

New DGUV Test mark as of 15 April 2017

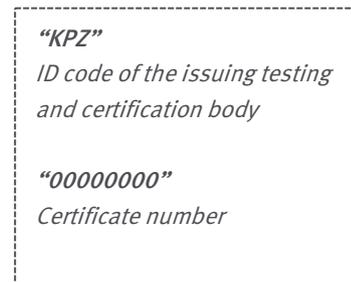
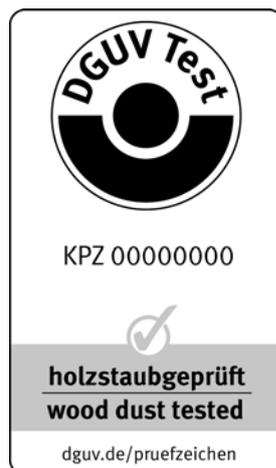
Dear Customers,

As you know, the DGUV Test mark certifies that your products meet the health and safety requirements. As such, they are an excellent aid for buyers.

On 21 July 2016, Germany's Federal Court of Justice passed a ruling concerning the information to be provided in the case of *private* certification marks. It states that businesses can use certification marks in their consumer advertising only if they inform consumers where they can find further information on the test criteria used. This can be done, for example, by providing a website link.

The DGUV Test mark complies with this requirement, giving consumers a swift, uncomplicated means of obtaining information about the DGUV Test mark and the test specifications upon which certification was based.

- With immediate effect, our DGUV Test marks – both the sticker and the digital version – now include a link:



Consumers can find out more about our marks at dguv.de/pruefzeichen.

- The web search function in our certificate database (zwmweb.dguv.de) now includes the testing specifications for each product certificate, under "More information", allowing potential buyers to see how your product has been tested, providing you have not stated that you do not wish

your certification to be made public. The testing specifications show which standard or which DGUV Test code of rules for testing was used as the basis for testing.

- Explanations of each of the additional texts added to the DGUV Test mark when a specific aspect has been tested are available on our website (dguv.de, webcode [d14361](#)) as are the testing specifications used in such cases.

Our aim in taking these steps is to help you fulfil your duty to provide information. Please feel free to refer potential buyers to the information we have compiled.

New mark design – What does it mean for you?

Holders of valid DGUV Test certificates who order DGUV Test mark stickers or print templates as of 15 April 2017 will be supplied with the new mark. You are, of course, entitled to use this new design even if you have a DGUV Test certificate that is still valid and bears the old mark. However, marks and stickers in the old design will continue to be valid for as long as the underlying certificate.

If there is anything you'd like to ask about, don't hesitate to contact your DGUV Test testing and certification body.