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FI MARK IN USE FOR 25 YEARS

FI mark, which is fixed on impartially tested electrical equipment, was developed a quarter of a century ago. In 1994 when the mandatory testing of electrical equipment was discontinued, the nature and task of the FI mark, which was initially an approval mark, changed. After the discontinuance of the mandatory testing consumers and purchasers can check the safety of products for the Finnish and European market with the help of FI mark granted by SGS Fimko.

FI mark is recognized by 75% of the Finns and during its history it has been granted around 200,000 products. FI certified products can be browsed on website www.fi.sgs.com. Nearly half of the customers that have applied for FI mark are located outside Finland.

Strict tests

FI mark is based on tests carried out by SGS Fimko or other competent laboratories. On the basis of the testing the product shall comply with requirements of European standards and Finnish special requirements, which come from the Finnish installation system and climate conditions. For example, due to cold winter the heating cables of cars must have rubber insulation. FI mark gives the companies a way to make sure that the electrical appliance is safe on all European markets.



Picture: FI mark is granted impartially tested safe products the quality of which is regularly supervised.

Regular supervision of mark

In addition to testing annual impartial factory inspections are required, with the help of which the manufacturer's capability to uniform quality is checked. Furthermore, SGS Fimko annually carries out random checks and tests on approximately 1500 products taken from the market.

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Yours faithfully,

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