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New test facilities for sound, air-wind-water, durability, smoke protection and burglar resistance

Lead expertise, speed and international recognition are important success factors for the development of components and accessories. This applies in particular to necessary tests for the development of new windows or doors and special solutions for demanding constructions (company headquarters, hotels, public buildings, etc.). This is why the ift Rosenheim has set up an new iftLAB in Arnsberg (NRW) together with Athmer in the "Technikum". In this test laboratory, preliminary tests can be carried out by the "Technikum" examiners as well as building law tests for CE by the ift test engineers. The laboratory is equipped with test equipment from ift MessTec for testing sound, air-wind-water, durability, smoke protection and burglar resistance. "The iftLAB is a win-win situation because Athmer and ift Rosenheim share the same quality and customer philosophy", says Dr. Jochen Peichl (CEO ift Rosenheim).

Rosenheim is located in a holiday region and is always worth a trip, but for many ift customers it means a two-day journey. This is why ift Rosenheim is now opening the iftLAB Arnsberg (NRW), which is only a 50-minute drive from the office base ift West (Rheda-Wiedenbrück, Gütersloh/NRW district). The ift test engineers can also travel quickly from here. The new test laboratory iftLAB is operated in the "Technikum" of Athmer, which was set up 2 years ago with test equipment from ift MessTec and is also calibrated and monitored by ift Rosenheim. This ensures that the tests can be recognized by ift Rosenheim under building law.



Fig. 1
With the iftLAB in the heart of NRW, the testing possibilities in this region will be significantly improved.

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In the "Technikum", manufacturers of windows and doors have already been supported with tests and engineering during product development. In cooperation with ift Rosenheim, it is now also possible to carry out tests recognized by building law. This includes the testing of sound insulation, air and driving rain tightness, wind load, durability, smoke protection and burglary resistance. The ift tests can be carried out not only according to European standards, but also according to American and British regulations, which are required for approval in North America, Great Britain and the Arab world. In contrast to the ift "in-house test" concept, iftLAB has no restrictions with regard to enquiries from a wide variety of companies. This is because the "Technikum" is under the sovereignty of ift Rosenheim during the ift tests. This ensures the necessary neutrality and confidentiality. "The iftLAB is a win-win situation because Athmer and ift Rosenheim share the same quality and customer philosophy", says Dr. Jochen Peichl (Managing Director of ift Rosenheim).

With the iftLAB, ift Rosenheim continues to invest in regionality and customer proximity, and Athmer is investing in the expansion of its expertise. "The cooperation with ift Rosenheim is a further important step for us towards more testing competence, customer service and the expansion of our international network", says Holger Pertz (Managing Director Athmer oHG).

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1	<p>With the iftLAB in the heart of NRW, the testing possibilities in this region will be significantly improved.</p> <p>(Source: ift Rosenheim)</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI191066_Fig_01_Map_Germany_sites_ift.jpg</p>	
2	<p>At iftLAB Arnsberg (NRW), tests of sound insulation, air-wind-water, permanent function, smoke protection and burglar resistance can be carried out in accordance with building law.</p> <p>(Source: ift Rosenheim)</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI191066_Fig_02_Laboratory_Athmer.jpg</p>	
3	<p>The official signing of the contract for the iftLAB took place during the Rosenheim Window & Facade Conference 2019 (from left to right: Dr. Jochen Peichl (Managing Director, ift Rosenheim), Dipl.-Ing. Maico Ludwig (Head of the Arnsberg Technikum), Michael Breckl-Stock (Manager of Business Line Testing, ift Rosenheim) and Carl-Julius Cronenberg (personally liable partner Athmer oHG)).</p> <p>(Source: ift Rosenheim)</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI191066_Fig_03_Signing_of_contract_iftLAB_Athmer_RFT19_1.jpg</p>	

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Info about ift Rosenheim (for the technical press)

ift Rosenheim is a notified European testing, surveillance and certification body with international accreditation, according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025. The core activities at ift Rosenheim include practical, holistic and fast testing and assessment of all characteristics of windows, facades, doors, gates, glazing and construction materials. Its goals include sustainable improvement of product quality, design, and technology as well as work on standardisation and research. Certification by ift Rosenheim assures you of acceptance all over Europe. At ift, we are committed to providing knowledge and as an unbiased institution, ift Rosenheim enjoys a special status with the media – the publications document the current state-of-the-art technology.

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Info about ift Rosenheim (for the public press)

You need skills, technology and experience for good structures, and this is especially applicable to windows, facades and doors. Since 1996, ift Rosenheim has been supporting the industry as a neutral scientific institute with technical services and more than 200 employees. These include conducting tests and research, certification and quality management as well as standardisation, advanced education and technical information. In this manner, ift Rosenheim is promoting the development of quality products that are suitable for use, environment-friendly and efficient, and which make life more comfortable, more secure and safer, and healthier.

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