

### **D-U-N-S® Number:**

D-U-N-S® stands for Data Universal Numbering System and is a nine-digit coding scheme that is assigned by Dun & Bradstreet. It is used for the unique and worldwide **identification** of companies and is able to **classify** them according to their parent companies, headquarters, subsidiary companies and registered offices.

Besides companies, government entities, contractors, business owners as well as self-employed individuals can be clearly identified by the D-U-N-S® Number.

Dun & Bradstreet will assign a D-U-N-S® Number to a business unit when its **existence has been confirmed** through a registration at a commercial register, or through direct contact to the business.

The D-U-N-S® Number is among others, used by the German Association of the Automotive Industry, the European Commission, and the International Standards Organizations.

With the background of the constantly growing globalization, the DUNS number has established itself as a **worldwide standard** and is necessary for the **cooperation** with the DRÄXLMAIER Group.

Companies are able to **request** a D-U-N-S® Number and update their associated UPIK® master data **for free**. A business relationship with Duns & Bradstreet is not involved and needed.

After verification that an active D-U-N-S® Number is not available for a company, the request form has to be completed and submitted from the UPIK® platform. The data is then compared to the worldwide database and the database is updated if needed.

Service Level for Germany is 5 days, while outside of Germany it is 30 days.

### **UPIK® Search:**

Either a UPIK® Search with D-U-N-S® Number is possible to gain **information** about the company, as for example address details, or a search with company name and other parameters is viable, to find the **according D-U-N-S® Number**. If more criteria are entered the search will be more precise.

There will be no search results shown, if no active D-U-N-S® Number or matching UPIK® data set was found for the entered criteria. In exceptional cases no results will be shown, because the search system is temporarily unavailable, you can try it again later on.

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