

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

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Communicate your certification to the market

Certification according to international or national standards by an independent third party demonstrates your commitment to continual improvement and sustainable business performance. This achievement is more than a ticket-to-trade. Communicating your commitment in the market helps build stakeholder trust and brand confidence. The certification mark is designed to clearly communicate your commitment to the market in a visual way.

You can put your certification mark in most places, from marketing material to company buildings. This handbook aims to guide you to the correct use.

Congratulations!

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The DNV logo

Centered in the certification mark sits the stacked version of the DNV logo. The stacked version is used to ensure maximum prominence.

Type of certification

The text surrounding the top of the certification mark describes the type of certification the mark covers. It is set in DNV Display in 100% black.

Standards

Up to three lines of text can be applied to describe the standards the certification mark covers. A maximum of five standards can be included in the same mark and inscription. The standards are set in DNV Display in 100% black.

Separator symbol

If multiple standards appear on the same line, a square bullet in 100% cyan is used as a separator mark.

Inscription

The inscription is used in cases where you are not allowed to use the certification mark but still would like to communicate your certification.

The inscription describes the certification in a text-based visual layout.

Font

The typeface used for the inscription is DNV Display. Description of the certification achieved is in 100% black, while the standards achieved are in 100% cyan.

Separator symbol

If multiple standards appear on the same line, a square bullet in 100% black is used as a separator mark.

Circular frame

The double circular component surrounding the mark contributes to framing it independent of the length of texts appearing in the top or bottom. The lines are in 100% cyan.

Language variations

If translating the certification mark or inscription into other languages, the layout, typeface and colors of the original base templates must remain unaltered.



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Certification mark

Only official artwork versions of the certification mark and inscription should be used. They should maintain the original colors and preferably be set on a white background.

Colors

The certification mark and inscription may be reproduced in 100% black or as inverted, i.e. white on a dark background.

Color references

- **Sky blue**
 Pantone® 291C/U
 C40 M0 Y0 K0
 R153 G214 B240
 HEX 99 D9 F0
- **Land green**
 Pantone® 362C/U
 C65 M0 Y95 K0
 R63 G156 B53
 HEX 3F 9C 35
- **Sea blue**
 Pantone® 661C/U
 C100 M70 Y0 K0
 R0 G53 B145
 HEX 00 35 91
- **Dark blue**
 Pantone® 2768C/U
 C100 M90 Y0 K60
 R15 G32 B75
 HEX 0F 20 4B
- **Cyan**
 Pantone® Proc. Cyan C/U
 C100 M0 Y0 K0
 R0 G159 B218
 HEX 00 9f da
- **Black**
 Pantone® Proc. Black C/U
 C0 M0 Y0 K100
 R0 G0 B0
 HEX 00 00 00



A full-color certification mark should preferably be used on a white background. It can be placed on a light-coloured background as long as it is clearly legible.

Where a full-colour version is not practicable to reproduce, such as when print restrictions apply, the certification mark can be reproduced in black or inverted/white.



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The guidelines above are also applicable for inscriptions.

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Applying the certification mark

As a certified company:

- Only use the official artwork of the DNV certification mark or inscription that corresponds with the scheme(s) to which your company is certified for.
- Always use the DNV certification mark and/or inscription in conjunction with your company's name and/or company logo.
- You may use the DNV certification mark and/or inscription on:
 - Marketing material
 - Stationery, e.g. letterheads, envelopes, invoices.
 - Corporate publications, e.g. annual reports
 - Websites
 - Stands

Certification marks for management systems:
The DNV certification mark shall not be used in a way that could indicate that a product or service provided is certified.

To avoid any misinterpretation, the certification mark is therefore **not allowed to be used on:**

- Products and product packaging, including accompanying information and adhesive tape. *Please note that product packaging is considered as that which can be removed without the product disintegrating or being damaged.*
- Product documentation, e.g. technical specifications and product catalogue pages.
- Certificates, statements of conformity, reports as an output from services provided, e.g. testing and calibration activities, inspections, assessments.

Applying the inscription

The inscription can in general be applied where the certification mark can be applied. However, the inscription can in addition be used where the mark has its restrictions as listed, except directly on products where it is not allowed.

For use on product packaging or in accompanying information the inscription shall always be visible and used in conjunction with and close to the clients name or logo.

In cases where only a part of a company is covered by the certification, the certification mark or inscription are only allowed to be used if effective controls are applied to ensure that the marks/ inscriptions are used solely for the certified part of the company. Examples of such companies include:

- Multiple site companies where one or more sites are not covered by the certification
- Companies where one or more business areas are not covered by the certification
- Corporations where certification is limited to certain geographies. Please also see chapter 6.0 for further guidance.



The certification mark for management system certification is not allowed to be used on products and product packaging. Only certification marks for product certification can be used on products and product packaging, if the product is certified.



Companies with a certified management system may use the inscription on product packaging. For use on packaging the inscription shall always be displayed in conjunction and close to the company name or logo.

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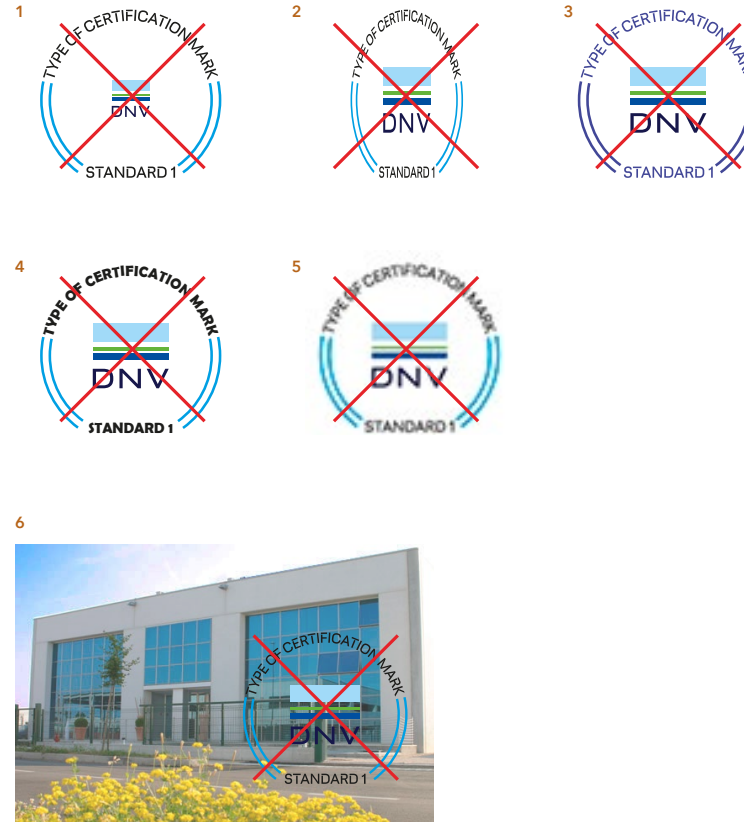
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The certification mark should only be reproduced from the master artwork and not be redrawn or altered in any way. This is applicable to all versions of the certification mark and inscription.

The examples show misuse/altered certification marks.



1. Do not change any of the visual components included in the mark.
2. Make sure to scale the mark proportionally.
3. Do not modify the colors of the mark.
4. Do not distort any parts of the mark.
5. Make sure to always use the mark in high resolution.
6. Do not position the mark on a visually distracting background. Always ensure that there is sufficient contrast between the background colour and the certification mark to maintain maximum clarity and legibility of the certification mark at all times.

The guidelines above are also applicable for inscriptions.

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The certification mark may be enlarged or reduced in size.

The size of the certification mark should be in proportion to the size of your company logo.

Certification marks should always be used in conjunction with the certified company's name and/or logo.

Minimum size

The minimum size is 15 mm wide (fig 1). This is the minimum size at which numbers and letters are legible. To maintain maximum clarity, the certification mark should not be reproduced smaller than the minimum size specified.

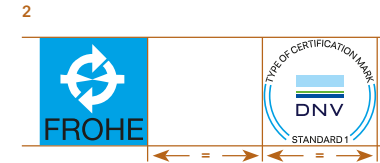
Maximum size

The maximum size of the certification mark should be such that it does not predominate over the size of the company logo. It is recommended that the size of the certification mark should not exceed one-third or one-half the height of the surface to which it is affixed.

The certification mark may be used in such a way that:

- It is the same height as the company logo (fig 2).
- The upper Sky blue horizontal line in the DNV logo is the same height as the company logo (fig 3). Even when the company logo is very small, the certification mark must be at least 15 mm in width.

The distance between the company logo and the certification mark must not be less than the base width of the certification mark. This rule must be applied even when the certification mark is placed below the certified company's logo (fig 4).



1.5 Use of certification marks in combination with accreditation body marks

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In some cases, it may be required or preferred to use the certification mark in conjunction with the appropriate accreditation mark.

Use of the accreditation mark is permitted for holders of certificates issued by an accredited certification body. Use of the accredited mark is governed by the rules of each respective accreditation body.

Some accreditation bodies require the unique accreditation number of the certification body, in this case DNV, to be displayed below the accreditation body mark.

When using the DNV certification mark together with an accreditation mark, the two should always appear in conjunction and linked with a visual element (e.g. a frame).

Some accreditation bodies govern how the two should be linked. Always follow the rules of the applicable accreditation body.



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Marketing material

The certification mark may be used on company brochures, leaflets and other promotional material.

Positioning and size

Certification marks should always be used in conjunction with the certified company's name and/or logo.

The size of the certification mark should be in proportion to the size of the company logo. See section 1.4 for more details.



Brochure covers

To avoid misinterpretation of what is certified, the inscription must be used on product documentation, such as technical product specifications, product catalogue pages and laboratory certificates.



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Product catalogue / technical product specifications sheet

Annual report

The certification mark may be used on both cover (near to or aligned with the company logo) and title page (near the company name) on an annual report.



Annual report cover and title page of an annual report

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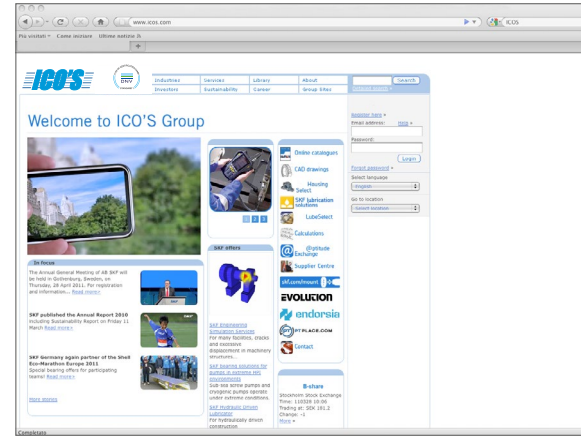
You may also use the certification mark on your website and corporate social media page.

Positioning and size

The certification mark should always be used in conjunction with the certified company's name and/or logo.

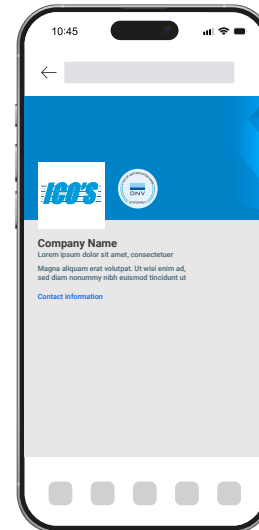
Moreover, the size of the certification mark should be in proportion to the size of the company logo. See section 1.4 for more details.

If used on a website or social media profile related to a specific product, the inscription must be used.

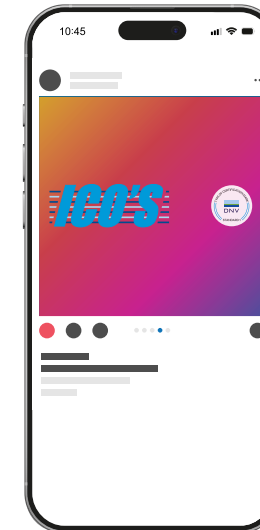


Website

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Social media

1. Promoting the certification achievement in the main header of the channel
2. Promoting the certification achievement in a post

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The certification mark may be used on company stands. Just make sure that the guidelines on positioning are followed.

Positioning and size

Certification marks should always be used in conjunction with the certified company's name and/or logo.

The size of the certification mark should be in proportion to the size of the company logo.

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Buildings, signs and flags

You can use both the certification mark and inscription on your company's office buildings or signs.

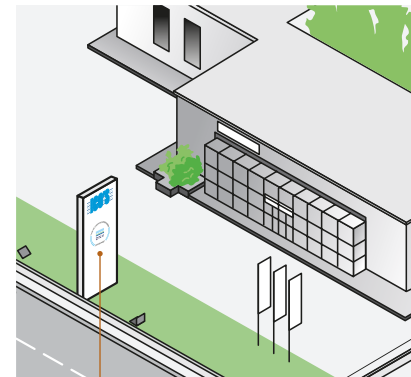
When certification marks are used on flags the customer's logo must be used together with the certification mark on each individual flag. This means that the certification mark and the company's logo cannot be placed on separate flags that are displayed together. This is because flags can easily be relocated elsewhere.

Positioning and size

Certification marks should always be used in conjunction with the certified company's name and/or logo.

The size of the certification mark should be in proportion to the size of the company logo.

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On letterheads and following pages, the certification mark must be positioned near the company logo (fig 1) or on the baseline (fig 2).

If the size of the certified company logo is very small, the certification mark should be placed at the foot of the letterhead.

Fig 1-2: Some examples of the certification mark positioning on the first page.

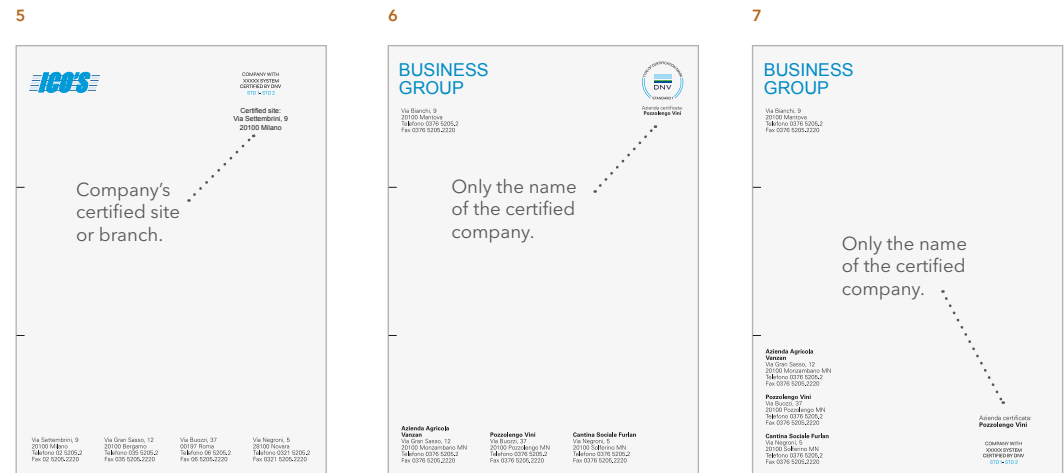
Fig 3-4: Some examples of the certification mark positioning on a second page.

When letterheads contain the addresses of different branches/sites, some of which are not covered by the certification, the certification mark cannot be used.

In such cases the inscription should be used with an explanation of which of the company's sites or branches are certified (fig 5).

When a certified company belongs to a Group or is associated with other companies which are not certified and both names appear on the letterhead, one of the following solutions must be adopted:

- The certification mark is reproduced with an indication of which company is certified (preferred solution, fig 6).
- The certification mark is replaced with the inscription, clarifying the certified company to which the certification refers (fig 7).



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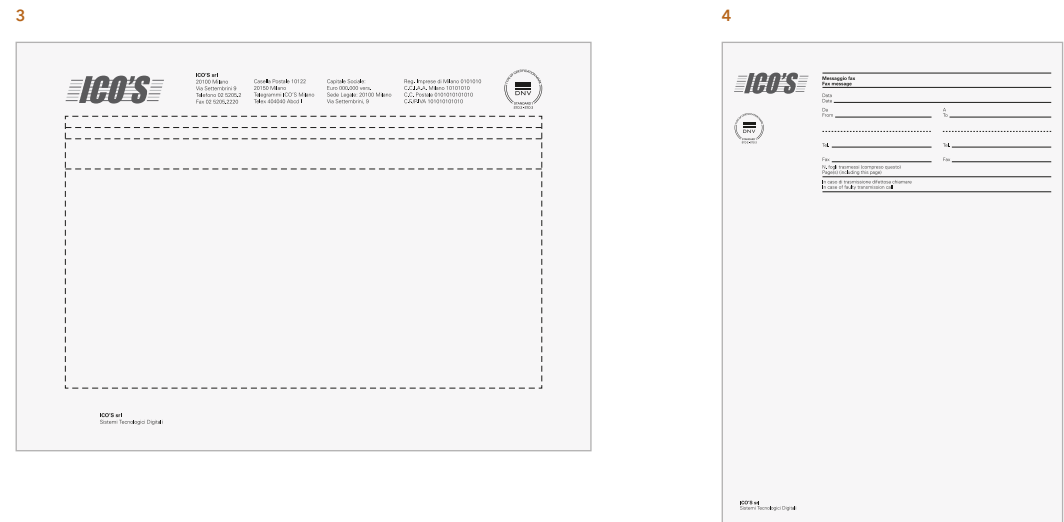
You can also use the certification mark on envelopes.

The certification mark and your company logo should appear next to each other (fig 1) and/or on the same baseline (fig 2).

Other company documents

You can also use the certification mark on other company documents such as invoices and fax sheets.

In this case, the certification mark should be aligned with the base of your company logo (fig 3) or the certification mark should be placed near the company name (fig 4).



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The certification mark can also be used on business cards.

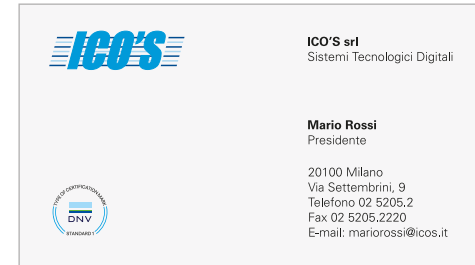
If the certification mark does not fit with the layout/design of your business card, you can opt to use the inscription instead.

Positioning and size

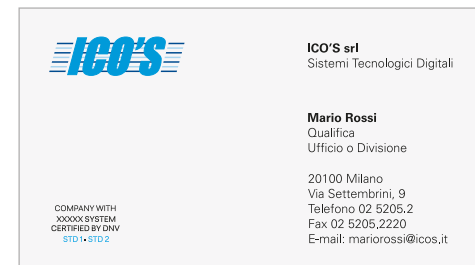
Certification marks should always be used in conjunction with the certified company's name and/or logo.

The size of the certification mark should be in proportion to the size of the company logo.

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Business card with certification mark



Business card with inscription

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When using the certification mark on your company vehicles or heavy machinery, make sure it is always positioned near the company logo.

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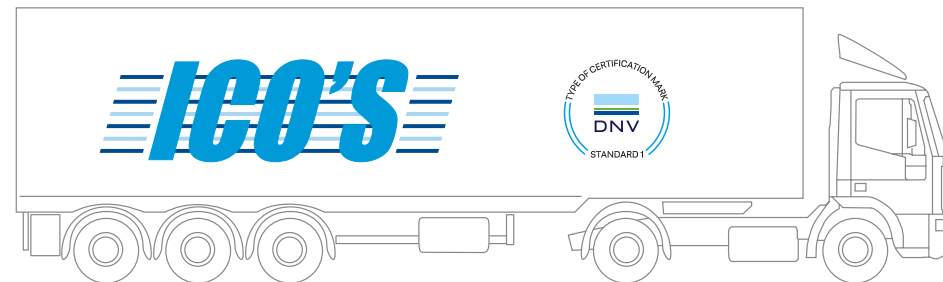
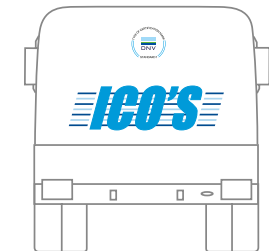
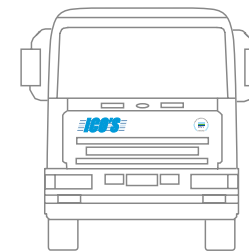
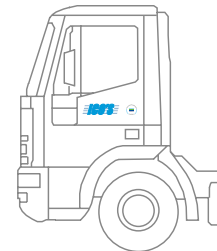
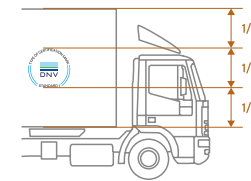
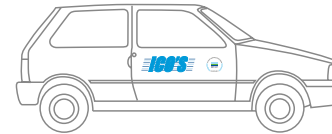
Certification marks should always be used in conjunction with the certified company's name and/or logo.

The size of the certification mark should be in proportion to the size of the company logo.

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To the right you find some examples of how to position the certification mark.

If your company's logo is very large, as it may be when displayed on the side of a trailer, it is recommended that there is sufficient space around the certification mark and that the certification mark does not cover more than 1/3 to 1/2 of the height of the surface to which it is affixed.



The certification mark is always positioned near the company logo on vehicles.



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