

DGUV Test Mark – A Symbol of Safety

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Since 1984, the DGUV Test testing and certification bodies have been awarding their own, voluntary certification mark, the DGUV Test mark (formerly referred to as BG-PRÜFZERT mark) in addition to the GS mark. To date, more than 15.000 certificates entitling the holder to use the DGUV Test mark have been issued.

What is the DGUV Test mark?

Every DGUV Test mark is the result of comprehensive testing to ensure that the product complies with safety and health requirements. As well as the type testing, a key part of the certification process is the production inspection. The DGUV Test mark on a product is a symbol of safety – an advantage for any buyer.

Certificates of entitlement for the DGUV Test mark are valid for a maximum of five years. They can, of course, be renewed, provided the product continues to meet the requirements.



Entitlement is revoked if the mark is abused or the safety and health requirements change significantly. The pertinent details are set out in the DGUV Test Rules of Procedure for Testing and Certification (www.dguv.de/dguv-test/pzo).

Which products can be awarded a DGUV Test mark?

The certification mark is awarded both for ready-to-use work equipment and non-ready-to-use products - parts, ancillary equipment and attachments - and for selected aspects.

Composition of the DGUV Test mark

The code on the mark indicates which testing and certification body awarded it. "HO", for example, stands for "Expert Committee Wood" (Prüf- und Zertifizierungsstelle Holz). In addition, the mark includes the certificate number.

A list of all DGUV Test testing and certification bodies is provided on the Internet: www.dguv.de/dguv-test, web code e24697.

DGUV Test marks for specific aspects with/without comprehensive type testing

If a particular aspect has been tested, a special DGUV Test mark is awarded. In this case, the mark has a specification relating to that aspect.

The requirements which have to be met for these special marks depend on the underlying principles for testing and certification. Often, stricter and /or additional test criteria, drawn up by the testing and certification bodies, are applied in addition to the statutory minimum requirements. Products tested in this way thus “stand out from the crowd”.



In the example on the left, for instance, special tests, over and above the requirements for the GS mark, have been conducted for ergonomic design and emissions. This is indicated by the additional wording “ergonomic” on the mark.

Often, if at all possible, a comprehensive type test for safety and health criteria has been conducted (indicated by the words “tested safety”) before the testing of the specific aspect(s), e.g. in order to obtain a GS mark. In such cases, the words “tested safety” are not included on the DGUV Test mark.



The following are examples of specifications which can be shown on the mark:

- Emission geprüft (Emission tested)
- Rutschhemmungsklasse von Bodenbelägen (Anti-slip class of floor coverings)
- Hygiene geprüft (hygiene tested)

Certificate database on the Internet

All products which have a valid DGUV Test mark can be found in our Internet database: www.dguv.de/dguv-test/products. If you would like to find out how you can obtain a DGUV Test mark or if you have any other question, simply write to us or give us a call.

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