

EN 10204 Type 3.2: Material certification

Service overview

What is EN 10204 Type 3.2 certification?

EN 10204 is a European standard that defines the various types of inspection documents required to validate compliance of metallic products with a product specification. Type 3.2 is the most rigorous level of certification and involves independent third-party inspection and witnessing activities, which can be provided by LRQA. This certification ensures that the product meets the specified requirements of the order, including material traceability, and that properties have been determined through appropriate testing.

Type 3.2 certification can apply to any metallic products and is commonly required for critical applications in highly regulated industries, such as oil and gas, processing, nuclear, and aerospace, where material integrity is crucial, and buyers demand confidence in the product's quality and capability.

Benefits of EN 10204 Type 3.2 certification

Supply chain traceability

Type 3.2 certification enhances transparency and traceability by requiring the involvement of an independent inspection body, such as LRQA, to independently verify and validate material properties, test results, and production processes. This helps companies to reliably monitor the quality and origin of materials and products at every stage – from the original cast to the end customer.

Compliance with regulatory and customer requirements

By integrating Type 3.2 certification into their wider assurance program, companies can begin to establish a comprehensive compliance framework, effectively mitigating the risk of legal consequences or financial penalties resulting from non-compliance.

Risk management

Type 3.2 certification helps companies identify and address potential issues within the supply chain before they escalate into significant problems. By mitigating these risks, businesses can prevent costly supply chain disruptions and protect their brand reputation.

Entrance to new markets

In many industries and geographies, Type 3.2 certification is a mandatory requirement. Certified material helps to ensure compliance, creating trust with customers and paving the way for market expansion.

What is material certification to the “intent of” EN 10204 Type 3.2?

In some cases, materials or products may only have Type 3.1 certification, without validation by an independent inspection body; this is often the case where material is purchased from a stockist rather than directly from the material manufacturer.

For these instances, achieving true Type 3.2 certification may not be possible. However, an “intent of” EN 10204 Type 3.2 certification can be supplied by LRQA. This certification includes an examination of the material and on-site witnessing of additional testing, offering a level of assurance similar to that of a Type 3.2 certificate. LRQA's approach to “intent of” EN 10204 Type 3.2 certification is flexible and customized to suit each client's unique requirements and circumstances.

How we can help



EN 10204 Type 3.2 certification

Our experts follow a three-stage inspection process which we can also deliver remotely – providing a flexible and efficient solution.



“Intent of” EN 10204 Type 3.2 certification

Where materials have only been certified to Type 3.1, LRQA can provide “Intent of” Type 3.2 certification depending on requirements.



Compliance & certification services

From EU Directives and National Regulations to international codes and standards – LRQA offers a wide range of services that support your compliance journey.



Supply chain assurance

We can work closely with you to provide services across your supply chain, helping you maintain quality, compliance, and integrity at every stage.

Why choose LRQA?



Global reach, local insight

LRQA offers specialist assurance services in over 120 countries, across all industries - providing support whenever and wherever you need it. Our team of over 1,000 inspection experts utilizes deep sector knowledge to help thousands of clients mitigate risk.



Technical expertise

Our inspectors are industry experts registered to conduct reviews to global and industry standards, and we're accredited by international bodies to deliver a range of services that follow international best practices.



Extensive track record

LRQA supports some of the world's leading brands, helping them to seize opportunities and manage risks.



Flexible delivery

In most cases, our certification services can be delivered on-site or remotely using safe and secure technology. You'll receive the same high-quality service with several added benefits, including flexibility, fast delivery, and access to global expertise.

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