

Terms and conditions of use for certification marks
of the VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH
(VDE Institute)

(For information purpose only. In any case the German version shall prevail.)

These terms and conditions of use apply to all certification marks pursuant to PM045.

1. Certification marks may only be used in a case in which a valid certificate permits the use of the certification mark in question.
2. Certification marks may only be used on the examined product in the direct vicinity of marks of origin and type designation.
3. On the packaging or the advertising for the examined product, the certification mark must be used in such a way that it is unambiguously and exclusively assigned to the examined product.
4. The certification mark may be used only in the form, in particular with all the information (such as article and/or model designations, reference to the certificate holder), as stipulated in the certificate.
5. If the certification mark is downsized or enlarged, the proportions may not be altered.
6. The certification mark may only be used in black and white or in the colouring as shown in the [VDE Marks Media Library](#). On the product, the use of the certification mark is additionally permitted as a contour portrayal in the colouring of the certified product.
7. The certification mark (if applicable, with the prescribed further information) must be used in clear contrast to other marks, e. g. company name, company logo, product name, and/or product logo. In addition, the false impression that the certification mark and a further mark form a unit, must not be conveyed in any other way, e. g. by the graphic design.
8. The certification mark may be used only in a form which does not jeopardise the reputation and image of the certification mark or the reputation of VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH and its affiliated companies within the meaning of § 15 German Stock Corporations Act (Aktiengesetz). In the event of such a risk, the customer shall immediately cease the act of use in question if so requested by the licensor.
9. The user of the certification mark acknowledges that each use of the certification mark and the corresponding (trade)marks by him constitutes a use by and for the benefit of VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH. Upon request, the user shall provide VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH free of charge with copies of all products and their packaging bearing the certification marks or, if this would involve disproportionate effort, with reliable photographic material. In addition, if so requested, he shall hand over proof for the use of the certification mark for products, services and also in brochures, catalogues, price lists or in advertising. These obligations for support in the proof of the use of the certification marks apply to each of the uses in the past 5 years.

10. The user of the certification mark shall indemnify VDE Prüf-und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH and its affiliated companies within the meaning of § 15 German Stock Corporations Act (Aktiengesetz) against all third-party claims resulting from a breach of these terms and conditions of use. In the event of a violation of the obligations arising from these terms and conditions of use, VDE Prüf-und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH shall, in addition to claiming damages, also be entitled to demand a reasonable contractual penalty for the wrongful use of the certification mark in accordance with PM 102.