VLOOKUP AND INDEX MATCH

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Excel is a remarkable means for organizing and manipulating numbers without difficulty. It lets you adjust the formulas comfortably, which renders it an applicable resource for any consumer who might be preparing financial analysis and accounting. It has numerous functions that can surely help in various business-related concerns.

INDEX MATCH and VLOOKUP are the two most useful functions intended for search and recommendation. To return the value of a cell in a table centered on the row and column digit, INDEX may be used while in order to return the position of a cell in a column or row, MATCH may be used. Bringing together these two can find a value horizontally and vertically while VLOOKUP finds a match by searching for the chosen values from one row to another. Although VLOOKUP is more popular with users, INDEX MATCH offers more usages. It is more convenient, flexible, and easier to manipulate. It is capable to look up both horizontally and vertically, unlike the VLOOKUP function that can only search vertically.

VLOOKUP and INDEX MATCH functions both provide assistance and comfort in looking up and referencing. The former is operational and useful, while the latter makes the process easier. Although VLOOKUP has some boundaries, it can be conquered by INDEX MATCH but individually, they are both beneficial and practical to use.
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