



BE ABOVE AVERAGE

| DEMONSTRATE THE CONSTANT SAFETY OF YOUR PRODUCT

The abbreviation GS stands for 'Geprüfte Sicherheit (tested safety)' and is a voluntary certification mark. The SGS GS Mark demonstrates that:

- a representative sample of the product has been evaluated, tested and approved as safe
- the production line is inspected annually
- you are voluntarily certifying your product and manufacturing process, in accordance with the applicable standards

The SGS GS Mark is attached to a product to highlight that its safety has been tested by a third party, accredited testing institute and that continuous production control is being maintained. As it is a voluntary mark, SGS GS can provide you a significant marketing advantage on the German market and throughout the EU.

| INSPECTION – THE GUARANTEE OF YOUR MARKET SUCCESS

Being awarded a product certification mark depends on the assessment of the current production line, together with a comprehensive lab testing procedure of product samples. Depending on the standards and directives applicable to your product, the production site inspection must be carried out at least once a year.

For product sample testing we require access to:

- One or more test samples (the required number varies according to the scope of the test)
- The operation and user manual
- Construction parts certificates of safety components
- Circuit diagrams
- Detailed construction drawings
- Further documents may be required depending on the product components

SGS GS MARK v. CE MARKING

SGS GS MARK	CE MARKING
Voluntary	Mandatory
Appears on approved products	Appears on all products
A symbol of safety and compliance of products	A symbol for trade, with the assumption of conformity
Tested and certified by an independent laboratory	Testing is assumed but not certified. It is a manufacturer's declaration of conformity
Product tested by an impartial organization	The manufacturers or importers themselves verify product compliance
Based on the manufacturer's or importer's choice	Based on European standards
Continuous production inspection by independent third party for the entire duration of the certification	No further verification after initial self declaration
Requires factory inspections of manufacturer's production process. SGS carries out annual audits on production	No periodical impartial quality control required

The **SGS GS MARK** demonstrates voluntary product safety testing and certification, providing manufacturers and retailers with a **significant marketing tool**, to be used in some highly competitive markets.



WHAT CAN BE TESTED?

- Household appliances
- Consumer electronics
- Laboratory equipment
- Lighting
- Office equipment
- Etc.

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