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Safe assembly with CE marked fixings

In July 2013 the new construction product directive comes into full effect. That means that all construction products that are covered by a harmonized standard have to carry the CE marking. As one of the market leaders in fixings, ESSVE can already today offer several product groups with the CE marking. We have also chosen to have several of our products ETA approved, which is the voluntary alternative to CE marking of construction products.

A CE marked product attests that the manufacturer is responsible for the product being congruent with the stated performance and other applicable European legislation. The seven basic requirements for construction works stated by the construction product directive for CE marking are:

- BWR 1 Mechanical resistance and stability
- BWR 2 Safety in case of fire
- BWR 3 Hygiene, health and the environment
- BWR 4 Safety and accessibility in use
- BWR 5 Protection against noise
- BWR 6 Energy economy and heat retention
- BWR 7 Sustainable use of natural resources

– At ESSVE we have made it our priority to make sure that our products are approved and certified according to national and international legal requirements. This priority means that we at an early stage started our CE marking process and are among the small number of companies that are ready to meet the new marking requirements on the market, says Magnus Nilsson, Product Area Manager, ESSVE.

Quality assurance and controls

The process of CE marking requires continuous controls of the manufacturing process. Internal quality control processes at the factory are ensured and continuous product tests are conducted. It also means that approved regulatory agencies have carried out revisions according to third party of data and performed a documented quality control.

– CE marking is actually not a quality seal, but rather a warranty from us as a supplier that the product meets all the basic requirements regarding health and safety. Simply put, that is it safe. We also have a lot of products, primarily within the segment of heavier fixings, that are ETA approved (European Technical Assessment). That is the voluntary alternative to the CE marking, says Sebastian Athler, Technical Manager, ESSVE.

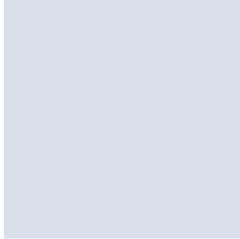
The new standard for CE marking affects most wooden screws, nails, drywall screws, some mounting screws, steel construction bolts and some mounting brackets. For information regarding which ESSVE products that already are CE marked, please contact Sebastian Athler.

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ESSVE was established in 1970 and is the market leader in the Nordic region in the area of attachment solutions for the builders- and automotive industries. The products range from tiny screws to powerful fasteners for dam construction. ESSVE also offers reliable tools for wood- and metal work to the builders industry and the branch of industry. ESSVE has 225 employees in nine different countries. ESSVE's head office is located in Sollentuna, which is a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden, and the central warehouse is located in Ulricehamn, Sweden. Since 2004, ESSVE is a part of the B&B TOOLS-Group.

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