

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE GEWISS GENERAL CATALOGUE, A GUIDING TOOL TO DESIGN AND CREATE PROFESSIONAL ITEMS

The product/service combination is made by offering the market products designed to resolve the real needs of Customers, made in compliance with the current laws and regulations, providing them with all the technical performance information permitting the best correct use.

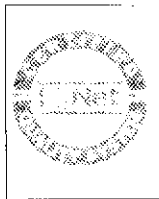
The quality of GEWISS products stands out on the market because it is the fruit of its direct participation in:

- the study of national and international technical standards (CEI-IEC-CENELEC);
- conferences with operators in the sector;
- meetings with installers and designers.

In this context there are the ultra-modern meeting rooms of the headquarters of Cenate Sotto (BG), equipped with the most sophisticated audiovisual tools. They are frequent and renowned gymnasiums for meetings with Customers and with prestigious protagonists of the Italian and international world of electro-technics. The General Catalogue is a major figure in the process of integration between Customer requirements and GEWISS product/services.

For years it has not only a vast display of luminaires and components for electrical systems destined for the "global market", but also a prestigious technical guide that helps our Customers in their daily work thanks to an accurate description of the products and their technical characteristics, precise references to legal regulations and rules for good workmanship, and a broad panorama of tips for better use of the products presented.

In particular, the general technical information is a summary of the main plant engineering and product regulations which are essential in order to compile project documents and statements of conformity correctly, and in addition for easy reading of the specific installation and technical features of each family of products.



GEWISS has obtained certification of its Quality Assurance System CSQ. This additional acknowledgement is the formal act that GEWISS, a market-oriented company, and in fulfilment of its philosophy, offers its past, present and future Customers as a guarantee of the quality of its products and services.

The CSQ approval mark indicates that the GEWISS quality assurance system is certified to the UNI EN 9000 standards^(*). In particular, in compliance with the provisions

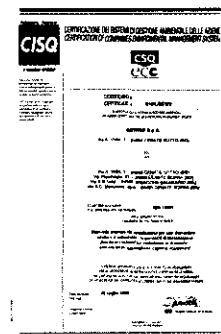
of the UNI EN 9001 standard referring to the entire manufacturing cycle, in other words: research, design, development, production, testing, putting onto the market and Customer service.

CSQ is a certification board belonging to CISQ (Italian Company Quality System Certification), which is a super-sectorial system of certification of Company Quality Systems with an independent nature and managed by various bodies of certification, each one operating in its own sector (electro-technical, chemical, mechanical, etc.).

CISQ groups together the national boards of certification, making it possible to integrate their fields of activity and ensuring homogeneous and unitary representation at an international level. CISQ belongs to IQ-NET^(**), which virtually all the national systems of certification of the EEC and EFTA member countries take part in.

(*) The UNI EN 9000 standards correspond to ISO 9000.

(**) IQ-NET: International Network for Quality System Assessment and Certification.



In July 1998 GEWISS obtained Certification for its Environmental Management system in conformity with ISO 14001, the international point of reference for all companies wanting to demonstrate their commitment to being environmentally.

ISO 14001 Certification, which is of a voluntary nature, was issued by CSQ for all the company's industrial sites. The decision to obtain this prestigious international recognition was a natural consequence of specific company programmes that place the Environment, Company Quality, and Safety of products and the work environment at the top of its objectives.

GEWISS products, barring further special provisions, are in conformity with laws n. 186/68, N. 791/77^(*).

They are made in workmanlike fashion as regards safety and, when correctly installed by expert personnel in conformity with their use and subjected, where necessary, to maintenance in a non-defective manner, they protect the safety of people, pets and property.

- Each GEWISS product is always designed, made and tested in conformity with the relevant CEI, IEC, CENELEC standards.
- All GEWISS products are suitable to be used in electrical systems made in accordance with the provisions of law 46/90.

(*) Law no. 186 of 1st March 1968

"Provisions concerning the production of materials, equipment, machinery, installations, electrical and electronic systems".

Law no. 791 of 18th October 1977

"Implementation of EEC directive no. 73/23 on the guarantees for safety that must be had by electrical material destined to be used without some limits of voltage".



CE MARKING

The products indicated in the GEWISS illustrative/promotional material (catalogues, price lists, etc.) falling within the field of application of the Directives 89/336/EEC and 92/31/EEC ("Electromagnetic Compatibility") and 73/23/EEC ("Low Voltage") updated by Directive 93/68/EEC and subsequent amendments (assimilated in Italy with Legislative Decrees 615/96 and 626/96, respectively, and subsequent amendments) must be in conformity with the essential requirements they contain in order to be put on the market and commissioned in the European Union. Conformity with the EEC directives is indicated by affixing the "CE" marking on the product and/or packing and/or user information. Products lying outside the field of application of the above-mentioned EEC Directives must anyhow conform to the Directive 2001/95/CE ("General Product Safety" - assimilated in Italy with Legislative Decree 172/04), while products designated solely for export to countries outside the European Union (which must not be put onto the market and commissioned in European Union member countries) are marked with the ("A") symbol throughout GEWISS illustrative/promotional material.

PRODUCT MODIFICATIONS AND WARRANTY

Within the framework of the above-mentioned regulations and principles, GEWISS reserves the right to make all the modifications it alone believes expedient (at any time and with no requirement to give notice thereof) to improve the operation and performance of its products and meet its own technological and production requirements. Products' and components' measurements and drawings are shown only for information purposes and are not binding, as they can be modified without prior notice.

All GEWISS products are covered by warranty for a period of two years from the date of delivery, provided the claim is sent by recorded delivery with advice of receipt within two months following the date of finding the manufacturing defects.

MAJOR WORLD MARKS OBTAINED BY THE GEWISS PRODUCTS CONTAINED IN THE CATALOGUE

GEWISS has the following certification boards as a point of reference for the certification of its products, where required:

Istituto Italiano del Marchio di Qualità (IMQ) • VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut (VDE) • AENOR Asociación Española de Normalización y Certificación (AENOR) • LCIE Laboratoire Central des Industries Electriques (NF-USE) • Elektrotechnický zkušební ústav (EZU) • Slovenian Institute of Quality and Metrology (SIQ) • Konc ar-Institut za Elektrotehniku (HNR) • PCBC Polish Centre for Testing and Certification (B-MARK) • ICECON S.A. (AR) • Hungarian Institute for Testing and Certification of Electrical Equipment Ltd. (MEEI) • Gosstandard of Russia (GOSTR) • STC-SCET (UKR) • Regional Listing Center Europe/Middle East/Africa (SASO)

Customers are urged to call the GEWISS sales organization should they need exact information on products marked in the various countries by the relative certification boards.