



**Intertek**

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## Hardlines & Housewares Solutions

*Improving quality & safety  
in every home*

## Your Challenges



How do you become a trusted brand, meet evolving regulations and expedite moving your products from development to store shelves? Gaining consumer confidence by certifying that your products meet the strictest safety and quality criteria across the globe can be a very arduous task without the right service provider. You need a partner that guides you every step of the way to reduce your internal costs, assess potential risks, improve manufacturing processes and efficiencies and increase your overall competitive advantage in the industries you serve.

## Our Solutions



Intertek, with over a century of experience in testing and quality assurance, is well-equipped with the most advanced and sophisticated testing facilities around. Together with our professional specialists, Intertek offers customers expertise in the evaluation of hardlines merchandise for compliance with international standards such as ANSI, AS, ASTM, BIFMA, BS, DIN, EN, FDA, ISO and NF, as well as unique methodologies developed specifically for your hardlines products.

Intertek is currently providing testing, inspection and certification services on a wide range of hardlines merchandise including but not limited to:

- Candles
- Do-It-Yourself (DIY) products
- Furniture
- Home decor/seasonal decorations
- Household utensils
- Juvenile products
- Lighters
- Luggage
- Packaging materials
- Raw materials
- Sporting goods
- Stationery
- Sunglasses
- Watches and clocks

Intertek can offer:

- Certified report of ISTA\*
- Consultation services
- Environmental testing
- GS Mark Certification
- Performance evaluation
- Production and pre-shipment inspection
- Testing equipment supply
- Testing for regulatory compliance

### Candles

The burning performance of candles should be consistently monitored in order to improve and upgrade the quality of candles. Normally, the following criteria are recommended for assessment:

- Candle flame height should not be too high.
- Candle should burn as evenly as possible.
- Candle smoking should not be continuously heavy.
- The total burn time should not be too high.
- The wick must be centered throughout entire length of candle, etc.



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### Furniture

Intertek performs a multitude of tests, assessments, and inspection services to evaluate the physical characteristics, construction properties, performance and labeling of all types of furniture in accordance with both international standards and customers' very own expectations.

### Home Decor/Seasonal Decorations

Families today decorate their homes more than in the past. Many decorations change with the season. Whether seasonal or permanent, consumers are often unaware of potential dangers. Reliable performance and material test results can help minimize potential dangers and ensure the safety and quality of these decorative items.

### Household Utensils

From ceramic and enamel ware to cookware, kettles, coffee makers, table cutlery, insulated domestic food containers, hot water bottles, thermal packs, drink coolers and domestic oven gloves, Intertek can test all household utensils for quality and safety performance including handle strength, coating thickness, adhesion, abrasion, scratch resistance, corrosion and more.

### Juvenile Products

As an appointed testing laboratory by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA), Intertek is authorized to conduct testing for juvenile product compliance to its certification program. Intended to prevent injury to infants and toddlers by uncovering construction integrity and material quality issues, safety and performance testing are designed for a wide range of juvenile products such as high chairs, gates, carriers, strollers, play pens, walkers, full-size cribs and non-full-size cribs.

### Packaging

Intertek, as an International Safe Transit Association (ISTA) certified laboratory, can test for the physical, chemical properties and performance of all varieties of packaging materials.

### Sunglasses

A number of countries have requirements for non-prescription sunglasses and fashion eyewear. For example, the products need to comply with EN 1836 and ANSI Z80.3 according to different exporting countries. Intertek offers testing for transmittance properties, optical powers, scattered light, material and surface quality, robustness, resistance to radiation and more for sunglasses.

#### Did you know...

Besides providing testing services in accordance with national and international requirements, Intertek can assist clients in developing their own product safety and performance specifications for all their hardlines merchandise. Moreover, consultation services are available to assist our clients to upgrade their product quality to essentially strengthen their competitive advantage in the global marketplace.





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### About Intertek

Intertek is a leading provider of quality and safety solutions serving a wide range of industries around the world.

From auditing and inspection, to testing, quality assurance and certification, Intertek people are dedicated to adding value to customers' products and processes, supporting their success in the global marketplace.

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