Calibre Raises $3.3M to Build AI Infrastructure for the $200B Trust Industry

Calibre, a London-based startup building AI for the testing, inspection and certification (TIC) industry, has raised $3.3 million in pre-seed funding. The round was led by Vicus Ventures and CIV, with participation from I2BF, 9 Yards Capital, Jigeum, and angel investors including Nikesh Arora. Backers have previously invested in companies such as Databricks, Coinbase, and Anduril.

The funding targets a little-known bottleneck in global commerce. Nearly every regulated product, from aircraft components to banking systems and food supply chains, requires sign-off from a human auditor before reaching the market. These certifications underpin a TIC industry worth more than $200 billion, yet getting certified typically takes three to six months, stalling businesses and supply chains.

Calibre says the delay stems from how auditors spend their time. After working alongside auditors and inspectors, the company found that experts devote most of their hours to reviewing thousands of pages of documents and writing reports rather than making the expert judgment calls they were trained for. The workforce is also shrinking, with retirements accelerating and few new entrants.

To address this, Calibre deploys bespoke AI agents inside enterprise TIC organizations, each engineered to enterprise security standards and tailored to a client's specific standards and workflows. The company also announced AuditorOS, its first product for independent auditors, which automates documentation review, report writing, and standards cross-referencing. Already used by early customers, it launches publicly in June.

The company argues the timing is critical: AI is being embedded into more product categories that each require certification, just as the experts who hold decades of specialized knowledge are retiring. With the new funding, Calibre plans to deepen and grow its existing enterprise contracts with publicly listed TIC companies and accreditation bodies, broadening its footprint within some of the industry's largest players.

Calibre was founded by Gautham and Steve, who met at university and previously spent three years at Palantir deploying enterprise AI across more than 20 industries. The company is hiring engineers and inviting auditors to join the AuditorOS waitlist at calibre.ac.

Full blog post can be found here: calibre.ac/press/calibre-raises-3-3m/