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Making Sense of Security Testing for  
ISO/SAE 21434 & UNR 155

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# What I'll walk through.

- Overview of testing in ISO/SAE 21434 and UNR155.
- A high-level overview of different types of testing outlined in ISO/SAE 21434.
- A solution we're working on to automate cybersecurity testing.



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In general, cybersecurity testing is critical to verify your cybersecurity design is working and document it to show others.

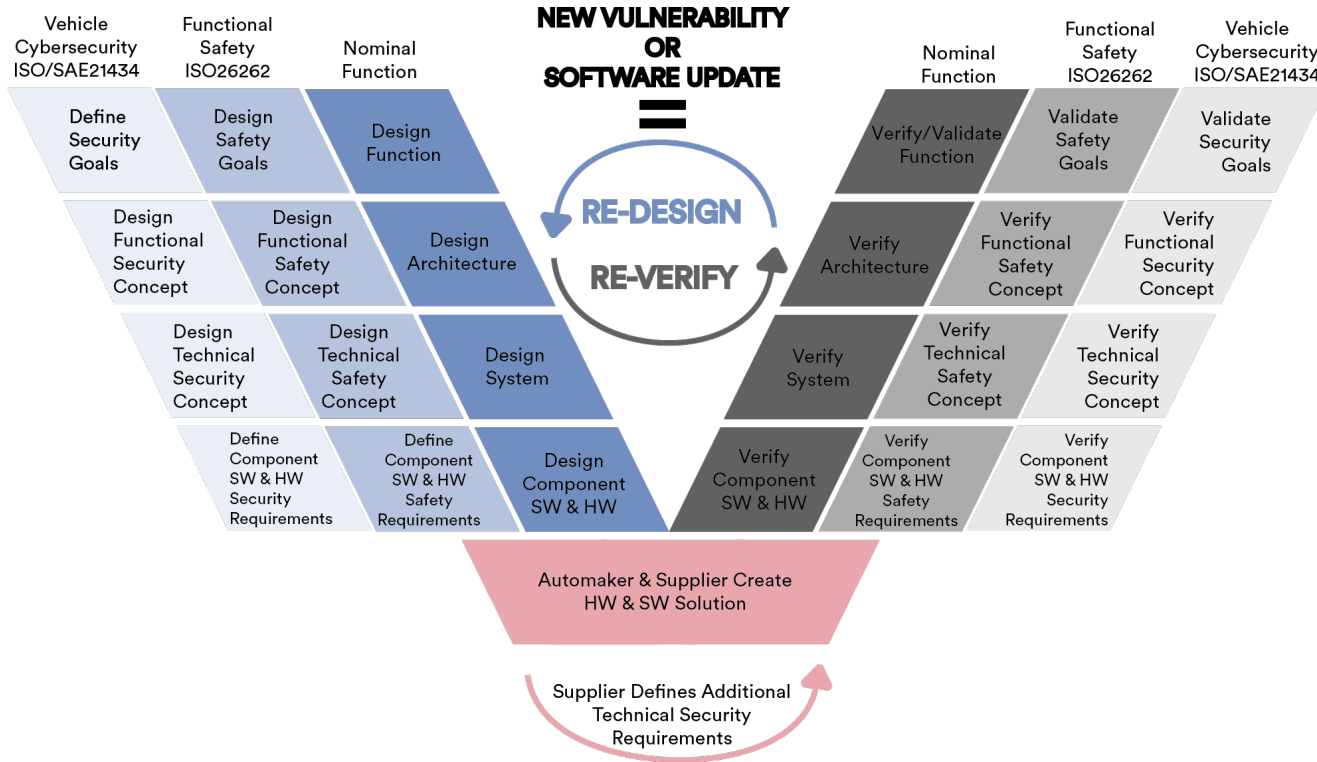
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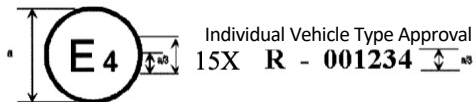
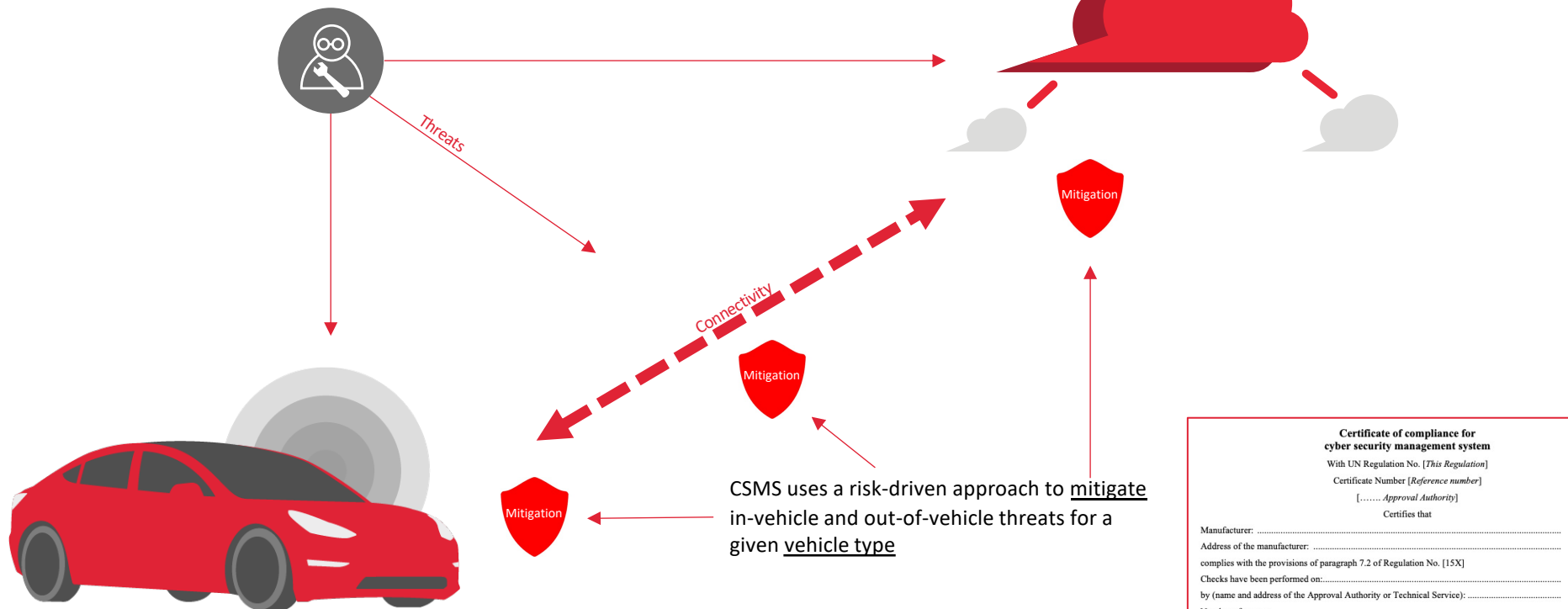
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# UNECE WP.29



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cyber security management system**  
With UN Regulation No. [This Regulation]  
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[..... Approval Authority]  
Certifies that

Manufacturer: .....

Address of the manufacturer: .....

complies with the provisions of paragraph 7.2 of Regulation No. [15X]

Checks have been performed on: .....

by (name and address of the Approval Authority or Technical Service): .....

Number of report: .....

The certificate is valid until [.....Date]  
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Attachments: description of the Cyber Security Management System by the manufacturer.

# How 21434 and WP.29 Fit Together

## CSMS

ISO/SAE 21434: Vehicle Cybersecurity Engineering CSMS – ensures the vehicle was designed and implemented to address threats to the vehicle.

Infrastructure Security: systems to ensure the vehicle's related infrastructure (e.g. cloud, V2X, EV) is secured properly.

Organizational Security: the systems setup to protect from attacks like insider attackers or rogue employees.



CSMS Auditor



Documentation from specific vehicle type

(Including independent testing)



Vehicle Type Auditor

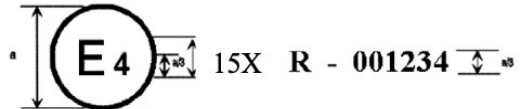
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Vehicle Type Approval: Vehicle Type is Approved ✓



# The Players in Testing



## Supplier Tester

- Receives cybersecurity requirements from Automaker.
- Usually responsible at the component level for:
  - Cybersecurity Requirement Verification
  - Cybersecurity Goal Validation: fuzz testing and penetration testing



## Automaker Tester

- Operating per their CSMS in compliance with UNR 155.
- Usually responsible at the vehicle level for:
  - Cybersecurity Requirement Verification
  - Cybersecurity Goal Validation: fuzz testing and penetration testing



## Vehicle Type Auditor

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# When to test?

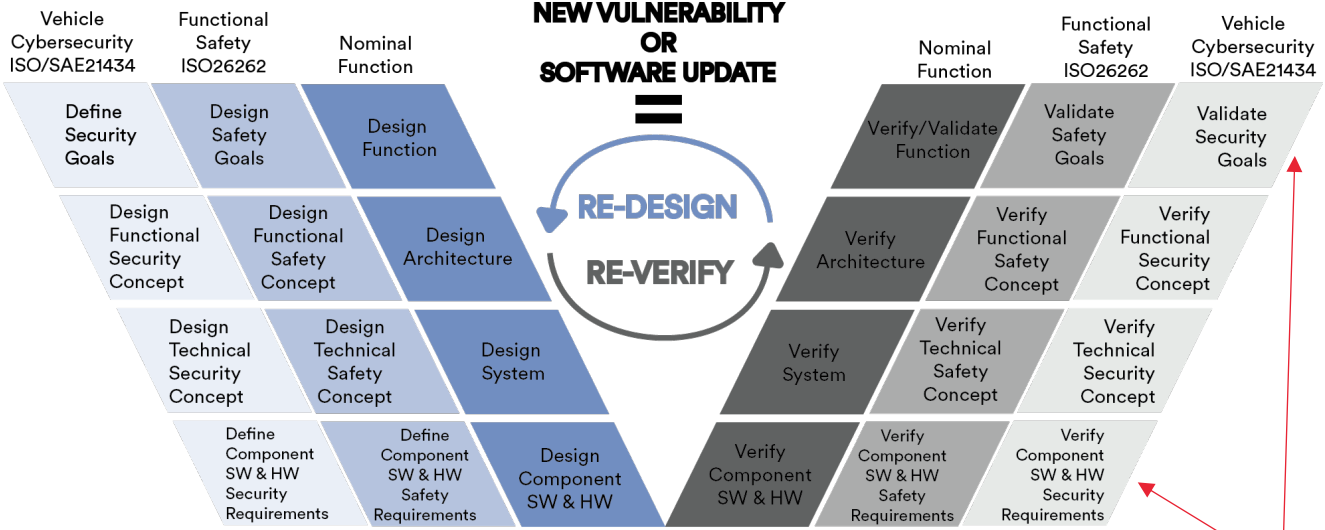


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**Vehicle Type Auditor:**  
auditing body tests vehicle  
as a part of the UNR 155  
Type Approval process.



**Supplier Tester:** automaker will require supplier to perform their own cybersecurity testing at the component level, such as functional and penetration testing.

**Automaker Tester:** automaker will perform system-level functional testing, fuzz

Automaker & Supplier Create HW & SW Solution

Supplier Defines Additional Technical Security Requirements

# Types of Testing: “Functional Testing”

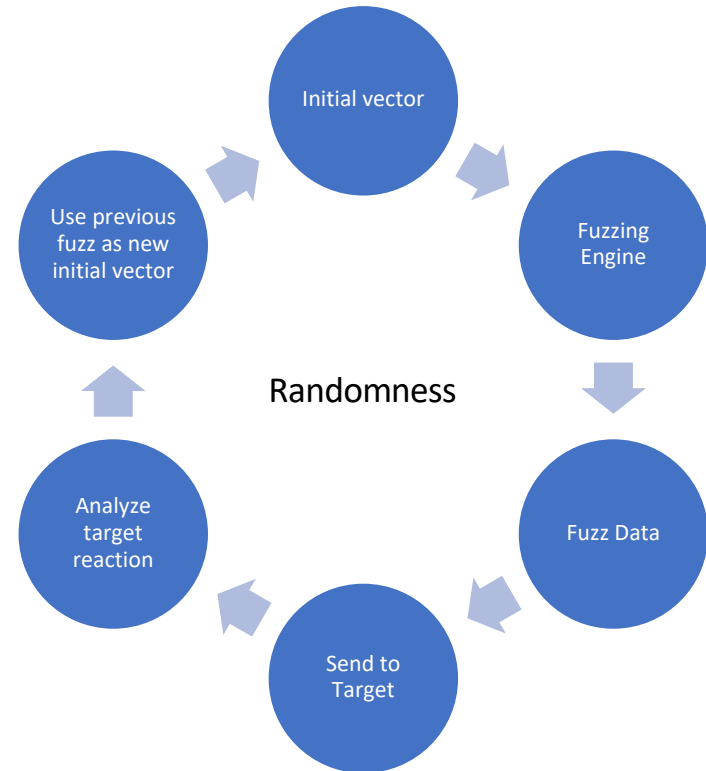
Test a system to determine if the cybersecurity design and its implementation is functioning as intended.

- Generate a verification specification for a cybersecurity requirement that ensures that the requirement is properly implemented.
- Acquire a test setup that properly implements the item.
- Execute the specification and document the results.
- Do so for each cybersecurity requirement.

# Types of Testing: “Fuzz Testing”

Test a system for unknown vulnerabilities using randomized input that removes preconceptions.

- Acquire a test setup that properly implements the item.
- Instrument test interfaces to be fuzzed (e.g. a CAN interface).
- Choose initial fuzz vectors that give the fuzzer a starting point to iterate on.
- Choose conditions in which to log an unusual behavior of the target
- Start fuzzer with initial vectors and run for some defined period.
- Analyze resulting data to determine problematic payloads.



# Types of Testing: “Vulnerability Scanning”

Scan a system for known, published vulnerabilities.

- Internal Vulnerability Scanning

- Given a list of known software/hardware versions (SBOM/HBOM), correlate against known CVEs to determine if there are matches.
- Sort through the matches for relevancy.

- External Vulnerability Scanning

- Use characteristics of the system (e.g. a port scan, inventory of hardware) to identify likely vulnerabilities.

# Types of Testing: “Penetration Testing”

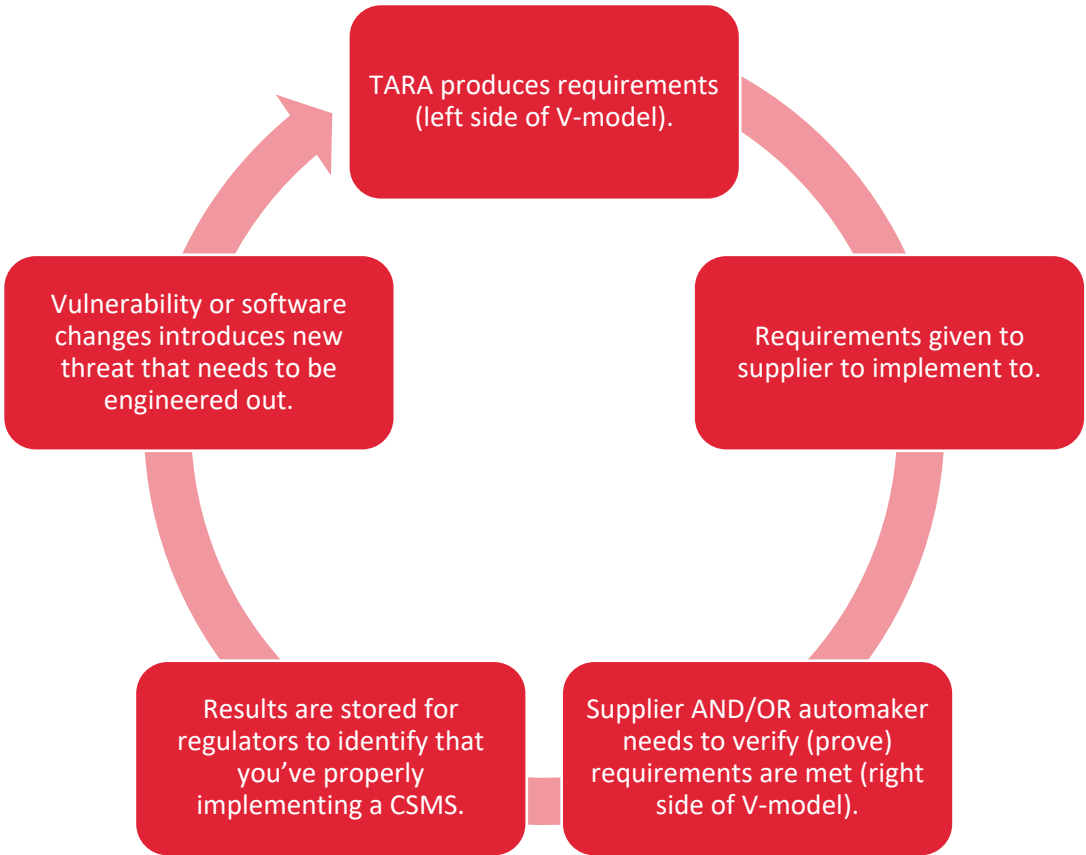
Utilizing a team of system experts, attempt to exploit the target using any means possible to determine the robustness of the cybersecurity design.

- At BH, we follow a 6 step process in our vehicle cybersecurity labs:
  - Threat Modeling
  - Attack Surface Enumeration and Passive Reconnaissance
  - Security Defense/Protection Check & Vulnerability Detection
  - Active Scanning & Vulnerability Research
  - Deep Testing & Attempt to Exploit
  - Assessment Reporting
- Penetration testing may use tactics like fuzzing and vulnerability scanning to exploit the target.
- Penetration testing is **an end-of-line check** to validate that you’ve met your cybersecurity goals for the system. It should be relied on only after the previous types of testing has been thoroughly performed.

# What About UNR155 Audit Testing?

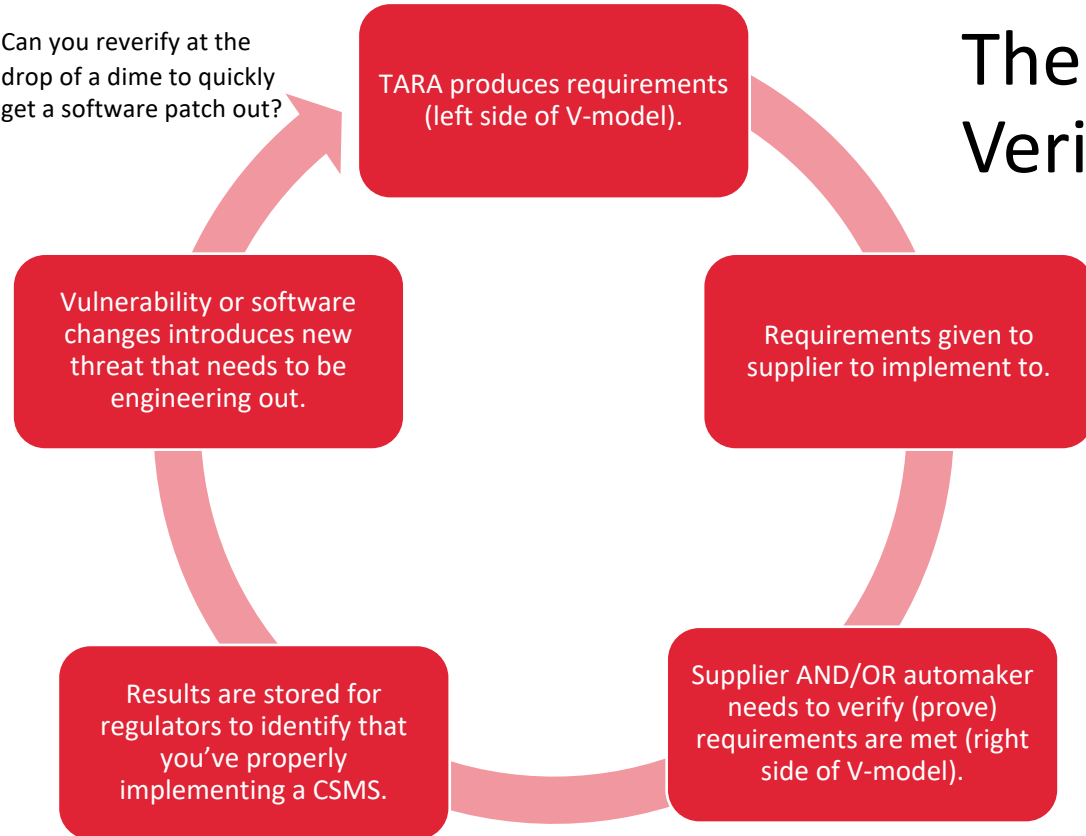
- To be determined.
- What it may look like for each vehicle type approval:
  - Vehicle for type approval is received at auditor's lab.
  - Vehicle is tested for weaknesses using CSMS work products as guidance.
  - If any weaknesses are uncovered, the test fails.
- Feels like a crash test.

# One and done? Not so fast.



- A new vulnerability = new update/recall = pass changes through CSMS.
- WP.29 accounts for a **changing threat landscape** due to new vulnerabilities and software updates. This process is iterative.
- Lots of room for automation.

# The Challenge in Verification



Can you reverify at the drop of a dime to quickly get a software patch out?

TARA produces requirements (left side of V-model).

Vulnerability or software changes introduces new threat that needs to be engineering out.

Requirements given to supplier to implement to.

Results are stored for regulators to identify that you've properly implementing a CSMS.

Supplier AND/OR automaker needs to verify (prove) requirements are met (right side of V-model).

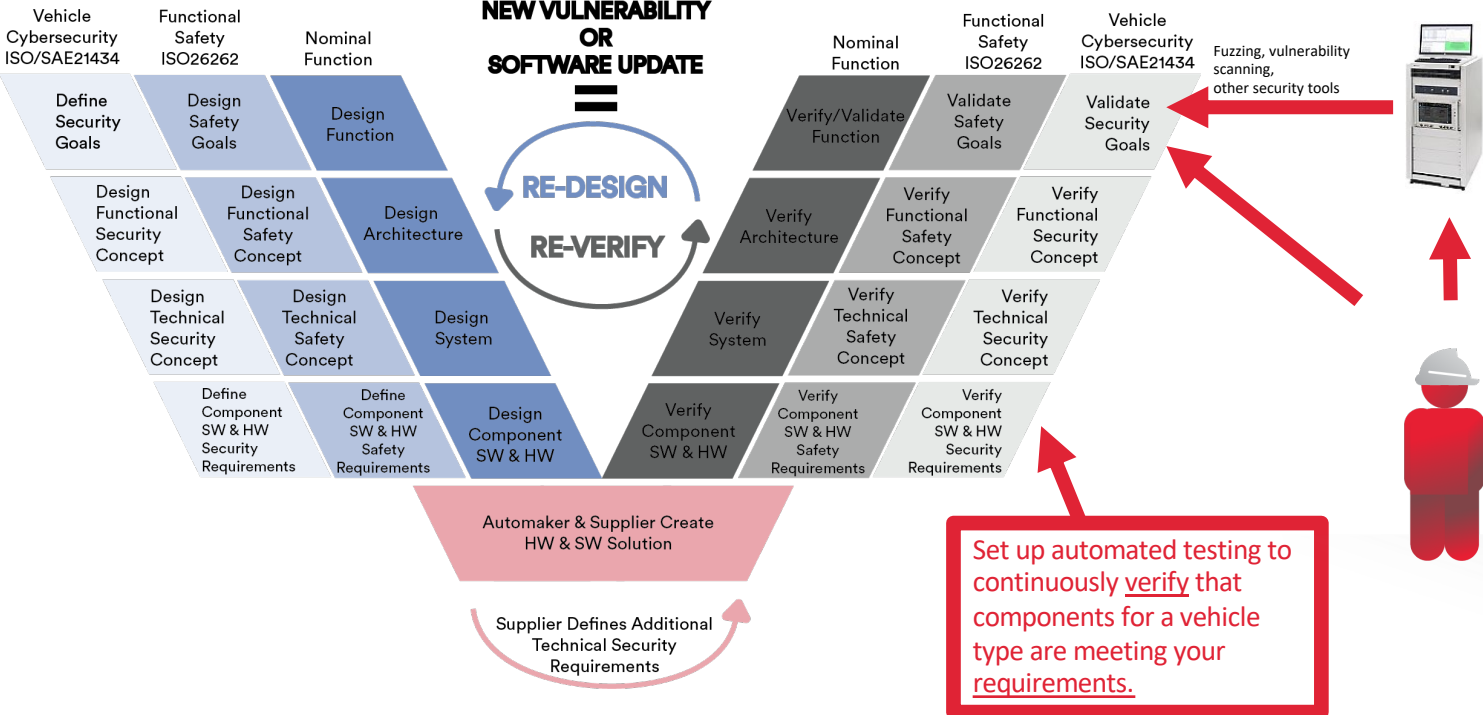
Are all verification test results stored and centralized so you can quickly access them for type approval?

Requirements defined by OEM are likely too "high level". Supplier will need to define their own technical requirements via their own CSMS and provide documentation.

- Multiple Responsible Parties: who is responsible for verifying that requirements are met? The automaker or the supplier?
- Scalability and repeatability: Can you effectively verify requirements across vehicles types faster than the pace of innovation or vulnerability discovery? If done manually (e.g., via a test plan in excel, the answer is no).



# Automation and Reusability in your Vehicle CSMS



# Open Source Test Automation Platform\*

(OpenTAP)



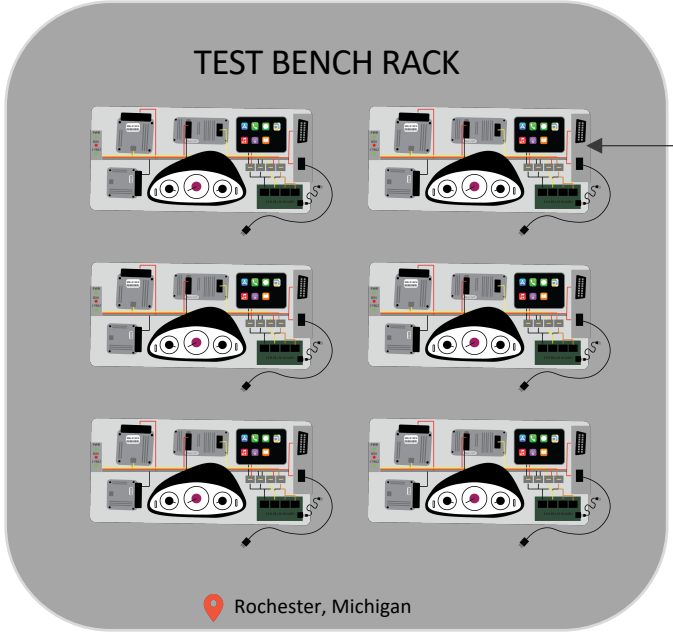
Vehicle Test  
Bench Targets

Keysight  
Automotive  
Cybersecurity  
Pen Test Platform

## Interfaces

- Bluetooth
- Wi-Fi
- Cellular
- CAN Bus
- Ethernet
- Automotive Ethernet
- Etc.

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Breakwater.

## Requirement Verification Platform

Write an automated test in any language to verify a requirement against a target. Otherwise, manually verify the requirement yourself or request a supplier to verify it.

### TEST SUBJECT

**2024 Model J**  
**In-Vehicle Infotainment**    Current Build: v0.5.2-dev  
**GOAL Connectivity Security**

CONCEPT Bluetooth  
**REQUIREMENT:** The Bluetooth module shall not become discoverable under any circumstance unless the module was put into discoverable mode by the user.

#### REQUIREMENT STATUS

**PASSING** UNKNOWN FAILING

#### AUTOMATED TEST SETUP +

Testing Setup #1  
 Testing System: **Keysight PTP #2**    Testing Target: **2024 Model J Test Bench**

#### TEST SCRIPTS +

**verify\_bluetooth\_discovery.py**

#### TEST SCHEDULE +

**Once per hour, every hour.**

#### TEST EXECUTIONS

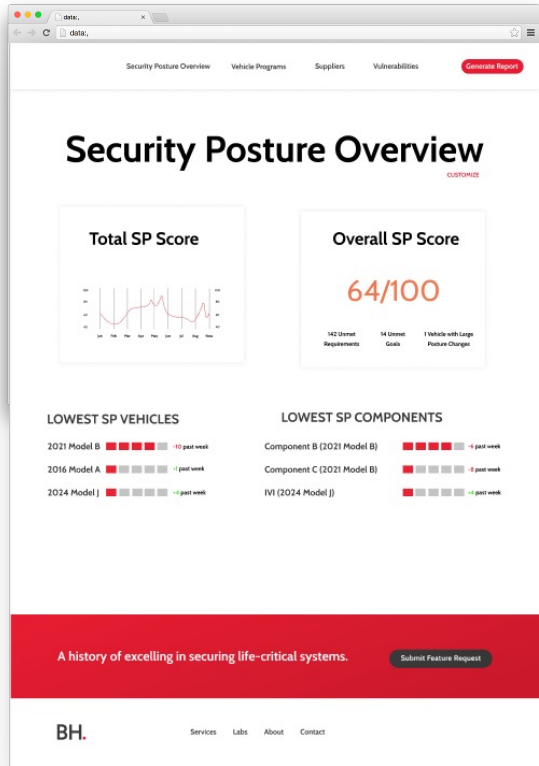
[MANUALLY EXECUTE TEST](#)

Timestamp	Verifier	Comment	Attachment	Validity Expiration	Requirement Status
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#### MANUAL VERIFICATION +

[REQUIRED SUPPLIER VERIFICATION](#)

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1/8/2017 4:51PM ET	Human (Supplier)	Bluetooth becomes automatically discoverable when selected in diagnostic...	Screenshots.png	1/8/2017	FAILING
1/8/2017 2:39PM ET	Human (Supplier)	Bluetooth becomes automatically discoverable when selected in diagnostic...	Screenshots2.png	1/8/2017	PASSING



- Store and export work products for auditors.
- Aggregate testing for real time insight into current status of vehicle w/r/t its cybersecurity requirements.
- Automate.

## Security Assessments

Vehicle/Subsystem/Component Penetration Testing

Vehicle/Subsystem/Component Threat Analysis & Risk Assessment (TARA)

## Managed Security

Managed Security Operation Center (SOC)

Continuous Fuzzing

## Security Consulting

ISO/SAE 21434 Design & Implementation

Security Research

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