

Crib Certification



Your Challenges

With 7 million cribs recalled in the last five years – nearly 4 million so far in 2010 alone – crib safety is at the forefront of consumers' minds, making it more important than ever for manufacturers and retailers to demonstrate that their products not only meet, but also exceed, the regulatory safety requirements established for cribs. Because cribs are the only juvenile product designed to allow parents and caregivers to safely leave a baby unattended for long periods of time, it is crucial to ensure the quality and safety of cribs through a rigorous third-party testing, inspection and certification process.

Our Solutions

Intertek, a global leader in safety testing and certification, has developed a Crib Certification program that not only meets all federally regulated Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards, but also goes a step beyond. Intertek addresses manufacturing variability to ensure the precise reliability of continuously meeting these standards through qualitative testing. Because crib recalls often result from inconsistency in design, materials and manufacturing processes, all cribs that obtain the Intertek Crib Certification must meet vigorous safety and quality performance guidelines at every step in the design and manufacturing process, including:

- Design Hazard Analysis® – All potential physical and chemical hazards associated with Intertek-certified cribs are carefully identified, assessed and addressed by highly skilled experts before ever making it to market.
- Test-to-Failure – Critical-to-safety components of each crib are identified, tested, reverse engineered and broken to collect data in order to understand and set specifications that ensure repeatable manufacturing of safe cribs.
- Factory Audits – Every factory is evaluated on a semi-annual basis to ensure best manufacturing processes are being followed.
- Quality Assurance – Implementation and execution of a quality assurance and safety development plan based on a system of checks and balances to ensure hazard mitigation throughout production process.
- Government Standards Testing – All Intertek-certified cribs are rigorously tested to government standards including ASTM F1169 and CPSIA requirements.
- Market Surveillance – Each crib that carries the Intertek seal in the marketplace is subject to random checks and may be re-tested at an Intertek lab to ensure constant alignment with the Intertek Crib Certification program and safety protocol.

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