Automotive data capabilities

auto.dev and mcp.vin | Scope of available data and developer access

auto.dev entries reflect its public product descriptions. mcp.vin entries reflect the verified release 1.6.0. This is a scope comparison, not a test of relative accuracy, coverage or service performance.

Capability	auto.dev advertises [1]	mcp.vin implementation [2]
VIN decoding	Global VIN decode	**Partial.** NHTSA vPIC decoding and validation; US-oriented coverage.
Specifications	VIN-based specifications	**Partial.** vPIC fields, EPA configurations and Canadian dimensions.
Factory equipment	OEM build data	**Gap.** Exact factory options, paint and option pricing are not verified.
Plate lookup	Plate-to-VIN	**Gap.** No verified free nationwide source integrated.
Inventory	Vehicle listings	**Gap.** No nationwide inventory feed integrated.
Photography	Vehicle photos	**Partial.** Representative stock images; no exact-VIN photo coverage.
Interest rates	APR endpoint	**Partial.** Dated Federal Reserve benchmark; no personalized quote.
Loan payments	Payment calculations	**Partial.** Amortization from entered APR, taxes, fees and term.
Taxes and fees	Tax and fee endpoint	**Gap.** Entered amounts only; no jurisdiction-specific lookup.
Ownership costs	Ownership-cost endpoint	**Partial.** Editable cost scenarios; no resale or repair-cost prediction.
Recall campaigns	Recall endpoint	**Partial.** Model-year NHTSA campaigns; VIN applicability unconfirmed.
Unrepaired recalls	Open-recall endpoint	**Partial.** Ford, GM and Tesla status; Honda active recalls; Nissan/Mopar positive open records. Toyota, Hyundai, Kia: interactive checks.
Developer access	REST, MCP, CLI, SDK	**Implemented.** REST, 22 MCP tools, local JavaScript client and CLI.

Assessment: mcp.vin supports public-data research and transparent cost modeling. It does not yet replace auto.dev across factory build data, inventory, plate lookup or universal VIN recall repair status.

[1] auto.dev product catalog: www.auto.dev; specifications, OEM build and open-recall product pages. Reviewed 24 Oct 2026. Advertised capabilities were not independently benchmarked.
[2] Source: release 1.6.0; source review dated 24 Oct 2026. Partial = narrower scope. Gap = required data not integrated. Implemented does not imply identical data coverage.