

Introducing BS EN 124:2015

Gully tops and manhole tops for vehicular and pedestrian areas

Changes to BSI Kitemark certification – an overview



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BS EN 124:2015 is the latest version of the standard for gully tops and manhole tops for vehicular and pedestrian areas, and changes have been made since the previous version of the standard. From time to time it's necessary for us to update Kitemark certification schemes, not only to reflect changes to standards, but also to address market dynamics, innovations and trends. That's why we have updated this scheme.

The 2015 version of BS EN 124 is a substantial revision to the 1994 version. Most significantly it splits the standard into one general part and five material specific parts as it brings products made of different materials into the scope of the standard.

As a manufacturer of gully tops and manhole tops you should be aware of these changes so you can upgrade your Kitemark certification.

Which are the relevant standards in the BS EN 124:2015 series?

The standards in the BS EN 124 series cover a range of different materials as follows:

BS EN 124-1:2015 Definitions, classification, general principles of design, performance requirements and test methods

BS EN 124-4:2015 Gully tops and manhole tops made of steel reinforced concrete

BS EN 124-2:2015 Gully tops and manhole tops made of cast iron

BS EN 124-5:2015 Gully tops and manhole tops made of composite materials

BS EN 124-3:2015 Gully tops and manhole tops made of steel or aluminium alloys

BS EN 124-6:2015 Gully tops and manhole tops made of polypropylene (PP), polyethylene (PE) or unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U)

Copies of these are available on BSI shop: shop.bsigroup.com



Frequently Asked Questions about upgrading your Kitemark certification

Upgrading your Kitemark certification for Gully tops and manhole tops for vehicular and pedestrian areas is a straightforward undertaking. Our certification experts will work with you during this process to ensure it runs smoothly.

The good news is that the standard has been made more flexible as more family groups of products can be covered in the scope of your certificate. This could make the process more streamlined for you when upgrading your certification to the latest version of the standard.

To help you understand more about the process we've compiled some useful questions below which explain what the new standard means for clients who already have Kitemark™ certification to BS EN 124.

I have Kitemark certification to BS EN 124:1994 for cast iron products and I want to upgrade to BS EN 124-2:2015. What do I need to do?

Contact us to discuss transitioning your Kitemark certificate to BS EN 124-2: 2015 and our technical team will explain the process.

Will I have to fully type test my entire range of products in order to gain Kitemark certification against BS EN 124-2: 2015?

BS EN 124: 1994 and BS EN 124-2: 2015 have many similarities and so full testing should not be necessary if your products remain the same. Please contact our technical team to discuss this further.

Can you explain what a “family” grouping is?

Where there are a range of manhole tops or gully tops products that fall into the same category, these can be grouped these into “families” and cover a wide and/or diverse selection of units to be tested, instead of the entire range. Once a number of different units from within that group are selected or identified as being in the same ‘family’, then testing is done on those models that qualify and covers all the products contained within that particular group. This is something that is new to the 2015 version of the standard.

When can I start my transition to BS EN 124-2: 2015?

Now, contact our technical team today.

I have Kitemark certification to BS EN 124:1994 or Kitemark certification to BS EN 124-2:2015 and all of my product is sold into Europe – what do I do?

At this time affixing CE Marking is not possible and products can continue to be sold into Europe without CE Marking. As many countries still require evidence of compliance, BSI Kitemark certification is an invaluable tool to support your access to the marketplace.

How do I achieve BSI Kitemark certification BS EN 124:2015?

1. Initial laboratory type testing of the product;
2. Initial assessment of the manufacturing site and associated manufacturing quality plan (in accordance with ISO 9001 and BS EN 124:2015)
3. On-going factory assessments once or twice a year, to ensure that the quality plan remains in place and agreed manufacturing procedures are being followed
4. A product audit of samples from current production to the relevant standard to ensure products continue to comply. This also gives an opportunity to review any amendments or updates to the standards and how they will affect the product.

What are the benefits of upgrading my Kitemark certification?

The BSI Kitemark is the ultimate mark of quality, safety and trust and only available from BSI. When you want to differentiate your products, enhance your reputation and boost customer confidence Kitemark certification is the logical choice. This is especially the case for products where CE marking does not apply. A voluntary certification scheme, organizations that step up to Kitemark certification show that they are prepared to be independently and impartially assessed by the world's leading standards and certification organization. This builds trust in the performance of their products with customers, users and specifiers alike.

From time to time standards change. This is to reflect the changing needs of industry, society and those driven by innovation and technology. By making sure your Kitemark certification is to the most recent version of the standard you're making a statement to the market that you are committed to meeting the requirements of the latest standard. Your new Kitemark certificate will show this.

The perfect opportunity to display the BSI Mark of Trust

We have recently updated the mark used to show Kitemark certification to the new BSI Mark of Trust. The BSI Mark of Trust leverages the power of the BSI Kitemark™ and the BSI brand. They have been brought together in one mark to give BSI greater recognition in our global markets, help drive awareness of the BSI Kitemark and ultimately help give clients a competitive edge. The launch of the Mark of Trust coincides perfectly with the update to the Kitemark certification scheme for gully tops and manhole tops for vehicular and pedestrian areas and so when you have achieved certification this is the mark that newly certified product should display.

New marketing logos to help you to promote your certification as well as guidelines for use are now available to download from your BSI Assurance Portal.

To increase awareness of Kitemark certification through your marketing channels and to give your customers clarification on the value of Kitemark certification you can contact our Kitemark Trade Marketing Manager who can share some effective ways to promote your certification. If you'd like to provide us with a testimonial to feature on our website or in our marketing materials we'd love to hear from you too.





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Why BSI?

For over a century BSI has championed what good looks like and driven best practice in organizations around the world. As one of the founding members of ISO, we help make sure international standards developed address today and tomorrow's business and social needs, while delivering real benefits to an organization and all its stakeholders.

We work closely with leading manufacturers to ensure their products meet the latest Regulations to gain market access. We focus on delivering a testing and certification partnership underpinned by quality, safety, reliability and accuracy aligned to your product development requirements. That's why we're best placed to help you understand standards and to meet the requirements.

From shaping collective best practice with our knowledge solutions to product testing, certification, and environmental health and safety professional services, we are committed to innovating and collaborating with our clients to build a safer more resilient tomorrow – one that protects buildings, assets, the environment and most importantly people.



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