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New graded concept for simple entry into Quality Assurance

Approved quality certificates provide advantages in gaining the competitive edge and external surveillance reinforces even the internal demand for quality. Companies in the industry have acknowledged this and also wish to make a simple and graded entry in the certification and quality assurance process. This is why ift Rosenheim has developed a graded concept in close cooperation with the RAL Quality Association for windows and external doors in Frankfurt, which introduces manufacturers step by step to ift product certification and the RAL quality surveillance systems.

Common to all three levels is that companies are supervised and supported regularly by experienced ift auditors. With the "**Standard**" level, only compliance with the minimum statutory requirements and the factory production control (FPC) are supervised – in other words, all those elements that the companies must verify to obtain the CE mark. This level has been conceived primarily for small and medium-sized companies. In the "**Quality**" level, apart from the statutory requirements, there are also those specified with respect to the suitability of use of windows and external doors. The result includes qualitatively high-class construction elements that are suitable for use. The "**Premium**" level specifies additional requirements with respect to the special characteristics determining the quality and the RAL installation, and ensures the RAL mark of quality at the same time.



Fig 1

Companies benefit from the use of the ift or RAL mark for the purpose of advertising and sales promotion with the graded model.

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To begin with, the companies benefit in the process from using the ift or RAL certification for the purpose of advertising and promoting sales, and from the legal security with all verifications and certificates that are mandated by building law. This includes the necessary test verifications, proper creation of the performance declaration and the CE mark as well as the standardised organisation of the factory production control (FPC). This is already applicable to the "Standard" level. This benefit is definitely most clearly identifiable if there are complaints, defects or problems with the supervisory construction authorities, since the company can then produce an optimal system of ift Rosenheim conforming to standards. Even the listing as a certified company on the ift website achieves the trust of architects, authorities and building owners in the capability and quality orientation of the company.

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