

## **Hilti powder-actuated fastening tools bear the CE mark**

Since July 2011, all Hilti powder-actuated fastening tools bear the European CE mark. All Hilti tools in this category are thus now certified.

By displaying the CE mark Hilti confirms that the comprehensive requirements of the European Machinery Directive have been implemented in Hilti powder-actuated tools (for example, the DX 460 or DX 76) and that the existing stringent Hilti safety and quality standards have been harmonized with EU law. The associated European Standard EN 15895 has now also been ratified in Germany – DIN EN 15895 has been in effect since August 2011.

The CE mark places Hilti powder-actuated fastening tools in the same category as, for example, electric tools. This makes it considerably easier for owners of these tools to implement the necessary quality processes. A further advantage for owners of the tools is that in some countries, such as Germany, the obligatory recurrent tool inspections are no longer required, making maintenance of the tools much easier and less costly. Depending on intensity of use, the owner himself can decide about the necessity for inspection. Hilti, nevertheless, makes recommendations concerning the intervals between inspections and a sticker on the tool shows the date of the last inspection carried out by Hilti.

### **European Standard prepared in a joint project**

Hilti pushed ahead strongly with the CE marking of powder-actuated tools. The process for drawing up the European Standard EN 15895 for powder-actuated fastening tools was preceded by three years of intense and time-consuming preparatory work by Hilti and an international team of 15 specialists. Through this approach it was possible to integrate a high level of safety for powder-actuated tools in the standard – a level of safety that Hilti has already adhered to for many years as a matter of conviction. Representatives of CEN, experts from national standards associations (from Germany,

Switzerland, France, Italy, Spain and Sweden), industrial safety authorities (German Statutory Accident Insurance Organisation, the Swedish Work Environment Authority and the Swiss Accident Insurance Fund), national approval authorities and representatives from some competing companies contributed to the preparation of this standard.

*Note: The requirements for the CE marking of powder-actuated fastening tools are described in detail in a report on the state of the art published by Ernst & Sohn, Berlin in 2011: "Powder-actuated fasteners and metal construction screws. Stahlbau-Kalender 2011", by H. Beck, M. Siemers and M. Reuter (S. 510-511).*



New inspection sticker

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