

DGUV Test | Professional services for health and safety at work

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DGUV Test is the testing and certification network of the DGUV (German Social Accident Insurance). It brings together testing and certification bodies that are part of German social accident insurance institutions, DGUV institutes and the DGUV itself.

The testing and certification bodies' activities support the social accident insurance institutions in their fulfillment of their legal mandate to ensure the prevention of occupational accidents and disease as well as work-related health risks by taking all suitable measures. They do this by testing/assessing and certifying particularly safety-relevant aspects of products, quality management systems and persons. Testing and certification thus makes a major contribution to prevention, the scale of which is described in [DGUV Test Information 02](#) (dguv.de, web code m819746).

The testing and certification bodies that make up DGUV Test are located across Germany and affiliated with the DGUV's expert committees and institutes. Since they each specialise in specific sectors and fields, the services they offer differ.

DGUV Test's service scope includes:

- Testing and certification of products
 - Awarding of certification marks (GS, DGUV Test and EuroTest marks)
 - Issuing of EU/EC conformity certificates
 - Issuing of type examination certificates
- Assessment and certification of quality management systems
- Testing and certification of persons

DGUV Test Information

DGUV Test: A strong alliance for safe products

A large part of the DGUV Test bodies' work focuses on testing and certifying products and awarding certification marks for them. The latter are an attractive way for manufacturers to show buyers that the product meets the applicable health and safety requirements. They can also be helpful when choosing which product to buy since compliance with the requirements is vouched for by the well-reputed DGUV Test testing and certification bodies.

As the awarding criteria for the GS mark are laid down in the Product Safety Act, it has an excellent reputation in Germany, Europe and even beyond. Most of the DGUV Test bodies are accredited to award the GS mark.



The criteria for the EuroTest mark are similar to those for the GS mark. However, the EuroTest mark is awarded on the basis of principles drawn up by a group of non-commercial testing and certification bodies

in Europe. Some of the DGUV Test testing and certification bodies are members of this group.



In addition, DGUV Test has developed its own certification mark. The testing rules that apply for products for which this certification mark is being sought incorporate the practical expertise that the social accident insurance institutions and divisions of the DGUV have gathered over the years. It is thus also possible, for example, to award a DGUV Test mark for specific aspects of a product. For detailed information concerning the DGUV Test mark, please consult [DGUV Test Information 10](#) (dguv.de, web code m226716).

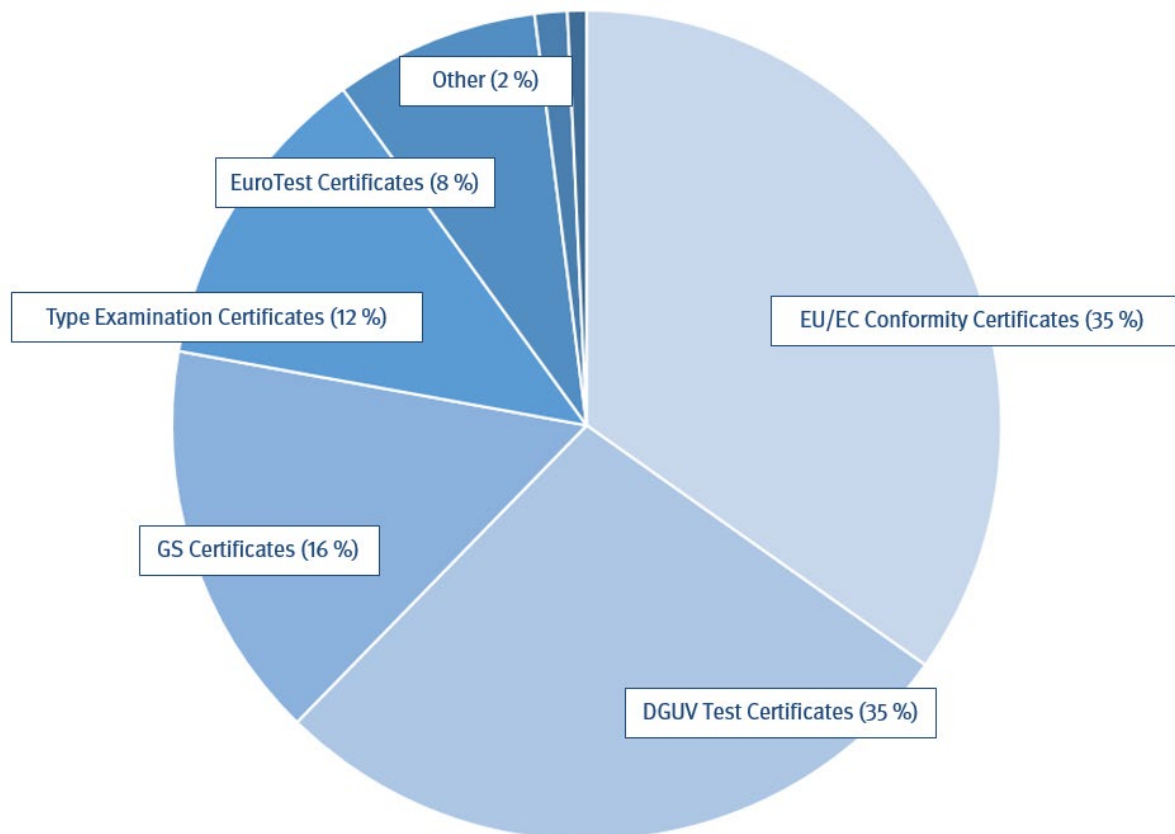
Experts on internal market legislation

Many European directives and regulations stipulate CE marking for products. The DGUV Test testing and certification bodies assist manufacturers with their questions regarding CE marking and the conformity assessment procedure required to receive it.

In some cases, the directive/regulation requires a notified body to be involved in the conformity assessment procedure. Many DGUV Test testing and certification bodies have been notified by the Central Authority of the German Federal States for Safety (ZLS) and are entitled to issue EU/EC conformity certificates to products that pass the tests.

Even when there is no legal obligation to involve a notified body nor any desire to obtain a certification mark, many manufacturers, importers and retailers seek to ensure that their products meet health and safety requirements. DGUV Test offers voluntary type examinations for these cases.

Breakdown of DGUV Test-issued certificates by type for the period January 2015 to December 2017
(excluding certification of persons)



Non-product services: certification of QM systems and persons

However, DGUV Test's activities are not restricted to products. Some of the DGUV Test testing and certification bodies audit and certify quality management systems in accordance with DIN EN ISO 9001. This service includes preliminary talks, a review of the current quality management system, certification and surveillance audits.

In addition, the certification-of-persons segment is constantly growing. A key target group reached through this work is people who pass information on and thus actively contribute to health and safety at work in the member companies. To this end, the DGUV has set up a body for the certification of persons according to SCC (Safety Certificate Contractors) regulations. DGUV Test also offers a certification scheme for trainers of forklift drivers, aimed at establishing consistent training standards in the sector, in accordance with DGUV 308-001.

Accreditation: proven testing and certification expertise

The DGUV Test testing and certification bodies are all accredited, authorised in accordance with Article 23 (1) of the Product Safety Act and/or notified as per the European directives. The accreditation is carried out by DAkkS - Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH; authorisation is performed by the Central Authority of the German Federal States for Safety (ZLS).

Notifications have been issued for the following European directives/regulations:

- Machinery
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Electrical Equipment
- Marine Equipment
- Recreational Craft
- Acoustics / Noise Emissions

Detailed information concerning the test fields can be found in our “[fields of activity](#)” database (zzmweb.dguv.de)

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