

Scout Motors Streamlined Compliance With StandardFusion



Scout Motors is a fast-growing electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer navigating the challenges of scaling operations in a heavily regulated industry. With a mission rooted in innovation and sustainability, the company is dedicated to the future of mobility with versatile EV's designed for both adventure and everyday life.

The Challenge

Drawing on over 17 years of GRC experience, Shane York, Director of Information Security, Governance, Risk, and Compliance at Scout Motors, knew firsthand the frustrations of using legacy systems like RSA Archer—that GRC platforms could be difficult to configure and at times often fell short of meeting nuanced organizational needs.

York sought a robust, feature-rich platform that offered flexibility without the limitations of a “compliance-in-a-box” approach. “I’ve used systems that promised to simplify processes but lacked critical components like policy management or customizable controls.” His goal was to find a GRC solution that was designed to provide configurability for building out frameworks as an organization wants without unnecessary handholding.

The Solution

With these criteria in mind, York conducted a comprehensive evaluation, creating a detailed 50-point feature analysis that led him to evaluate nearly 20 different tools before discovering a platform aligned with his vision—StandardFusion. Its flexible architecture mirrored his understanding of GRC, while offering integrated modules and essential functionalities like control implementations. Unlike platforms with rigid structures, StandardFusion enabled Scout Motors' various teams to define and implement unique workflows for different GRC functions, making it easier to adapt the platform to their specific needs.

“The way StandardFusion is structured is the most effective way to govern information security and compliance.”

Shane York, Scout Motors' Director of Information Security, GRC

RESULTS

Imported and organized over 15 compliance frameworks

Focused on compliance goals without technical hurdles

Implemented unique workflows for different GRC functions

“StandardFusion allows us to create and manage workflows tailored to each function, whether it’s risk management, policy management, or something else entirely.” “For example, in risk management, we can structure workflows to move seamlessly from triage, to risk assessment, to documenting a treatment plan, to monitoring. For policy management, we can set up stages like drafting, manager review, VP approval, and publication, each with its steps and notifications.”

StandardFusion enables multiple teams to operate with customized workflows, supported by automated notifications and task assignments

“In the automotive industry, where compliance frameworks are diverse and demanding, StandardFusion has been a game-changer for managing complexity.”

The Results

Scout Motors relies on StandardFusion to manage and streamline compliance with an extensive range of standards, including ISO 27001, GDPR, CPRA, and industry-specific frameworks like ISO 21434 for cybersecurity in road vehicles.

By leveraging StandardFusion’s flexible structure, the company has been able to import and organize over 15 compliance frameworks, ensuring seamless governance across multiple regulatory requirements. This adaptability has streamlined collaboration and enhanced efficiency across the organization.

Simplifying Multi-Framework Management

“StandardFusion is designed in the most effective way to structure this type of work,” shared Shane York. The GRC platform supports the complex needs of managing multiple frameworks without making any single requirement the focal point.

Scout Motors benefits from StandardFusion’s ability to consolidate their 15+ frameworks into a Common Control Framework (CCF) tailored to their specific needs. This has allowed Scout Motors to manage frameworks cohesively and demonstrate compliance to auditors effectively.

Streamlined Onboarding & Cost-Effective Implementation

Scout Motors found the onboarding and implementation of StandardFusion straightforward and cost-effective. Unlike other platforms that often involve additional expenses, all implementation costs were included in the StandardFusion contract, eliminating unexpected fees.

“Platforms like ServiceNow are feature-rich but come with hidden costs,” explained Shane York, Director of Information Security at Scout Motors. “You often need to go through a reseller, have contracts for their base components, and hire specialized personnel to build out the GRC functionality.” Scout Motors also appreciated StandardFusion’s flexibility in making changes.

“Another great thing about StandardFusion is the ease of onboarding and implementation”, added York. This ease of onboarding has allowed the team at Scout Motors to focus on their compliance goals without getting bogged down by technical hurdles.

StandardFusion is a GRC software platform that simplifies the complexity of information security compliance, risk management, and data governance.

