

DGUV Test Mark – A Symbol of Safety

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In addition to the GS mark, the DGUV Test testing and certification bodies have been awarding their own, voluntary certification mark, the DGUV Test mark (also referred to as BG-PRÜFZERT mark), since 1984. 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 (DT) 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 DT mark on a product is a symbol of safety - an advantage for any buyer.



Certificates of entitlement for the DT-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 DT mark

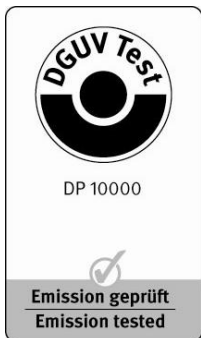
The code on the DT-mark indicates which testing and certification body awarded it. "HO", for example, stands for "Fachausschuss Holz" ("Expert Committee Wood"). In addition, the mark includes the certificate number.

A list of all DGUV Test testing and certification bodies is provided on the Internet at: www.dguv.de/dguv-test/adressen

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

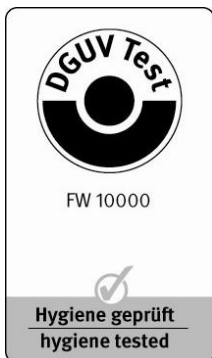
If a particular aspect has been tested, a special DT mark is awarded. In this case, the mark has an extra part relating to that aspect.

The requirements which have to be met for these special DT marks depend on the underlying principles for testing and certification. Often, stricter and /or additional test criteria, drawn up by the Berufsgenossenschaft expert committees, 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” and “low emission” 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 DT mark.



The following are examples of additional aspects 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 questions, simply drop us a line or give us a call.

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