

Inspection documents concerning tests that are carried out by personnel appointed by the manufacturer and who can belong to the production department.

2.1 - Certificate of compliance with the order

Inspection carried out by the manufacturer in accordance with his own procedures to assess whether products defined by the same product specification and made by the same manufacturing process, are in compliance with the requirements of the order or not.

2.2 - Manufacturer's test report

Inspection carried out, before delivery, according to the product specification, on the products to be supplied or on test units of which the products supplied are part, in order to verify that these products are in compliance with the requirements of the order.

Inspection documents concerning tests carried out on the basis of specific inspection that are carried out by personnel that are ordered to do so that are monitored to ensure that they carry out the tests. These personnel are independent of the production department.

3.1 – Inspection Certificate

Document issued by the manufacturer in which he declares that the products supplied are in compliance with the requirements of the order and in which he supplies test results.

The test unit and the tests to be carried out are defined by the product specification, the official regulation and corresponding rules and/or the order.

The document is validated by the manufacturer's authorized inspection representative, independent of the manufacturing department.

It shall be permissible for the manufacturer to transfer on to the inspection certificate 3.1 relevant test results obtained by specific inspection on primary or incoming products he uses, provided that the manufacturer operates traceability procedures and can provide the corresponding inspection documents required.

3.2 – Inspection Certificate

Document prepared by both the manufacturer's authorized inspection representative, independent of the manufacturing department and either the purchaser's authorized inspection representative or the inspector designated by the official regulations and in which they declare that the products supplied are in compliance with the requirements of the order and in which test results are supplied.

It shall be permissible for the manufacturer to transfer on to the inspection certificate 3.2 relevant test results obtained by specific inspection on primary or incoming products he uses, provided that the manufacturer operates traceability procedures and can provide the corresponding inspection documents required.

Summary of inspection documents

EN10204 Reference	Designation of the document type			Document content	Document validated by
	English version	German version	French version		
Type 2.1	Declaration of compliance with the order	Werksbescheinigung	Attestation de conformité à la commande	Statement of compliance with the order	The manufacturer
Type 2.2	Test report	Werkszeugnis	Relevé de contrôle	Statement of compliance with the order, with indication of results of nonspecific inspection	The manufacturer
Type 3.1	Inspection certificate 3.1	Abnahmeprüfzeugnis 3.1	Certificat de réception 3.1	Statement of compliance with the order, with indication of results of specific inspection	The manufacturer's authorised inspection representative independent of the manufacturing department
Type 3.2	Inspection certificate 3.2	Abnahmeprüfzeugnis 3.2	Certificat de réception 3.2	Statement of compliance with the order, with indication of results of specific inspection	The manufacturer's authorised inspection representative independent of the manufacturing department and either the purchaser's authorised inspection representative or the inspector designated by the official regulations

Provision of inspection documents by a party further down the production chain or the dealer

An intermediary shall only pass on either an original or a copy of the inspection documents provided by the manufacturer without any alteration. This documentation shall be accompanied by suitable means of identification of the product, in order to ensure the traceability between the product and the documentation.

Copying of the original document is permitted, provided that:

- traceability procedures are operated;
- the original document is available on request.

When producing copies it is permissible to replace the information on the original delivered quantity by the actual delivered partial quantity.

CE Marking

What is CE marking

The CE mark indicates a product's compliance with EU legislation and so enables the free movement of products within the European market. By affixing the CE marking to a product, a manufacturer declares, on his sole responsibility, that the product meets all the legal requirements for the CE marking, which means that the product can be sold throughout the European Economic Area (EEA). This also applies to products made in other countries which are sold in the EEA.

However, not all products must bear the CE marking, only product categories mentioned in specific EU directives on the CE marking.

CE marking does not indicate that a product was made in the EEA, but merely states that the product has been assessed before being placed on the market and thus satisfies the applicable legislative requirements (e.g. a harmonised level of safety) enabling it to be sold there. It means that the manufacturer has:

- verified that the product complies with all relevant essential requirements (e.g. health and safety or environmental requirements) laid down in the applicable directive(s) and
- if stipulated in the directive(s), had it examined by an independent conformity assessment body.

It is the manufacturer's responsibility to carry out the conformity assessment, to set up the technical file, to issue the declaration of conformity and to affix the CE marking to a product. Distributors must check that the product bears the CE marking and that the requisite supporting documentation is in order. If the product is being imported from outside the EEA, the importer has to verify that the manufacturer has undertaken the necessary steps and that the documentation is available upon request.