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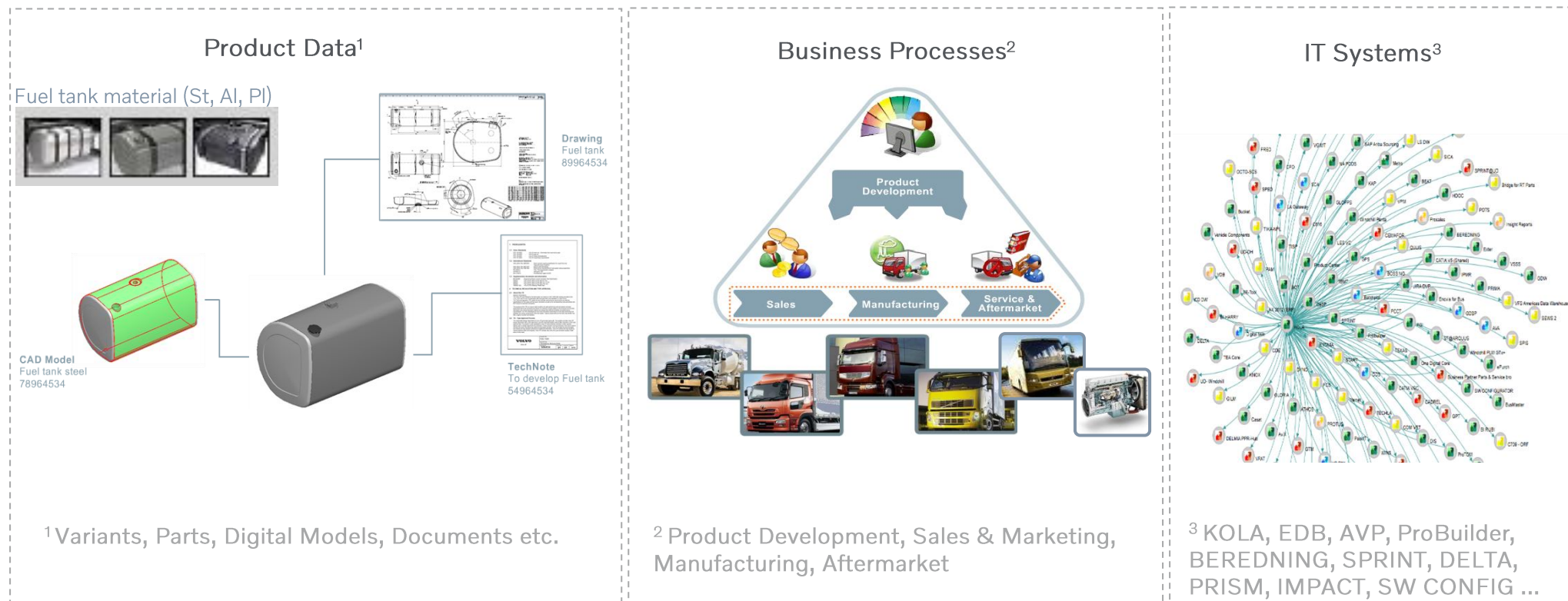
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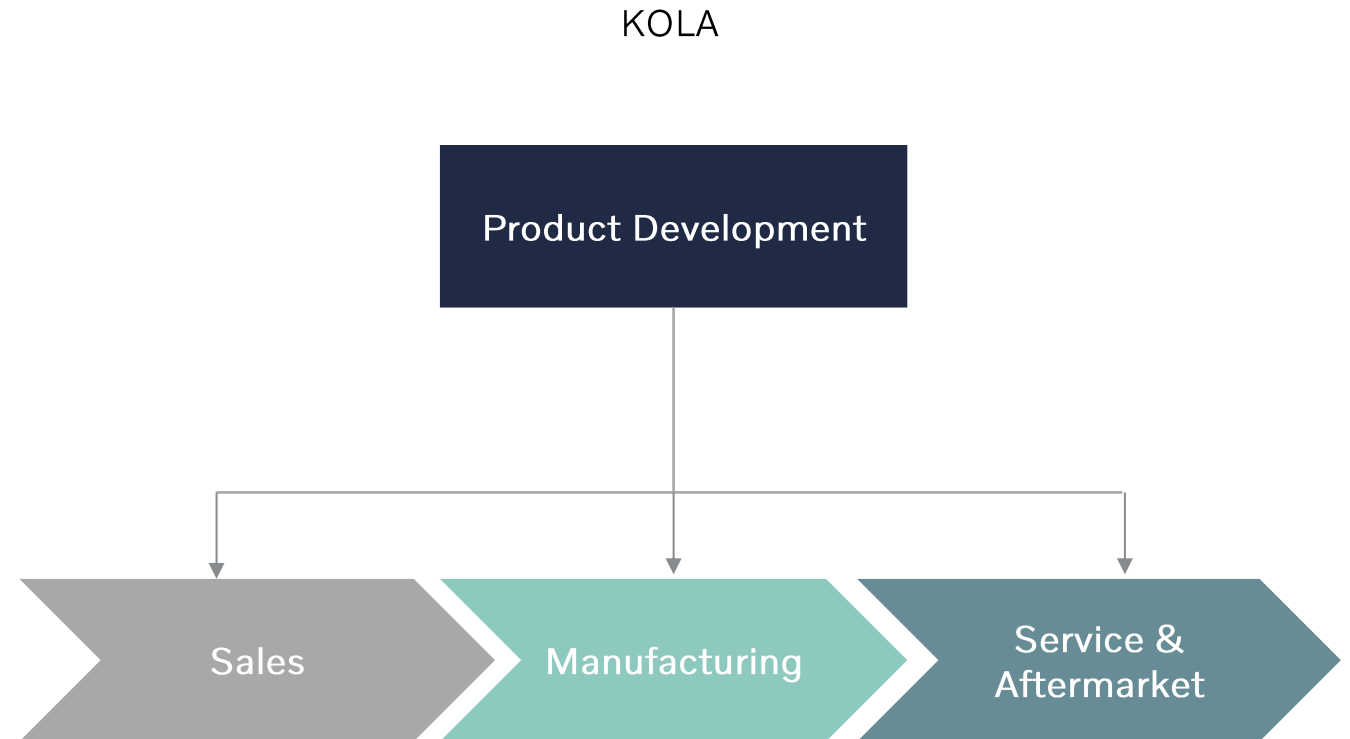
Volvo Group PDM/PLM (KOLA) Logic is Volvo Group's **product data¹** backbone driving the main **business processes²** and it is embedded in an eco-system of in-house developed **IT applications³**.



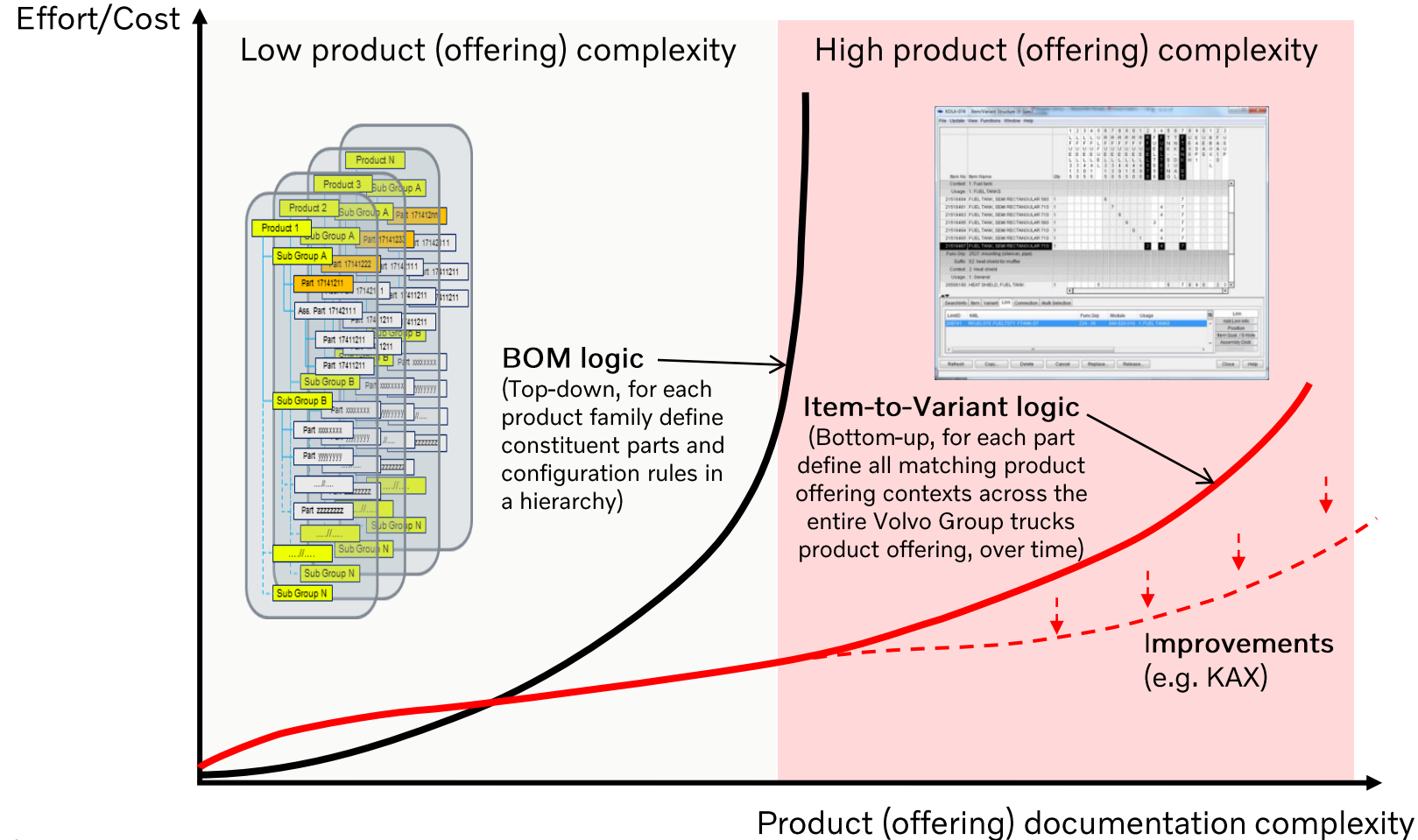
KOLA

System and Flow

- KOnstruktionsdata LAstvagnar or “Design data Trucks”
- Tool designed to document product development
- Kola information communicated to other systems



Volvo experience of COTS (eBOM*) logic vs. (KOLA) Item-to-Variant logic



STRENGTHS

- Enabling **widest multi-brand product offering** in the truck industry based on **CAST** principles
- Powerful in managing trucks **offering complexity**.
- Engineering and all downstream processes based on the same logic.
- Enabling global synergies and industrial flexibility

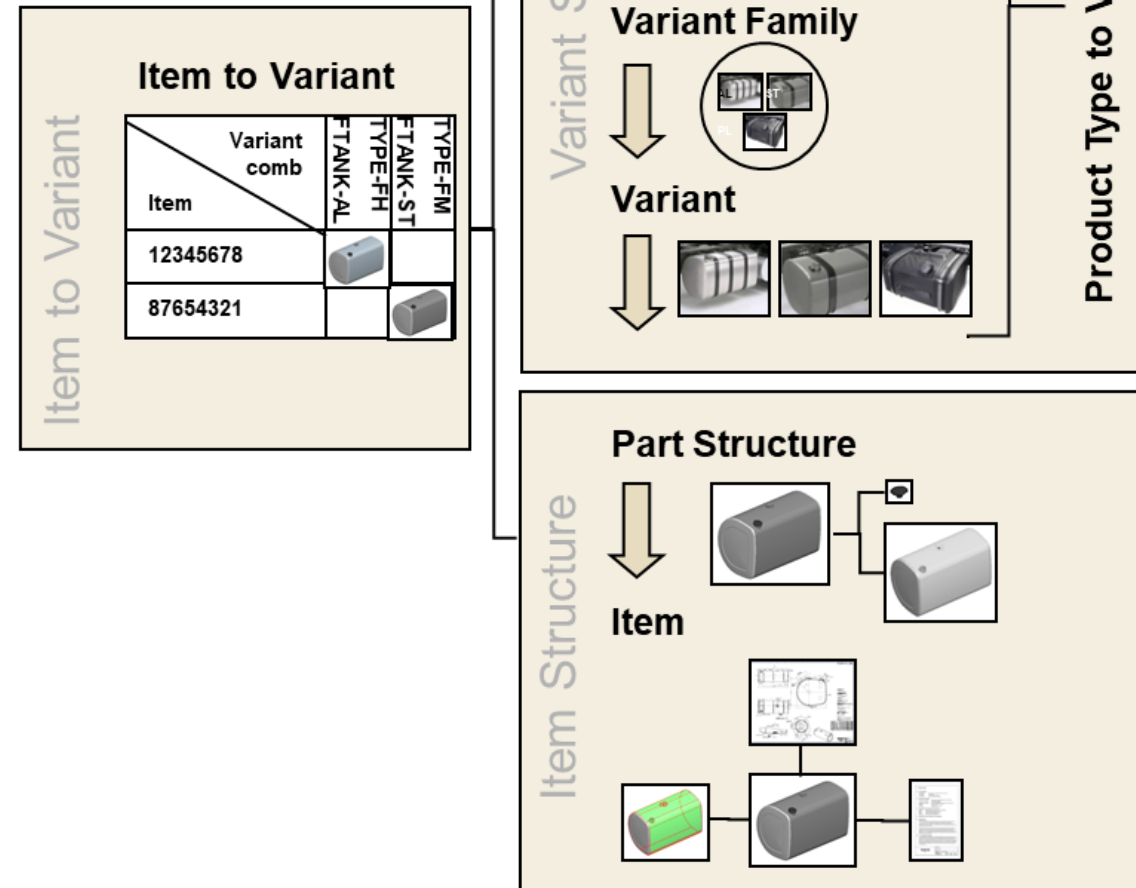
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Product Structure Hierarchy Overview



Product Class

Component / Product



PC61

Engine



PC75

Rear Axle



PC71

Gear Box



PC24

HDV



PC06

MDV



PC15

Bus



PC13

Coach Bus

Product Type

F
H
6
2
P
T



F-SERIES HIGH 6*2 PUSHER TRACTOR

M
D
R
6
2
R



MEDIUM DISTRIBUTION ROUGH

Variant Family

Represents a product option that can be offered to the customer.

Has a number of variants, representing the actual choices for the option.



DPX Family

ENGINE TYPE

Variant

Variants describe the variation within a function or a property.

Each of the different variations of the function represents a Variant.



7 Litre Engine



13 Litre Engine

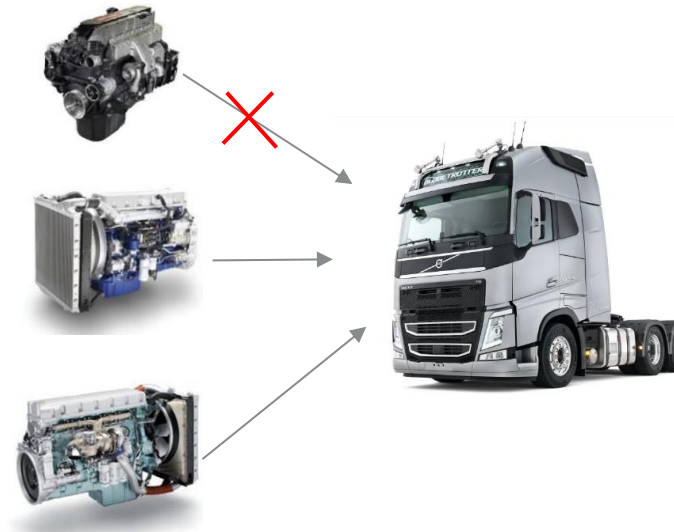


16 Litre Engine

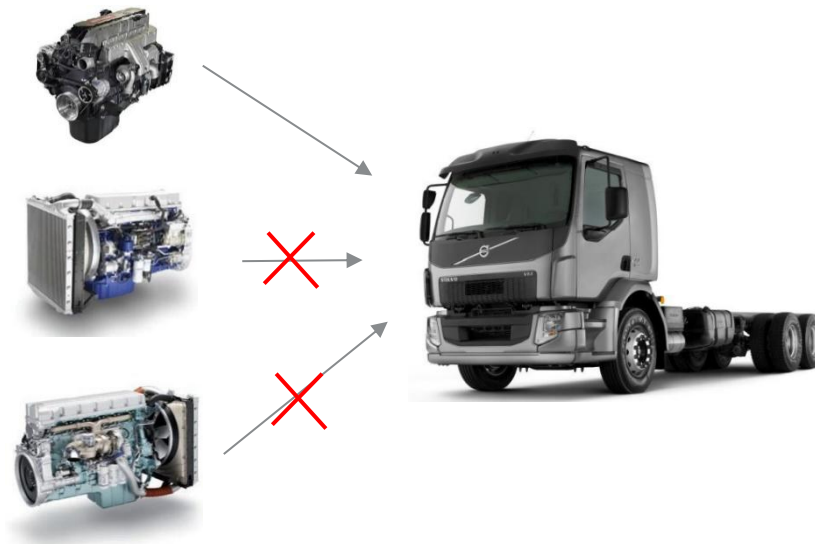
DPX Family
ENGINE TYPE

Product Type to Variant

Overview of the Types and Variants that are authorized in a certain Product Class.



| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-------------|-------------|---|---|---|
| | | F | F | F |
| | | H | H | H |
| | | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| | | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Variant | Description | T | P | T |
| Prod.Class: | 24: HEAVY | | | |
| FamilyID: | DPX: ENGI | | | |
| ENG-VE11 | 11 L. ENGL | | | |
| ENG-VE13 | 13 L. ENGL | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| DPX-BKX | 13,2 L ENGL | | | |
| ENG-VE16 | 16 L. ENGL | 1 | 2 | 3 |

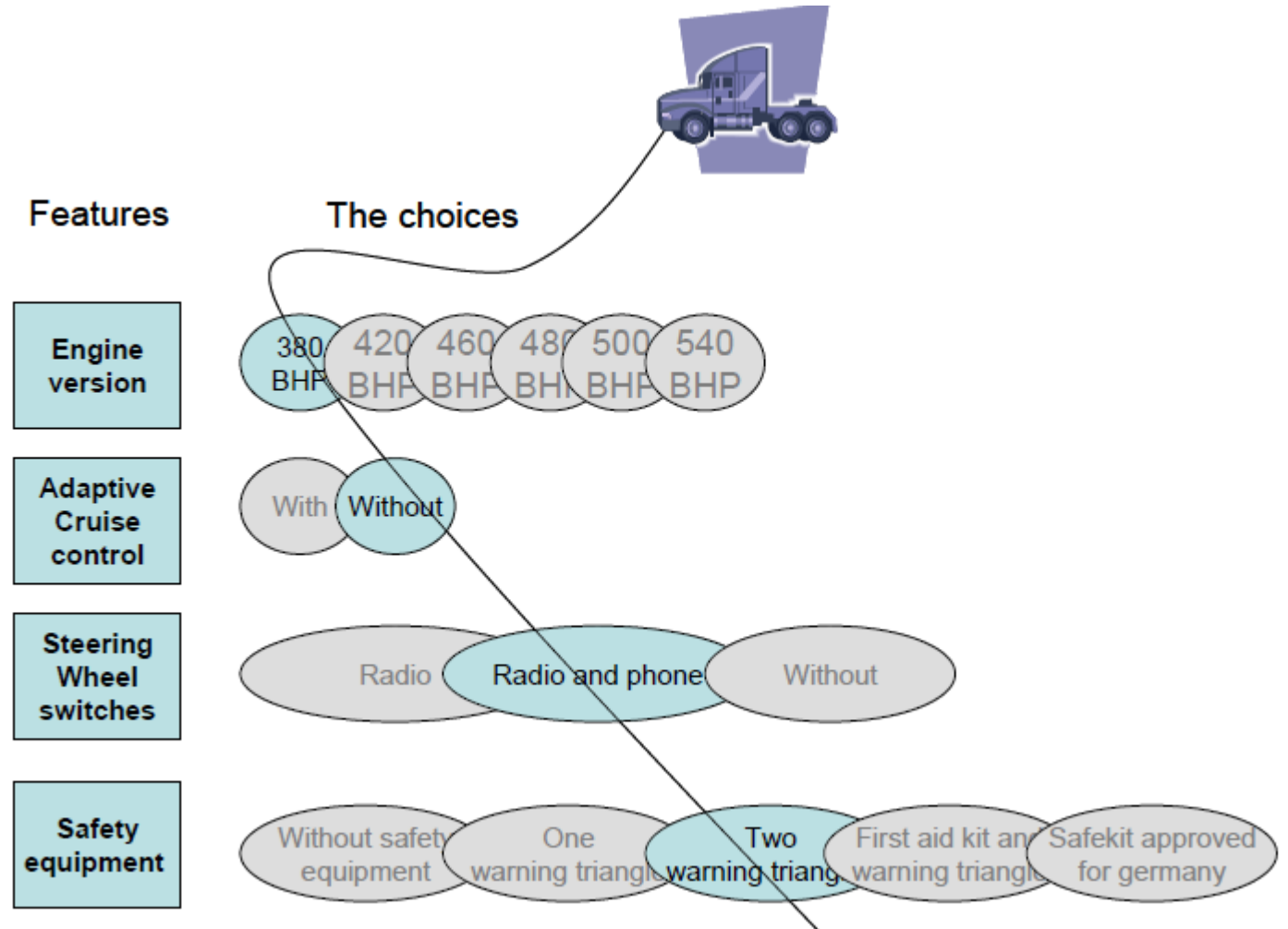


| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-------------|-------------|---|---|---|
| | | M | M | M |
| | | D | D | D |
| | | R | R | R |
| | | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| | | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | | R | R | R |
| Variant | Description | | | |
| Prod.Class: | 06: MEDIUM | | | |
| FamilyID: | DPX: ENGI | | | |
| ENG-MWM5 | 5 LITRE MV | | | |
| ENG-MWM6 | 6 LITRE MV | | | |
| ENG-MWM7 | 7 LITRE MV | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| ENG-D8 | 8L. DIESEL | | | |

Variant Structure

Describes the product offering from a technical point of view.

The product offering means all allowed truck configurations.

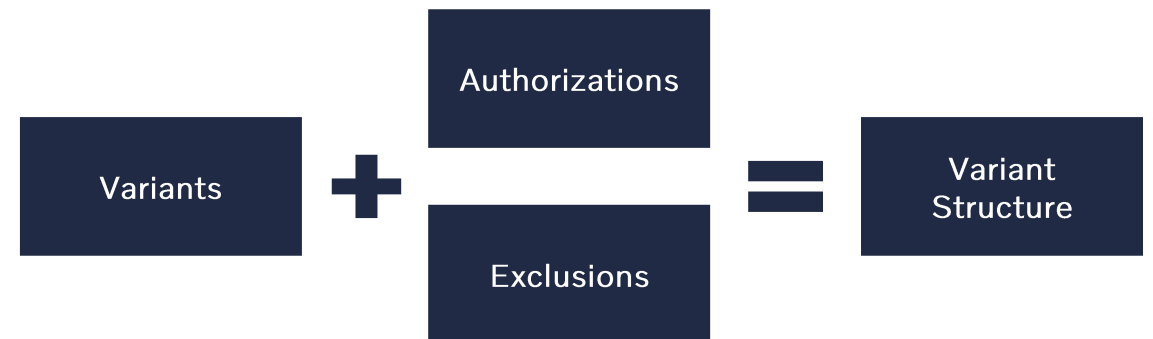


Variant Rules

Basically, the Variant Structure consists of building blocks, called Variants, and rules for how these building blocks can be combined.










These rules consist of **Authorizations** and **Exclusions**

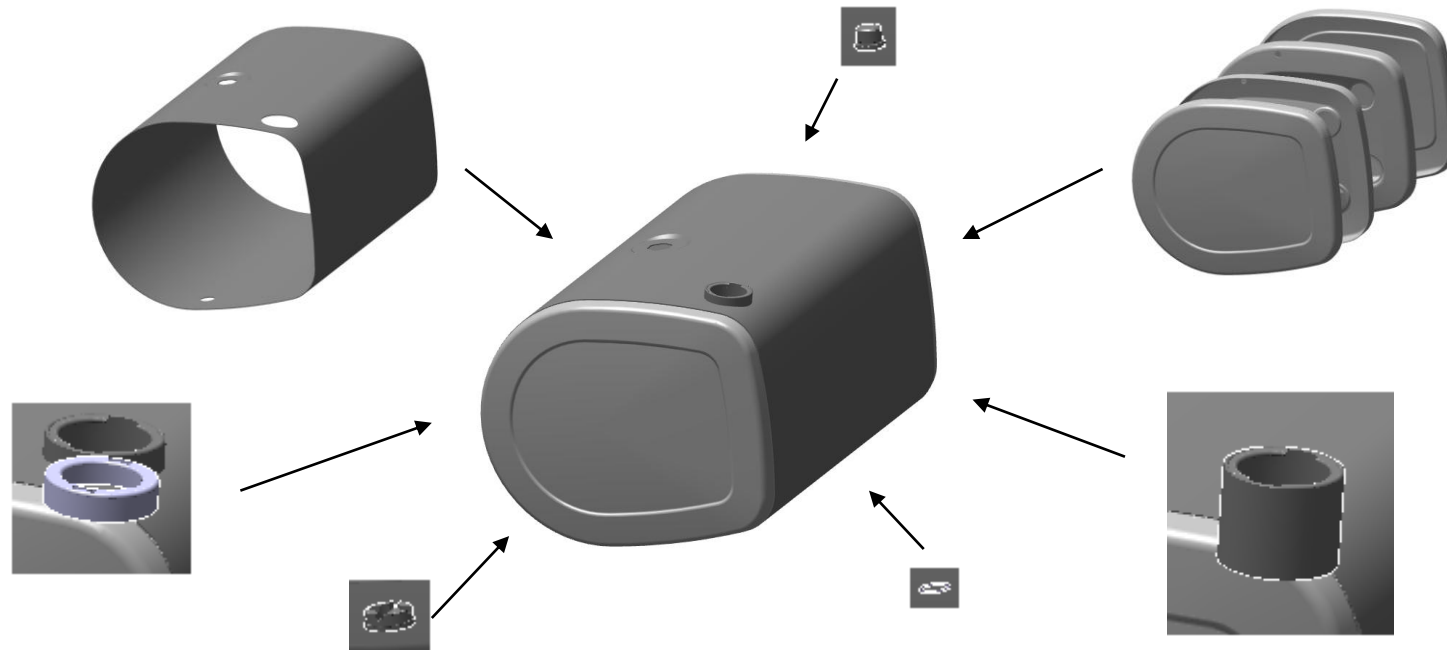
The **Authorizations** are the **general** rules for how to deal with the Variants. The **Exclusions** are **adjustments** of these general rules.



Part Structure

Assembly Parts are built up of
Constituent Parts.

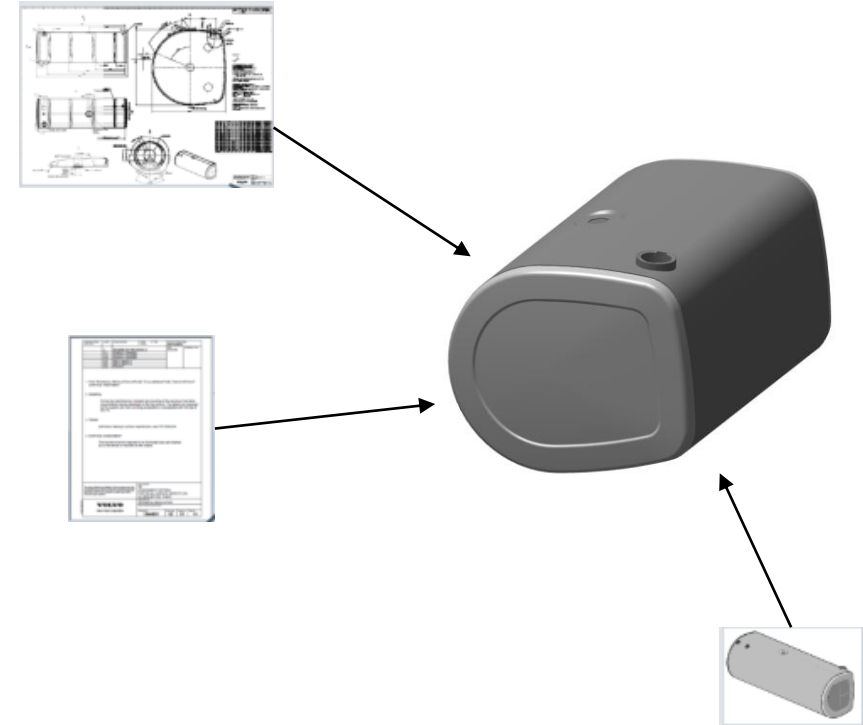
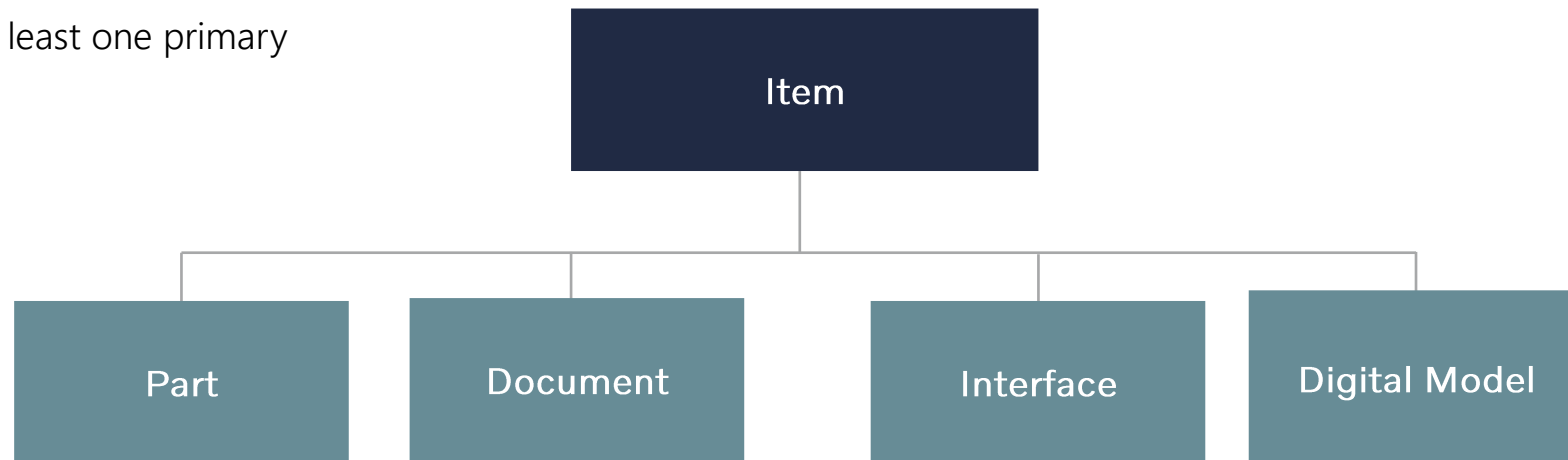
| Part Number | Part Name |
|--|---------------|
|  22038777 | FUEL TANK |
|  957185 | GASKET |
|  20503566 | BLEEDER SCREW |
|  20503569 | FLANGE |
|  20538744 | END PLATE |
|  20374926 | FILLER PIPE |
|  21493784 | FLANGE |
|  21516660 | CASING |
|  20538745 | BAFFLE |



Item

Items are connected to a part.



Parts need at least one primary reference.



Item

Item / Variant Structure

Combining our Items with our Variant
using a functional grouping to
describe our set of products

| Item \ Variant comb | TYPE-FM | FTANK-ST | TYPE-FH | FTANK-AL |
|---------------------|---------|---|---|----------|
| | | | | |
| 12345678 | | |  | |
| 87654321 | |  | | |

Virtual builds

Depending on the type of Item used in the Item/Variant structure we can build up not just physical vehicles

