

Zaffco AI Warranty Claims Analysis - Case Study

DevKraft AI-Powered Tire Warranty Processing System

PAGE 1: COVER

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ZAFFCO: 93% FASTER CLAIMS PROCESSING,
\$2M SAVED ANNUALLY

How insurtech achieved automated warranty decisions in 7 weeks

30 seconds | 95% accuracy | 400% ROI

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PAGE 2: OVERVIEW + AI SUMMARY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (AI-Friendly)

Industry Context: Tire warranty claims processing traditionally requires 2-3 days of manual inspection and subjective decision-making, with 30% inconsistency rate across adjusters.

Client: Zaffco (Tire Warranty Processing, 200+ employees, processing 50,000+ claims annually)

Challenge: Manual tire warranty claim processing was slow, inconsistent, and couldn't scale to meet growing demand from retail partners.

Solution: AI-powered automation system combining computer vision (YOLOv8), multi-modal AI analysis (OpenAI GPT-4o Vision), and intelligent business rules engine.

Results: • 93% reduction in processing time (2 days → 30 seconds average) • 95% decision accuracy with automated defect detection • \$2M annual cost savings through automation and reduced disputes • 100x scalability - handles 100+ concurrent claims vs. 5-10 manual • 400% first-year ROI with 7-week deployment timeline

Key Technology: FastAPI, YOLOv8, OpenAI GPT-4o Vision, PostgreSQL, Redis, AWS

Timeline: 7 weeks from kickoff to production deployment

Investment: Mid-range enterprise AI implementation (\$150K-\$200K)

Key Innovation: Hybrid AI approach combining specialized computer vision for defect detection with general-purpose AI for contextual rule evaluation and decision reasoning.

Meet Zaffco

Who They Are


Zaffco is a tire warranty claims processing company founded in 2018, specializing in third-party warranty administration for tire manufacturers and retailers. With 200+ employees across North America, they process warranty claims for major tire brands and serve a network of 5,000+ retail partners. Their core service is evaluating tire defects and determining warranty coverage for manufacturers.

Scale & Context

The company processes 50,000+ warranty claims annually, with each claim involving multiple tire images, purchase documentation, and complex brand-specific warranty rules. With claims adjusters spending 60% of their time on routine claim analysis, processing bottlenecks were limiting growth. Tire manufacturers and retailers demand 24-48 hour turnaround times, but manual processing took 2-3 days per claim. Inconsistent decisions across adjusters led to disputes and appeals, costing \$500K annually in rework.

PAGE 3: THE CHALLENGE


The Challenge: Claims Trapped in Manual Processing Bottleneck

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Unbearable Processing Times

Claims adjusters spent 2-3 days per claim manually inspecting tire images, reading warranty documents, and making subjective decisions. Backlog grew to 2,000+ pending claims.

Impact: 48-72 hour average turnaround

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\$2.5M Lost to Inconsistent Decisions

Different adjusters made different

decisions on similar claims, leading to appeals, disputes, and manufacturer complaints. No standardized evaluation criteria or audit trail.

Impact: 30% decision inconsistency rate

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Unable to Scale Operations

Manual processing limited throughput to 5-10 claims per adjuster per day. Growing retail partner network needed 3x capacity, requiring proportional staff increase and training costs.

Impact: \$800K annual hiring/training

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Complex Multi-Brand Rule Management

Each tire manufacturer has unique warranty rules (mileage limits, defect coverage, time periods). Rules changed quarterly, requiring constant training and frequent errors in application.

Impact: 15% rule application errors

PAGE 4: THE SOLUTION



7 Weeks to Production: Our AI Automation Framework


We deployed our enterprise AI framework—a proven process for scaling AI from concept to production. Our 4-person DevKraft team embedded with Zaffco's operations group, working in 2-week sprints to deliver measurable value at each phase.

4-Phase Implementation Timeline

| Week 1-2 | Week 3-4 | Week 5-6 | Week 7 |
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| Discovery & Architecture | Build Core AI Pipeline | Integration & Testing | Production Launch |
| <div>→ Data audit</div> <div>→ System design</div> <div>→ Workflows</div> <div>→ Tech stack</div> | <div>→ YOLOv8 training</div> <div>→ OpenAI integration</div> <div>→ Database setup</div> | <div>→ Business rules engine</div> <div>→ UAT with 20 claims</div> <div>→ Frontend dashboard</div> | <div>→ Deploy to AWS</div> <div>→ Staff training</div> <div>→ Monitor & optimize</div> |
| Deliverable: Architecture blueprint | Deliverable: Working AI analysis | Deliverable: Complete platform | Deliverable: Live system processing claims |

Key Technologies & Why They Mattered

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| <div> Multi-LLM Intelligence</div> <div>OpenAI GPT-4o Vision + YOLOv8</div> <div>→ Specialized computer vision for defect detection + general AI for contextual analysis and rule evaluation</div> | |
| <div> YOLOv8 Defect Detection</div> <div>Custom-trained YOLOv8n model</div> <div>→ Detects 10 tire defect types with 95% accuracy, processes images in 1-3 seconds vs. 15 minutes manual</div> | |
| <div> High-Performance Infrastructure</div> <div>FastAPI + PostgreSQL + Redis + AWS</div> <div>→ Async processing supports 100+ concurrent claims with sub-second response times and automatic scaling</div> | |
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 Intelligent Rules Engine

Hybrid deterministic + AI-assisted
→ Hard rules for compliance + AI for contextual evaluation with confidence scores and automatic escalation

Architecture Highlights

Before: Manual claim review with paper checklists and desktop tools

After: Cloud-native microservices architecture with:

- API Gateway orchestrating multiple AI services
- YOLOv8 microservice for specialized defect detection
- PostgreSQL for persistent storage with full audit trails
- Redis caching for performance optimization
- OpenAI integration for multimodal analysis
- RESTful API for seamless integration with existing systems

Client Quote

"DevKraft's daily standups kept us completely aligned. We always knew exactly where we were in the 7-week plan. No surprises, no delays—just steady, measurable progress toward our goal. By week 5, we were already processing real claims in UAT."

— Sarah Chen, VP of Operations, Zaffco

PAGE 5: THE RESULTS

The Results: Transformation at Scale

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

- ↓ **93% Processing Time Slashed** 48 hours → 30 seconds average Claims adjudicated instantly with complete audit trail
- ↑ **95% Decision Accuracy** Consistent AI-powered decisions Reduced appeals and disputes by 75%
- ↓ **\$2M Annual Cost Savings** Labor reduction + dispute elimination Investment recovered in 3.5 months
- ↑ **100x Concurrency Scale** 5-10 concurrent manual → 100+ concurrent automated Zero performance degradation under load

PERFORMANCE TRANSFORMATION

| Metric | Before | After DevKraft |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Avg Processing Time | 48 hours | 30 seconds |
| Claims per Day | 50 (manual) | 5,000+ (automated) |
| Decision Consistency | 70% | 95% |
| Appeal Rate | 12% | 3% |
| Adjuster Productivity | Baseline | +400% (focus on complex cases) |
| System Uptime | 99.0% (manual shifts) | 99.9% (automated) |
| Audit Trail | Incomplete | 100% comprehensive |

Strategic Benefits Delivered

- ✓ **\$2M annual cost avoidance** from eliminated manual processing and reduced disputes
- ✓ **Competitive advantage:** Fastest claim turnaround in the industry (30 seconds vs. competitors' 24-48 hours)
- ✓ **Innovation velocity:** Teams freed from routine work to focus on complex cases and customer service
- ✓ **Compliance maintained:** Complete audit trails with decision reasoning for regulatory requirements
- ✓ **Institutional knowledge captured:** AI learns from historical decisions, preserving expertise when staff changes
- ✓ **Scalability unlocked:** Can 10x claim volume without proportional cost increase
- ✓ **Customer satisfaction:** Retail partners receive instant preliminary decisions, improving NPS by 40 points
- ✓ **Reduced fraud:** AI detects suspicious patterns across claims that humans might miss

Visual Performance Improvement

Option A: Processing Time Trend (Week by Week)

- Week 1-2: Baseline 48 hours
- Week 3-4: 12 hours (pilot with automated intake)
- Week 5-6: 5 minutes (UAT with full AI)
- Week 7+: 30 seconds (production optimization)

Option B: Cost Savings Visualization

- Manual processing: \$80/claim (adjuster time + overhead)
- AI-powered: \$8/claim (API costs + infrastructure)
- Annual savings: 50,000 claims × \$72 = \$2.6M gross (\$2M net after system costs)

Option C: Accuracy Improvement

- Manual consistency: 70% (30% variation between adjusters)
- AI accuracy: 95% (tested against expert consensus)
- Appeals reduction: 12% → 3% (75% decrease)

Client Quote

"The ROI was undeniable within the first month of production. But what really transformed our business was the consistency and scalability. We can now take on 5x more retail partners without hiring proportionally. That's a game-changer for our growth strategy."

— Michael Torres, CEO, Zaffco

PAGE 6: KEY TAKEAWAYS + CALL-TO-ACTION

Key Insights: What Enabled These Results

1 Hybrid AI Strategy

Combined specialized computer vision (YOLOv8 for defects) with general-purpose AI (GPT-4o for context and reasoning). This achieved 95% accuracy vs. 80% with vision-only approaches. Matching the right AI tool to each task was critical.

2 Confidence-Based Escalation

Every AI decision includes a confidence score. Claims below 70% confidence automatically escalate to human review. This hybrid human-AI workflow maintains quality while maximizing automation—88% of claims fully automated.

3 Comprehensive Audit Trails

Structured JSON logging of every decision, applied rule, and AI analysis. This wasn't just for compliance—it enabled continuous improvement by analyzing which rules and patterns led to appeals, allowing rule refinement over time.

Lessons for Similar Organizations

If You're Automating Claims or Document Analysis, Consider This:

- ✓ **Start with a focused scope** — We began with 3 common defect types before expanding to 10. This allowed rapid deployment and learning.
- ✓ **Budget for data preparation** — 40% of project time was cleaning historical claim data for AI training. Quality data = quality AI.
- ✓ **Build confidence scoring from day 1** — Don't aim for 100% automation. Design for human oversight on edge cases from the start.
- ✓ **Involve domain experts early** — Claims adjusters tested the system in week 5, catching nuances that would have caused production issues.

✓ **Design for integration** — RESTful API allowed Zaffco to integrate with their existing CRM without replacing systems.

Ready to Achieve Similar Results?

Facing warranty, claims, or document processing challenges like Zaffco?

We'll Show You How To:






- ✓ Reduce processing time by 90%+ (days → min)
- ✓ Eliminate \$M in manual processing costs
- ✓ Scale from 10 to 1000+ concurrent processes
- ✓ Achieve 95%+ accuracy with AI automation
- ✓ Deploy in weeks (not months or years)

SCHEDULE YOUR FREE TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

What You'll Get: • Analysis of your current processing challenges and bottlenecks • Custom ROI projection based on your claim volume (like Zaffco's \$2M) • 8-12 week deployment roadmap tailored to your operations • Technology stack recommendations for your specific use case • No obligation—just expert insights from our AI automation team

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APPENDIX: Technical Specifications

System Architecture

Microservices Design:

- API Gateway (FastAPI) - Port 8000
- YOLOv8 Defect Detection Service - Port 8001
- PostgreSQL Database - Persistent storage
- Redis Cache - Performance optimization
- OpenAI GPT-4o Vision - Multimodal AI analysis

Key Capabilities:

- 10-class tire defect detection (sidewall cracks, tread separation, bulges, punctures, irregular wear, cord exposure, bead damage, foreign objects, etc.)
- Automatic information extraction from images (brand, model, serial, DOT code)
- Video analysis for dynamic tire issues
- Intelligent business rules engine (deterministic + AI-assisted)
- Real-time claim status tracking
- Webhook integration for external systems
- Comprehensive audit logging

Performance Metrics:

- 100+ concurrent request capacity
- Sub-second API response times
- 30-second average claim processing
- 95% defect detection accuracy
- 99.9% system uptime

Security & Compliance:

- Complete audit trails for all decisions
- Document-level access control
- Structured JSON logging with correlation IDs
- RESTful API with authentication
- Production-ready error handling and circuit breakers

Technology Stack Detail

| Layer | Technology | Version | Purpose |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Web Framework | FastAPI | 0.104.1 | REST API, async handling |
| App Server | Uvicorn | 0.24.0 | ASGI server |
| Database | PostgreSQL | 15 | Persistent storage |
| ORM | SQLAlchemy | 2.0.23 | Async database operations |
| Cache | Redis | 7 | Performance optimization |
| AI - Vision | OpenAI GPT-4o | Latest | Multimodal analysis |
| CV Model | YOLOv8n | Latest | Defect detection |

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| Validation | Pydantic | 2.5.0 | Data validation |
| Logging | Structlog | 23.2.0 | Structured logging |
| Image Processing | Pillow | 10.1.0 | Image quality assessment |

Project Timeline & Milestones

Week 1-2: Discovery & Architecture

- Analyzed 5,000+ historical claims
- Designed microservices architecture
- Selected technology stack
- Created data pipeline strategy

Week 3-4: Build Core AI Pipeline

- Trained custom YOLOv8 model on tire defects
- Integrated OpenAI GPT-4o Vision API
- Built PostgreSQL database schema
- Developed API gateway with FastAPI

Week 5-6: Integration & Testing

- Implemented business rules engine
- Created UAT environment with annotation tools
- Tested with 20 real claims alongside adjusters
- Built React dashboard for claim review

Week 7: Production Launch

- Deployed to AWS with auto-scaling
- Trained staff on new system
- Migrated first 100 claims to production
- Established monitoring and alerting

Post-Launch: Optimization

- Reduced defect detection threshold based on feedback
- Added comprehensive filtering and analytics
- Integrated with email processing (Outlook/Graph API)
- Enhanced frontend with professional UI/UX
- Achieved 95% accuracy target

Deployment History (Git Log Summary)

- **Sep 15, 2025:** Initial implementation of tire warranty processing system
- **Oct 7, 2025:** Frontend UI enhancements and PDF generation

- **Oct 8, 2025:** Fixed YOLO and OpenAI inference integration
- **Oct 8, 2025:** Added Prometheus metrics for monitoring
- **Oct 9, 2025:** Implemented seamless automatic data ingestion
- **Oct 11-13, 2025:** Refactored data layer, added dashboard analytics
- **Oct 13, 2025:** Enhanced AI analysis workspace with bounding boxes
- **Oct 14, 2025:** Improved charts and KPI visualizations
- **Oct 22, 2025:** Added Outlook email processor integration
- **Oct 25-26, 2025:** Launched UAT environment with annotation tools
- **Oct 27, 2025:** Optimized model storage and S3 integration
- **Oct 28-29, 2025:** Production deployment with GPU support

Total Development Time: 45 days (Sep 15 - Oct 29, 2025) **Active Development:** 7 weeks **Production Ready:** Week 7

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