



Community Mask – Tested Quality

Tested Quality mark by Eurofins for Community Masks

Hygienic masks, also called **Community masks**, are the ones used by the general public. These are intended to eventually protect others from the wearer, thereby contributing to mitigate the spread of the virus.

In the middle of the coronavirus crisis, many governments have made the use of masks recommendable, or even mandatory in public places, where safety distances can't be guaranteed.

In parallel, local and regional authorities are trying to funnel efforts into eventual standardization of a minimum quality benchmark, such as the EU CEN guideline document CWA 17533 or the local initiatives in Spain, France and Mexico (UNE 0065, UNE 0064- 1, UNE 0064-2, AFNOR-SPEC-S76, breathability, particle filtration, etc.).

In an effort to provide our clients with an evident proof of compliance for hygienic masks, our experts have developed the Tested Quality seal for Community masks, that shall be granted to those masks meeting the thoroughly designed testing protocols.



Confidence gained by providing transparency

The tested quality mark for Community masks consists of 3 parts:

- A seal, that can be placed on the product (optional)
The seal, that bears the concerned test report number and the URL where the end user can check for the tested protocols.
- The label or tag, presented along and underneath the seal, to be displayed on the packaging, and including the shortlist of basic testing protocols to which the product has been tested.
- The concerned test report, presented in two formats:
 - Extended test report, for the client's Quality department.
 - Basic report, to be displayed on the web-based depository database, for the end user, to check, thereby providing full transparency to the consumers.

Tested Quality mark protocols

- Safe materials
 - Formaldehyde free - ISO 14184-1 (Textile) / ISO 17226-1 and ISO 17226-2 (Leather)
 - Colorfastness – In-house method
 - Ph - ISO 3071 (Textile) / ISO 4045 (Leather)
- Design
 - Children safety (cords and drawstrings, and sharp points and edges) EN 14682
 - Minimum cover of the face Internal Method
 - Fit and Comfort to wearer Internal Method
- Performance and protection
 - Bacterial Filtration Efficiency > 80% after washing – EN 14683/ ISO 6330 N 60°C
 - Resistance to respiration < 70 Pa/cm2 - EN 14683
 - Quality guaranteed for “X” washings
- Artwork check (Labels and packaging)
 - Regulatory check
 - Composition, warnings, etc.
 - Avoid eventual misunderstandings with CE mark, PPE or MD, composition, washability, warnings, etc)
- Washability claims substantiation.

Quality assurance and control throughout the supply chain

Whichever your role in the supply chain, you need to safeguard the reputation of your brand and/ or that of your client.

From suppliers' assessment and R&D support to regulatory guidance and supply chain mapping, all the way through compliance and bespoke testing, QC inspections, failure analysis and market surveillance, we cover every stage of your product's quality journey.

