding of the sector's VAT complexities

VAT IT's network of experts, equipped with specialised VAT knowledge and experience, assists you in identifying, evaluating, and maximising your VAT recovery potential. Additionally, we provide unparalleled account management and spend visibility that sets us apart from competitors.

## Foreign VAT exposure often results from VAT incurred on:





#### **Tooling and molding costs**

Production costs associated with creating tools, moulds, or casts for specialised equipment or parts are both frequent and costly. Typically, the foreign supplier utilises the tooling machinery, which you own, to manufacture specialised products or parts that can subsequently be imported for use. VAT incurred on the acquisition of tools, moulds, casts, cradles, and similar items is often eligible for VAT recovery, offering you a significant reduction in tooling expenses.



#### **Automotive testing costs**

Import VAT levied on goods transported to the EU from third countries, or vice versa for testing purposes, represents a substantial expense, frequently eligible for recovery. Additionally, testing expenditures aimed at certifying compliance with legal regulations, in-house standards, industry standards, or OEM - specific criteria also result in a considerable amount of VAT. Allow us to assist you in recouping what often amounts to significant foreign VAT refunds.



#### **Warranty Costs**

OEMs manufacture vehicles and typically supply them to other countries. When the OEM isn't established in a particular country, a distributor or retailer usually imports the vehicles and sells them to the end customer. If the vehicle is under the OEM warranty, the OEM is responsible for arranging any necessary repairs. This repair work is often outsourced to a third party in the country where the vehicle is being used. These outsourced repair services or the import of replacement parts may incur foreign VAT, which could be recoverable through an Foreign VAT refund.



#### Car rentals & repairs

For car rentals and repairs, you can reclaim VAT on a variety of expenses. This includes the VAT paid on car rental fees, repair services, parts, and labor costs. Whether you're managing a fleet or dealing with frequent vehicle maintenance, reclaiming this VAT can significantly reduce your overall costs and improve your bottom line.



#### **Consulting Services**

In the consulting services sector, you can reclaim VAT on various expenses related to the provision of your services. This includes VAT charged on professional fees, travel expenses, and other costs incurred during the course of providing consultancy.



#### Meetings, events, conferences, conventions & trade shows

Trade shows, meetings, events and conferences in the automotive sector generate huge spend and may be eligible VAT for recovery. VAT on event registration, attendance fees, sponsorship, transport costs, accommodation expenses and sponsorship fees are just some of the expense categories that can lead to significant VAT savings...



#### Other high value expenses

- Repair & warranty costs
- Delivery costs of vehicles including specialised frames & cradles used during transportation
- Engineering, R&D, recruitment and other consulting services
- · Fuel charges at testing facilities

- · Testing facility rental costs
- Travel & entertainment expenses (domestic & foreign)
- · Conversion, replacement & installation costs
- Sponsorships
- Marketing

# We do it best, free yourself

VAT IT has spent the last two decades identifying, researching and perfecting VAT refund opportunities. By letting us do what we do best – tracking down and recovering the VAT you are owed – you can devote your time and resources to running and growing your business.

To find out more, visit vatit.com or contact us.



