



*"I am looking forward to the collaboration between the VDE and Topten. Our testing and certification institute is equipped with the most modern testing systems and it is recognized worldwide. In collaboration with Topten the VDE aims at rendering the energy efficiency and usability of electrical appliances more transparent and gradually better."*

*Wilfried Jäger, Managing Director of the VDE Institute*

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## Collaboration for improved energy efficiency and market transparency

***Topten and the VDE Testing and Certification Institute have sealed their collaboration in an agreement. It allows the two independent and global organisations to aim at joint objectives. The main goal is to arrange tests of electrical appliances on energy efficiency, environmental compatibility and usability. Apart from the VDE and Topten also consumers, retailers and manufacturers will benefit from the findings.***

*The VDE Testing and Certification Institute located in Offenbach (Germany) is an internationally accredited institution for testing and certification of electrotechnical appliances, components and systems. The VDE Institute is equipped with modern testing systems, especially for tests related to the EU energy label. Thanks to its competence in this field the VDE Institute has been a renowned partner for energy efficiency measurements for years. Under real-life conditions its experts test if products such as white goods, consumer electronics or appliances from information and communication technology meet up with the users' demands in everyday life. Not only the VDE and Topten benefit from these tests. Also manufacturers, retailers and consumers get certified information on the conformity with standards, compliance with statutory provisions, energy efficiency or the usability of products.*

*Thanks to the collaboration Topten can benefit from the VDE's enormous knowhow. Topten will consider VDE certification marks when defining selection criteria. Regular exchange of experiences shall enable the partners to identify important market fields and new technologies or to set up new projects to investigate certain product categories in detail. The gain of knowhow will be fostered on both sides. Additionally Topten and the VDE are planning to carry out conformity tests in Europe in order to increase market transparency and product quality – in collaboration with the European Commission, national authorities, manufacturer associations and independent consumer organisations.*

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The VDE institute is an independent, nationally and internationally accredited institution working in favour of security and quality of electrotechnical products since 1920. VDE marks, representing security and electromagnetic compatibility, are well-known and appreciated. 'Quality tested' is the VDE mark on the usability of electro-technical products.

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