

INDOOR AIR COMFORT GOLD CERTIFICATION



Eurofins Product Testing helps you ensure your product's quality.

Backed by a global organization of more than 23,000 employees with some 30 years of collective experience, you get access to a valuable reserve of experience and knowledge.

"Eurofins Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) certification is your best assurance that your product fulfills low product emissions requirements. It is also a sign of your brand's focus on quality and contribution to a healthy indoor environment."

Eurofins Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) combines the most relevant emission specifications and requirements in Europe in one certification. Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) automatically covers following VOC requirements:

Indoor Air Comfort:

- Belgian regulation
- French VOC label, A class (or better)
- German regulation, AgBB and upcoming ABG requirements
- E1 classification

Indoor Air Comfort Gold, on top of the above:

- EMICODE for flooring installation products
- GUT for textile floorings (except odour testing)
- Several EU ecolabel criteria
- Several Blue Angel criteria
- Several Austrian ecolabel criteria
- LEED outside North America
- FEMB standard for sustainable office furniture
- BREEAM international, BREEAM NOR
- Italian regulation on GPP (Green Public Procurement)
- M1 (except odour testing and ammonia testing)

Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) advantages

- This certification helps to promote low emitting products
- Shows compliance with all relevant requirements in Europe (governmental and voluntary)
- Certificate is directly accepted as proof from programs for sustainable buildings like BREEAM international and LEED (outside North America)

All relevant European requirements and labels are included in one test setup:

- Shows compliance with all these requirements in one report/certificate
- Combined testing saves testing costs

Certification: combination of annual testing and inspections of production sites:

- Manufacturers can show that their products have a stable and sustainable quality
- External inspectors are not routine-blinded -> detect more/other non-conformities
- Management gets better control over their own production (important for different sites in different countries)
- Retailers or private label owners can require Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) from their suppliers for their own brand protection -> they have better (independent) control over their supplier through Eurofins

Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) label on products:

- More and more manufacturers are using the label on products and marketing material
- Indoor Air Comfort Gold label has a reputation as "best of class label"
- Awareness is increasing
- Certified products will be listed on the webpage www.eurofins.com/iac-certified

Continuous update of Indoor Air Comfort (Gold):

- As soon as new requirements are being published, Eurofins will include them
- Manufacturers can be sure that their products are being tested against the latest requirements -> Manufacturers and their documentation are always "up to date"
- Manufacturers do not need to take care of looking after new requirements, Eurofins does that for them.



YOUR PRODUCTS DELIVER WHAT WE PROMISE



Process description

- 1. Discussion with you about products and product range**
 - Decision: Certification of single products or product groups?
 - For certifying of product groups: certification department from Eurofins will be involved in defining product groups and selecting representative samples. If there is a doubt about grouping, pre-tests or extended initial testing could be performed.
- 2. Initial Type Testing in test chamber after 3 and 28 days**
 - Test of representative sample according to Indoor Air Comfort (Gold).
- 3. Evaluation of test result**
 - Result is in compliance with Indoor Air Comfort or Indoor Air Comfort Gold or no compliance.
- 4. Contract between manufacturer and certifier**
 - Defines certification, inspections and scope of certification (included products and product groups and production sites). Contract fee is taken for work including grouping of product and administrative work for registration. Test results can be used for product grouping decisions. Contract will be elaborated by certification department.
- 5. Inspection of production site(s) including:**
 - Details and control of production process,
 - Details and control of product composition and recipes,
 - Raw materials checks and control,
 - Factory production control,
 - Internal laboratory tests, calibration of equipment
 - Traceability,
 - Handling of customer complaints
 - Listing of non-conformities and recommendations and plan for implementation of corrective actions.
- 6. Certificate**
 - Will be issued based on results of emissions test and inspection.
 - Certificates and Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) label will be sent.
 - Certificates will be published on our homepage.
 - Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) label can be used on products.
- 7. Annual retesting and inspections**
 - Annual inspections of production site(s) will be performed checking implementation of corrective actions. Representative samples will be taken for retesting.
 - Annual retesting of taken samples.
 - Annual surveillance report will be issued based on retesting and inspection.
 - Certificate will be updated in case of new version (update of requirements)
 - Annual license fee will be invoiced. This fee includes:
 - Our work for updating the Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) test method (keeping ourselves informed about new VOC requirements and including these requirements into the test setup); with Indoor Air Comfort (Gold), you can be sure that Eurofins is taking care of new upcoming requirements and include them into the test method.
 - Marketing for increasing public perception of Indoor Air Comfort (Gold) adding more value.

For further questions, please contact your local Eurofins representative or our certification department.



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