

# Conditions and notes for the use of ift test documents

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These regulations govern the unambiguous representation of the results and significance of tests, and the preservation of the neutrality and independence of the **ift**, in cases in which test documents are passed on, used in advertising, or published in the Internet or other media. **ift** test documents are reports, certificates, evaluations, or expert appraisals .

## 1. Completeness

For purposes of information or advertising, only the complete test document or a summary written by the **ift** may be used.

## 2. Excerpts from a document

Any shortened form of, or excerpt from, an **ift** test document must be authorised by the **ift** Rosenheim before publication.

- The excerpts must contain the full wording, and must be accompanied by a exact reproduction of any illustrations or explanations.
- The original meaning and the spirit of the results must be clearly presented.
- Notes and inferences must not be inserted in or associated with the text in a misleading manner.

## 3. Internet

When the test document is published in the Internet, it must further be ensured that the file is protected from update (read and print access only). The **ift** creates appropriate files of the document.

## 4. ift Logo

Use of the **ift logo** is allowed solely on the basis of product certification and in conformance with the "ift-certified mark rules".



## 5. Pictograms

The **pictograms** used to indicate the tested characteristic on the cover of the test document are subject to copyright restrictions.

## 6. Notes on citation of the test / test results

Mention of an **ift** test in publications / media is permitted only in the case of a positive test evaluation.

Any references to an **ift** test for advertising purposes must contain at least the following information:

- The number, date and type of test (test basis, standard number);
- Complete presentation of the ascertained characteristics / conclusion, and identification of the product / object in question;
- Where appropriate, the applicability of the test document for the respective purpose.

Use of the formula "ift-tested" alone is not permitted.

## 7. Advertising Copy

Advertising copy may be submitted to the **ift** in full and with all illustrations for authorisation before publication. As a rule, submission is in manuscript form.

## 8. Dissemination of information by the ift

The **ift** will not disclose test results to third parties even after publication of these results by the customer. The customer condones scientific evaluation of the test results by the **ift**, inasmuch as the anonymity of the customer is preserved.

## 9. Applicability

The **ift** reserves the right to set a time limit (usually 3 years) on the permission to use or publish test documents in the scope described in these regulations.

Unless the test or requirement standard on which the test was based specifies otherwise, it is advisable to clarify after a period of 3 years whether conformity with the test and assessment principles applicable at that time is still assured.

Apart from this, the **ift** recommends the customer to keep the test specimen as long as the test report is used.