TÜV NORD CERT – Certification according to the German Product Safety Act

Since 1977 the GS mark for "Tested Safety" has been the only mark in Europe testifying to voluntary compliance with product safety as regulated by law. The GS mark is based on the German Product Safety Act (ProdSG).

A product bearing the GS mark and the TÜV NORD logo fulfils the requirements of the ProdSG. It has been tested for safety and cannot put the user at risk either when used correctly for the intended purpose or when used incorrectly in a way which is foreseeable.



Areas of application

Manufacturers and importers of consumer products can apply, for example, for the GS mark in relation to the following products: leisure, household and garden equipment, lamps, IT and office equipment, laboratory equipment, furniture, toys, entertainment electronics and tools. TÜV NORD CERT performs the voluntary safety testing and certification of the relevant products.

Benefits of certification

"Tested Safety" is known and recognised as a sign of quality and safety in Europe and in many other countries throughout the world. It signals to the purchaser that the product selected – including the operating instructions – has been inspected and approved by an independent body. Use of the mark underlines the trustworthiness of product information and advertising statements. This results in an advantage in the marketplace when competing with non-certified products – products with the GS mark are preferred. Certification also makes an important contribution to the reduction of product liability risk.



Preconditions for certification

- With the application, the manufacturer or importer guarantees that the product to be certified matches the type sample.
- The type approval examination by TÜV NORD CERT confirms compliance of the product with the provisions of the Product Safety Act (ProdSG) as regards health and safety and other legal requirements.
- The manufacture of the product and associated use of the GS mark in accordance with the regulations can be controlled and monitored.

Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services throughout the world. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are in general permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality and also means that we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our experts accompany and support the development of your products and provide you with objective feedback.

The route to the certificate

Offer from TÜV NORD CERT based on the information provided

Commissioning of TÜV NORD CERT to perform the certification

Provision of test samples and the technical dossier for the product, including the operating instructions

Type approval examination, review of the technical dossier and operating instructions in the laboratories of TÜV NORD, visit to the production site

In case of positive assessment, issue of the certificate and the GS mark for a maximum of 5 years

Annual surveillance also includes checking of quality assurance and final product inspection

Are you interested? Please send us your response by fax. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sender (Please use block capitals)

Yes, I am interested in certification according to the German Product Safety Act. Please contact me.

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