

When quality and safety matter most, trust the **BSI Kitemark™**



Why is the BSI Kitemark important?

If you're looking to differentiate your products in the marketplace, gain customer trust with a leading quality mark using experts with the recognized industry knowledge, we're here to help.

The BSI Kitemark for protective barrier systems (widely referred to as a balustrade) is a unique certification scheme, applicable to suppliers of balustrade systems, constructed from glass and/or metal, for use in and around buildings.

Balustrades are increasingly being used in modern buildings. They can be visually stunning but any new glass or metal balustrade must be designed in such a way to ensure the product is safe. The dangers of an unsafe balustrade system are both financial and life threatening. Demonstrate the quality of your product with the BSI Kitemark.

In order to achieve a BSI Kitemark, manufacturers submit balustrade samples intended for certification to an independent laboratory for testing against various key industry standards. As the performance of the balustrade is dependant on all the elements within the structure, the quality of the materials used is regularly monitored. Failure of even the smallest component can have catastrophic consequences for the installed system.

Supplier management systems are monitored on a regular basis to help ensure consistency, safety and quality is maintained. This is what we believe sets the BSI Kitemark apart, going above and beyond many other certification schemes.

How can I achieve the BSI Kitemark or CE marking?

For a manufacturer to achieve the BSI Kitemark and/or CE marking, the following steps typically need to be taken:

- Initial laboratory type testing of the product
- Initial assessment of the manufacturing site and associated manufacturing quality plan (usually to a recognized Standard such as ISO 9001).

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Why BSI Kitemark?



We have all the expertise you need to get your product to market and clearly differentiate it in the global marketplace.

A BSI Kitemark gives a product immediate status – hard earned through rigorous tests at a BSI centre of excellence, combined with ongoing auditing and factory production control. In our testing laboratories, we have the people and the processes to launch your product and give it the trusted recognition that will open new markets and opportunities time and again. Beyond CE marking and beyond your expectations, we're famous for testing without compromise and delivering without question.

At BSI we create excellence by driving the success of our clients through standards. We help organizations to embed resilience, helping them to grow sustainably, adapt to change, and prosper in the long term. We help you make excellence a habit.

For over a century our experts have been challenging mediocrity and complacency to help embed excellence into the way people and products work. With 80,000 clients in 182 countries, BSI is an organization whose standards inspire excellence across the globe.

Our products and services

We provide a unique combination of complementary products and services, managed through our three business streams; Knowledge, Assurance and Compliance.

Knowledge

The core of our business centres on the knowledge that we create and impart to our clients. In the standards arena we continue to build our reputation as an expert body, bringing together experts from industry to shape standards at local, regional and international levels. In fact, BSI originally created eight of the world's top 10 management system standards.

Assurance

Independent assessment of the conformity of a process or product to a particular standard ensures that our clients perform to a high level of excellence. We train our clients in world-class implementation and auditing techniques to ensure they maximize the benefits of our standards.

Compliance

To experience real, long-term benefits, our clients need to ensure ongoing compliance to a regulation, market need or standard so that it becomes an embedded habit. We provide a range of services and differentiated management tools which help facilitate this process.



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