



New scheme, new certainty

The **BSI Kitemark™** scheme for Cable Management



Introduced in 2015, the BSI Kitemark for Cable Management gives the makers of products that organize and protect power and data cables the chance to demonstrate their commitment to best practice.

Cable management systems, which secure, separate and protect power and communications cables in buildings, are essential for the safe and smooth running of businesses and other organizations. The BSI Kitemark for Cable Management provides assurance that these

systems have been made to the right standards. Manufacturers that achieve the BSI Kitemark, a voluntary standard, will demonstrate their commitment to quality, safety and service to customers.

About the BSI Kitemark

Launched in 2015, the certification scheme for the BSI Kitemark covers all common cable management products, including:

- Rigid, pliable and flexible conduit systems
- Cable tray systems and cable ladder systems
- Cable trunking and cable ducting systems
- Metal channel cable support systems.

BSI inspectors assess whether these systems meet the specifications set down in the relevant standards — **BS EN 61386**, **BS EN 61537**, **BS EN 50085** and **BS EN 6946** — and re-assess samples of products every 12 months.

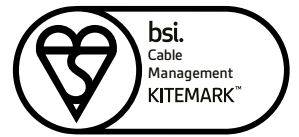
Product testing

Facilities managers responsible for the day-to-day running of buildings and those in charge of IT and construction projects can be confident that companies with the BSI Kitemark make products that meet British, European and international standards for quality, safety and performance.

The certification process involves thorough and rigorous product testing at either manufacturers' premises or BSI testing centres, and includes dimensional, load, material conformity and electrical safety checks.



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QMS assessment

BSI inspectors will do more than test products, though. **The BSI Kitemark for Cable Management includes certification to ISO 9001, the international standard for Quality Management Systems.** This means inspectors review equipment and facilities, and training provision and HR policies, helping ensure a company has the right resources and internal 'infrastructure'.

Applying for the BSI Kitemark supports the development of quality-control systems and management tools that are robust enough to reduce business risk and ensure products continue to meet the specifications of standards. It helps 'embed' a culture of continual improvement — and develop the working practices that allow a business to succeed in the long term.

A marketing and monitoring tool

From the manufacturer's point of view, the BSI Kitemark is an important marketing tool. A voluntary standard, it demonstrates a commitment to quality and safety that goes beyond the requirements set down in law. An internationally recognized symbol, it helps win business — in Britain and elsewhere.

More than this, it provides an external and independent monitoring system. Inspectors make regular return visits to sites, re-testing certified products, verifying quality plans and recording any changes to materials, design and manufacturing methods.

Improved morale

There could be other benefits, too. No-one wants to work for a business that doesn't value standards and doesn't strive to get better. The BSI Kitemark has the potential to improve job satisfaction and increase employee motivation and engagement. Certification suggests companies want employees to have the tools and resources to do their jobs well.

The future

Companies that insist on the BSI Kitemark — for, for example, IT and construction projects — will demonstrate their commitment to best-procurement practice. Companies that apply for and qualify for the BSI Kitemark are likely to have a competitive advantage in the marketplace — and systems that will support their development and growth.

The business benefits

The BSI Kitemark:

- Demonstrates commitment to quality, safety and best practice
- Supports and strengthens manufacturers' internal systems for quality management and control
- Provides independent, external monitoring of sites and production methods
- Helps develop the management systems to improve working practices.

The next steps

Applying for the BSI Kitemark for Cable Management is easy.

Contact our team, they will be pleased to help you.

Discover more about the BSI Kitemark scheme for cable management:

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About BSI

BSI is the business standards company that helps organizations make excellence a habit — all over the world. We have 58 offices worldwide, serving more than 65,000 customers in 150 countries. We were established in 1901, and were the world's first national standards body.

As well as providing independent third party testing and certification for products, we are a notified body for 18 European Directives, including the Gas Appliance Directive. BSI certifies organizations to a wide range of international standards, including ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.



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