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TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark: A Cut Above the Rest

A Mark exclusively for textiles

TÜV SÜD is proud to introduce a mark exclusively for the textile industry. Retailers and manufacturers are now able to demonstrate their commitment to excellence with a mark testifying safety for humans and the environment regarding the use of hazardous chemicals in textile products.

Challenges for the textile industry

In the 21st century, textiles are no longer just fabrics cut, dyed, and sewn to specification. Research shows that the production of a single textile can require over a dozen processes. The range of demands by consumers changing from season to season – textures, durability, performance, and colours – raises further challenges as some of the chemicals used for dyes and other treatments on textiles can be potentially harmful.

This has led to growing consumer concerns over the possible dangers of hazardous chemicals¹ and has prompted regulators to increase legislation to restrict their usage. This presents the textile industry with more and more stringent regulations to meet, which, in addition, differ from country to country (for example REACH in the EU, CPSIA in the USA).

¹ Most of these are now placed under Annex XIV and Annex XVII of the REACH regulation.

Non-compliance can result in product recalls, penalties from the authorities, loss of potential sales and profits. Worse, the ensuing negative publicity affects brand reputation and future success.

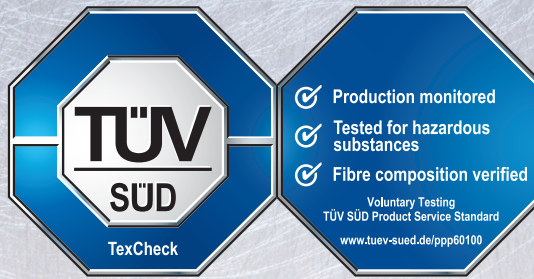
About the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark

The Mark is awarded on completion of a comprehensive testing, factory, and pre-shipment inspection programme, which also includes certain elements of social compliance, such as compliance with labour laws. The Mark is designed to address pertinent US regulations and EU directives regarding hazardous chemicals. The test parameters also include most substances found on the RSLs (Restricted Substances List) of major retailers and the verification of fibre composition.

As a universally recognised symbol of trust, the Mark demonstrates that your textile products comply with international safety and environmental standards on the use of hazardous chemicals. Successful textile brands build their global reputation on continuously striving for such standards. This Mark is your next step towards that goal.

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Advantages of the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark

- It provides assurance and confidence to consumers that the product has been manufactured in critical consideration of quality and safety.
- It demonstrates compliance with international standards.
- It demonstrates awareness and sense of responsibility towards quality, environment, and health.
- It strengthens the competitive capability and marketability of products.

The TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark allows you to

- maintain and increase brand reputation
- minimise business risks and costs
- ensure compliance with international safety and environmental standards concerning hazardous chemicals
- gain international market access
- meet customer expectations by delivering consistent quality with regard to material safety, durability, and wearability

The certification process in 7 easy steps

- Request for certification and preliminary evaluation
- Factory inspection
- Raw materials and product testing
- Pre-shipment inspection
- Evaluation and approval of testing and inspection reports

- Issuing of the certificate
- Upon approval, the Mark will be released and can be attached to end products according to the enforced regulations.

Validity of the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark

Use of the TÜV SÜD TexCheck Mark is supported by regular (annual) factory inspections and market surveillance to ensure that the products in the market continue to comply with the requirements of the Mark.

About TÜV SÜD

TÜV SÜD is a major international service group providing testing, inspection, auditing and certification, training, and knowledge services. Represented in over 600 locations worldwide, TÜV SÜD holds accreditations for market access in Europe, the Middle East/Africa, the Americas and Asia-Pacific. TÜV SÜD is a one-stop solutions provider supporting customers in securing fast and efficient global access.

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