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Green Button: Hohenstein is an authorized certification body

The German government seal for sustainable textiles offers consumer guidance.

BÖNNIGHEIM, Germany (February 4, 2021) – Textile testing provider Hohenstein has been authorized by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to verify compliance for the Green Button, a German government certification for sustainable textiles. Now, in addition to certification for MADE IN GREEN by OEKO-TEX®, a qualifier for the Green Button, Hohenstein certifies for the 46 Green Button criteria.

Hohenstein draws on decades of specialized textile testing, certification and auditing. A founding member and testing body of the OEKO-TEX® Association, the company is firmly committed to consumer protection and product responsibility. Green Button applicants can choose Hohenstein as a single partner for the entire process, with or without MADE IN GREEN by OEKO-TEX® as a pre-requisite.

MADE IN GREEN by OEKO-TEX® is one of the labels qualified to demonstrate compliance with the Green Button social and environmental criteria. The traceable product label proves that textile and leather products have been tested for harmful substances and manufactured in an environmentally friendly and socially responsible manner.

During the introductory phase, the BMZ will bear the initial assessment costs. After March 1, 2021, companies will select from the list of approved certification bodies, including Hohenstein and contact them directly.

The Green Button originates in Germany but aims to be a global seal. In line with the globalized textile value chain, all companies that manufacture and/or distribute textile goods can apply for the Green Button.

For more information, visit [Hohenstein.US/Green-Button](https://www.hohenstein.us/green-button)

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Both the product and the company are inspected. The state sets the criteria and conditions for the Green Button. Independent testing bodies such as Hohenstein monitor compliance with the criteria.

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The Green Button is the German government's certification label for consumers to identify sustainable textiles.

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The testing service provider Hohenstein has specialized in the testing and certification of textile products for decades. As a founding member and testing body of the OEKO-TEX® Association, the company has always been committed to consumer protection and product responsibility.

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About Hohenstein

With more than 40 offices and laboratories worldwide, Hohenstein is an international testing partner in the textile industry. Hohenstein's research centers around the interaction between textiles, humans and the environment. It is a founding member and leading provider of the OEKO-TEX® portfolio of services such as the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® certification, the international standard for safe textiles, and is certified by the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC ID #1058) as a third-party, independent laboratory for CPSIA compliance verification. [Hohenstein.US](https://www.hohenstein.us)

About Green Button

The Green Button is a government seal for sustainably produced textiles. It sets binding requirements to protect people and the environment in the production process of textiles. A total of 46 demanding social and environmental criteria must be met - from wastewater limits to a ban on forced labor. The German state sets the criteria and conditions for product and company certification to the Green Button. Independent inspection bodies monitor compliance with the criteria.