

**Your European Partner For
High-Quality Security**

Certified quality has a name: ECB-S

The quality guarantee of the ECB-S brand

ECB-S is the "brand" of the European Security Systems Association (ESSA) e.V. which is an accredited certification body according to EN 45 011 for security products.

ECB-S stands for a quality guarantee in connection with security products like safes, strongrooms, data cabinets, data rooms, high security locks, etc. Visual sign of this quality guarantee is the certification mark which is fixed as a clearly visible metal label on every certified secure storage unit.

This quality guarantee is provided by consistently high and verifiable security to European standards. For quality assurance, the ESSA additionally carries out external quality surveillances at the production plants of the certificate holders. ECB-S certified secure storage units offer an optimum price/performance ratio. They strongly differ from uncertified cheap products and products with unknown certificates which in the end may become an incalculable risk for the user and his valuables. Since there are

no supervisory bodies, nobody can make reliable statements about the real protective functions of these products.

Only recognized testing laboratories

The ESSA co-operates only with selected testing laboratories in Europe. Only they can satisfy the high quality standards and thus guarantee tests in accordance with the European standards. The staff and equipment of these laboratories are, of course, supervised by the ESSA.

Recognized by the insurance companies – No nasty surprises

The ECB-S certification mark protects reliably from nasty surprises in the event of damages. The insurers trust the high quality guarantee of these certified secure storage units. They appreciate it and grant

- guaranteed insurance coverage and
- clearly more favourable insurance premiums.

A documentation of the certification is made available to the insurance companies by the ESSA on request.



The stronger co-operation with the insurers enables to provide a carefully planned and well-balanced security package in which certified product quality and guaranteed insurance coverage go hand in hand.



We think and act in a European way – For your benefit

Experience for the benefit of customers

The ESSA has 40 years of experience in testing and certifying security equipment. This competence is a guarantee of the sustainability and long life of the ECB-S certificate well into the future.

By investing in and promoting innovative research projects, the ESSA is always totally up to date with the technical development.

The offer of the ESSA as a Europe-oriented certifier in accordance with EN 45 011 comprises certification services for security equipment

- providing protection against burglary,
- providing protection against fire, and
- for high security locks.

The ECB-S certification confirms that the products comply with the respective European standard.

For the user, type-tested and certified secure storage units guarantee the necessary security characteristics and qualities. The ECB-S certification mark is the brand for type-tested, certified and consistently high product quality.

International activities

Since 1996, the ESSA has been a member of the European Fire and Security Group (EFSG), the European association of the national certification bodies for burglary resistant products, intruder alarm systems, fire extinguishers, etc. At this level, the ESSA particularly supports the "one-stop-testing/one-stop-certification" concept in Europe.

The ESSA is an organization that is active world-wide. For four decades, it has pursued the interests of the users of secure storage units providing protection against burglary and fire in Europe and all over the world. Being a neutral



certification body, the ESSA consists of equal numbers of representatives of the users, the insurance sector and the manufacturers.

Thanks to the intense commitment of the ESSA in the CEN (European Committee for Standardization), the national basic test regulations could be combined and harmonized as European standards. The CEN standards are the basis of uniform testing and certification procedures in Europe.

Founded on European standards, the ESSA has consistently given its certification a strong orientation towards Europe. Now, the ECB-S certification is exclusively based on the requirements of European standards and is recognized all over the world. With more than 800 certificates issued for the total range of products from safes and strongrooms through to data cabinets, data rooms and high security locks, the

ESSA is the leading certification services provider in Europe and gained international recognition with its work. Considering the globalization of the customers, the aim of the ESSA is to enter into co-operation agreements with certification bodies outside Europe as well. In order to maintain the high quality standard, the market is proactively monitored for other certified secure storage units.



Quality for the protection of your valuables

The ESSA successfully co-operates with the following international recognized testing laboratories and partners – for consistently high product standard

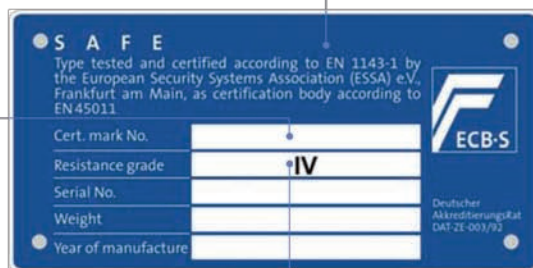
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(1) only EX test

(2) Light fire storage units and data cabinets

(3) Data cabinets to EN 1047-1 up to a height of 1,000 mm and light fire storage cabinets

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1. European standard – Your advantage:

The standards are applicable all over Europe and, as a result, are recognized. They ensure state-of-the-art technology.

2. Consecutively numbered by the ESSA – Your advantage:

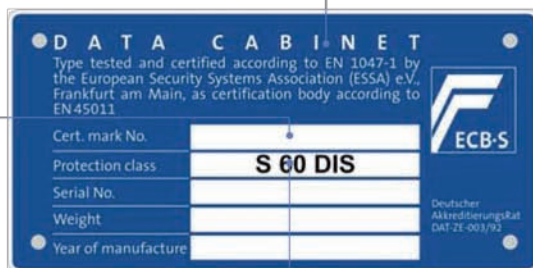
Best quality under consistent quality control, because every product can be traced back through all production steps – for your security.

3. Product classification – Your advantage:

A guaranteed performance range because the product classification stands for defined quality:

- Resistance grade (0 to XIII) and security level (S 1, S 2) with burglary resistance
- Protection class (e.g. S 60 DIS, R 60 D) with fire resistance
- Lock class (A, B, C, D) with high security locks

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