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## Testing and certification solutions for wearable technologies

Achieve a real competitive edge in a rapidly growing industry.

### Your challenges

The global wearables market is expected to grow at a compound annual rate of 35% over the next five years, reaching 148 million units shipped annually in 2019, up from 33 million units shipped in 2014\*. To capitalise on this rapid growth, wearable device manufacturers need to address a wide range of factors that affect the quality, performance and safety of their products. Due to size and form factor limitations, the battery life of wearable devices depends not on increasing battery size but rather on the optimisation of function and operating use time as well as reduced battery rigidity. Wireless connection technologies such as Bluetooth, WiFi and ZigBee will affect battery power consumption and the rate of data transfer to other devices and the cloud. To ensure user safety, manufacturers also have to identify and eliminate hazardous chemicals in skin contact wearables as well as lithium hazards in batteries. Other important concerns include biocompatibility, RF exposure levels, regulatory requirements for electrical safety, energy efficiency, and data security and privacy of apps.

### What services does TÜV SÜD provide for wearable technologies?

Our solutions for wearable technologies include battery lifecycle testing, radio frequency wireless equipment testing, Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) testing, biocompatibility assessment, chemical testing, mobile application testing, and various national and international certifications and schemes.

### Why are these services important for your business?

Our testing services assure end users of the safety and quality of your products, giving you a competitive edge in a new and rapidly growing industry.

### How can we help you?

TÜV SÜD supports manufacturers of wearable devices with a personalised one-stop solution to fit all their requirements and market standards. We are appointed to issue various national and international certifications for wearable technologies.

## Our testing and certification services

### ▪ **Battery lifecycle testing**

TÜV SÜD offers lifecycle testing, environmental cycle testing and calendar life testing for batteries of wearable devices.

### ▪ **Radio frequency wireless equipment testing**

We test your products to compliance with RF, EMC, safety and SAR so that you can meet requirements for the EU, the U.S., Canada, Australia and other international specifications. We also have a notification service for non-harmonised radio bands in the EU.

### ▪ **Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) testing**

Our UKAS-accredited laboratory has a depth and range of knowledge and experience gained through many years of providing SAR testing services.

### ▪ **Biocompatibility for wearable medical devices**

TÜV SÜD provides assessment for biocompatibility of medical devices and materials with ISO 10993-1.

### ▪ **Mobile application testing**

Our experts test applications for functionality based on ISO 25051, usability based on EN ISO 9241, and data security based on legal requirements (German Data Protection Act, Telemedia Act) and BSI recommendations (IT-Grandschutz).

### ▪ **TÜV SÜD mark**

The TÜV SÜD octagon serves as a sure sign of quality when consumers are choosing which products to buy.

### ▪ **National and international approvals and certifications**

TÜV SÜD can assist you to obtain CE marking and demonstration of compliance with the European R&TTE and EMC Directives, grants for radio and telecoms equipment from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), Industry Canada Type Acceptance Certificates, testing for CB Test Report and CB Certificate, and Nationally Recognised Test Laboratory (NRTL) Certification for the U.S. and Canada. We also certify compliance to the RoHS, REACH and WEEE Directives.

## Your business benefits

- **Minimise risk** – by working with TÜV SÜD to avert hazards and defects that could result in expensive recalls and reputation damage.
- **Save time and money** – with our expert advice on the latest directives and requirements so that you can take corrective actions and improvements

early in the product lifecycle, thus avoiding costly and time-consuming rework.

- **Gain a competitive edge** – with the globally recognised TÜV SÜD octagon, a universal sign of quality and trustworthiness.
- **Access complete solutions** – by working with a partner to make sense of complicated legislation and find routes to compliance at every step of the production cycle.

## Why choose TÜV SÜD?

TÜV SÜD has an international reputation as a leading testing and certification body for wearable devices. We offer a wide range of services for biocompatibility (for medical devices), software testing and international approvals. Our experts have the multidisciplinary expertise to help you with quality and safety issues across your entire product development cycle. Our Global Market Access team can act as your international regulatory approvals department, providing experts who research approval requirements for individual market access. By relying on our experience, you can save your organisation precious time and resources in bringing your product to the global market.

## Add value. Inspire trust.

TÜV SÜD is a trusted partner of choice for safety, security and sustainability solutions. It specialises in testing, certification, auditing and advisory services. Through more than 24,000 employees across over 1,000 locations, the company adds value to customers and partners by enabling market access and managing risks. By anticipating technological developments and facilitating change, TÜV SÜD inspires trust in a physical and digital world to create a safer and more sustainable future.

### Related services

TÜV SÜD provides the following related services:

- GS Mark
- NRTL Mark
- CE marking
- FCC

\*The Wearable Computing Market Report, BI Intelligence 2014