

# Customer Success Story

Waldaschaff Automotive GmbH



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## K&P Computer modernizes IT environment and takes over maintenance at Waldaschaff Automotive



(Photo: Waldaschaff Automotive GmbH)

### The Challenge

Waldaschaff Automotive GmbH is a medium-sized enterprise and automotive industry supplier that manufactures systems, components and parts out of steel and aluminum. Its enterprise resource planning is entirely SAP-based. Prior to upgrading, it was powered by IBM Power5 servers running the IBM AIX operating system from 2006, and the servers were pushing their performance limits.

### The Solution

The servers, which were divided between two buildings on the factory premises, were replaced with the latest IBM Power7 systems. In addition to procuring, customizing and setting up the hardware and software, K&P also migrated data and services from formerly isolated PLM systems to the new environment.

The KPC rac® Cluster Solution, developed by K&P Computer, was specially adapted for Waldaschaff Automotive to allow data from the datacenters to be synchronized and, in the event of a disaster, to enable partitions (virtual machines) in the backup facility to be activated.

Within two months of the project kickoff date, K&P had delivered the new, ready-to-use and fully documented infrastructure to the customer, so that the SAP systems could be migrated punctually at the end of the year.

K&P also took over hardware support for the new systems. And under an operational support agreement, it will remain at the customer's disposal for future adaptations.

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## The Competitive Advantages

### Modernization Concept Satisfies and Offers Long-Term Savings Potential

The renewal of the IT landscape, combined with the integration of a reliable, high-availability solution, offers the automotive supplier long-term savings potential, especially in the realm of administration. Entrusting K&P Computer with system maintenance provides additional benefits, thanks to our 24/7 service.

*"As an automotive supplier, we have to ensure that our IT operations are safeguarded around the clock. K&P's professional consulting services and their unproblematic modernization and migration of existing systems have impressed us greatly. Today we can affirm that our IT infrastructure meets the highest requirements for risk management."*

Harald Kiwitz, Deputy IT Manager, Waldaschaff Automotive GmbH



Waldaschaff Automotive GmbH was founded in 1926 and has been a partner in the European automotive industry since 1948. Based in Lower Franconia and numbering 450 employees, the automotive supplier designs and produces systems, components and parts out of steel and aluminum.

The company addresses the constantly evolving challenges facing vehicle concepts, especially in the context of the ongoing Co2 debate, with innovative, lightweight design concepts. You can find out more about the company at [www.waldaschaffautomotive.de](http://www.waldaschaffautomotive.de).

Since 1985, K&P Computer has offered its customers consulting, maintenance and support services for IT systems. By pursuing a consistent business strategy, the company has steadily built up its market position, with a rising annual growth rate that is well above average.

As an experienced service provider, especially in connection with products by IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Fujitsu Technology Solutions, Dell, NetApp and Cisco Systems, we currently service around **2,600** customers with more than 43,000 systems and peripheral units in Germany, Austria and neighboring EU countries.

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