



Promoting safety through cylinder testing

IDEST trained inspectors assess inspection & test centre technicians and centre facilities to a recognised Code of Practice CP11:2022, thus ensuring your cylinders are safe to fill and safe to dive with.

Certified IDEST Inspection & Test Centres are listed on the IDEST website.

www.idest.co.uk

Ensure your cylinder is inspected and/or tested at an IDEST Centre

To ensure your safety as a diver and that of the centre staff filling your cylinder, ensure your cylinder:

- is in test at the time of use;
- has been tested by an IDEST approved test centre;
- carries an IDEST test stamp;
- carries an IDEST blue or green quadrant sticker showing when the next periodic inspection is due.

For a list of approved Inspection & Test Centres visit the IDEST website at www.idest.co.uk



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How IDEST came to be

During the 1970s and 80s it was seen that diving cylinders were not being tested and it was realised that there was the possibility that divers, and more probably fillers, could be injured or killed.

Mike Todd and a group of other prominent divers, who shared the same concerns, formed the Inspectorate for Diving Equipment Servicing & Testing in 1985 with the aim of improving diver safety through cylinder testing.

However, it was discovered that some test centres were not testing cylinders properly. In fact in some cases the cylinders were cursorily looked at and stamped with no checking of cylinder condition or valve thread form.

It soon became obvious that more people were needed to inspect the growing number of test centres that wanted certification.

Because of this increase in the number of Test Centres, IDEST now has approved inspectors that cover the entire country and some overseas locations.

Technicians assessed on testing procedures

Technicians are currently assessed in their work place, together with an examination of the relevant documentation.

Test Centre facilities assessed as suitable

The necessity for certain types of equipment means that Test Centre facilities are assessed, at the same time as the technicians, for suitability.

Code of Practice CPII:2022 used as standard

All procedures must follow a Code of Practice and IDEST CP11:2022 is used as that standard.

Website list of certified Test Centres

The IDEST website shows a list of approved Inspection & Test Centres, their contact details, email and website addresses.

Technical Information Sheets provided

IDEST also produces a series of Technical Information Sheets and these are available for download from the IDEST website. They cover a variety of topics including PPE, calibration sheets, O₂ cleaning of diving cylinders, thread gauges classes, etc.

Advice & guidance available

Any time advice & guidance is sought, an email or telephone call will bring a quick response.

UKAS accreditation updated in 2022

IDEST obtained accreditation by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) in 2006 to work to ISO/IEC 17024:2003. UKAS examines and assesses the capabilities of the organisation to conduct impartial assessment of Inspection & Test Centre technicians.

An extensive assessment was made in early 2018 and IDEST was further accredited in September 2022 to ISO/IEC 17024:2012.