

## Case Study: LuK Shifts Into Gear With License Statistics

### About LuK

LuK, a member of the Schaeffler Group, is an internationally renowned manufacturer of clutch and transmission systems, torque converters, and dampers for car and tractors. Founded in 1965 and headquartered in Bühl, Germany, LuK supplies almost all the major automotive brands – one out of every four new cars produced in the world carries a LuK clutch. More than 9,500 employees at 18 sites around the globe annually produce 14 million clutches, 4 million lock-up clutches, and 5 million dual mass flywheels.

Consisting of renowned brands LuK, INA, and FAG, the Schaeffler Group is a leading manufacturer and supplier of ball and roller bearings, clutch and clutch releasing systems, and engine and transmission components.

### The Business Challenge

Though instantly associated with automotive hardware, LuK has a software development group consisting of between 45-50 engineers within its transmission technology department. Oliver Winkler, IT coordinator, wanted an accurate picture of floating and single license usage for the specialized software tools his department uses, such as MKS, ETAS, Doors, Matlab, and Tricore.

### The License Statistics Solution

Just 6 months into using License Statistics, Winkler collected enough statistical data to identify those software tools that could be covered by floating licenses and those that had “power users” worthy of single licenses. “We were able to achieve significant license cost savings by adjusting the number of floating licenses”, said Winkler. “At the same time, I was able to quickly and in accurate detail see what licenses were required at any given time to prevent development delays.”

X-Formation offered LuK a trial period to determine if License Statistics would solve its business problem. “The trail was easy going and we saw a lot of impressive new features, which led us to the decision to invest in it,” said Winkler. “The Web-based standard reports, easy installation, and straightforward configuration were what sold us on the product.”

### Summary

Thanks to License Statistics, LuK is now effectively monitoring its license usage and accurately planning license purchases to avoid development process disruptions. Winkler concluded, “Up to now we used the old version of License Statistics for evaluating our software tool licenses. We have never experienced a problem with it and the level of support available is very good”.