



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TO FURNITURE TESTING

You want to learn more about furniture testing and certification? We have collected and answered the most frequently asked questions on this topic.

1. As a manufacturer, why should I have my furniture tested for harmful substances?

The well-being of your customers can be compromised by unpleasant odors, contaminants, or other environmentally harmful substances coming from your furniture. By certifying your products with our mark for pollutant testing, you can demonstrate your high quality standards while offering your customers additional guidance in their purchasing decisions.

2. Which substances are tested in the furniture?

The contaminants to be examined depend on the test object at hand. Our specialists are intimately familiar with the different standards and requirements for each piece of furniture. With our service, you can be sure that your product is free from harmful substances and toxic contaminants.

3. What type of test marks are available for me to certify my furniture as tested for harmful substances?

You can have your furniture certified with our “TÜV Rheinland Tested for Harmful Substances“ and “LGA Tested for Harmful Substances” marks. Since there are no legal limits for pollutant emissions from furniture, our certification marks close the gap between a lack of legislation and end user expectations. They include demands that go beyond existing legal requirements.

4. How can I certify mattresses and polyurethane foam as contaminant-tested?

Likewise, we can certify mattresses and polyurethane foam products with our in-house LGA certification mark. The **emissions testing** procedures at TÜV Rheinland LGA Products GmbH focus on the measurement of pollutant emissions from flexible foams and their end products. These tests are designed to verify that your products contain only minimal traces of carcinogens, mutagens, and reprotoxic **substances** as well as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the form of total VOC (TVOC).

5. Is it possible to have TÜV Rheinland certify the quality of individual furniture components, materials, or fittings?

Yes, it is possible with our “LGA-tested quality” certification mark. Indeed, the quality of furniture as a whole is integrally dependent on its vendor parts, materials, and components. The use of pre-tested, certified furniture components is therefore an important aspect of quality management and a helpful tool to maintain documentary proof of heightened quality and product safety standards for furniture with the **GS mark** and the TÜV Rheinland Q-mark.

6. What are the benefits of testing and certifying my products for harmful substances?

By certifying your furniture with our inspection marks, you have a documented proof that they meet a higher standard of quality and product safety for furniture along with their component parts. In addition, testing and quality certificates from a neutral appraiser and independent third party are an invaluable aid to furniture manufacturers looking for the best choice of vendor parts. And finally, the inspection of mattresses and foams for pollutants provides consumers with the assurance of safety—for a relaxing, heathy night’s sleep.

7. What types of furniture does TÜV Rheinland test and certify?

Our specialists test and certify all types of interior furniture:

- Office and commercial furnishings
- Furniture for educational institutions
- Children’s furniture
- Bedroom furniture
- Upholstery furniture
- Kitchen furniture
- Bathroom furniture
- Household furnishings
- Outdoor furniture
- Laboratory furnishings
- Workshop fittings

Your question is not listed here? Do not hesitate to contact us! We are happy to help.



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