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AMECA Announces Accreditation to CTCV of Portugal For
Testing Automotive Safety Glass and Safety Glazing Materials



Washington, DC – AMECA. (Automotive Manufacturer Equipment Compliance Agency) announces it has extended accreditation to CTCV to test automotive Safety Glass and Safety Glazing Materials

Only technically proficient, professional laboratories which maintain a record keeping system with a calibration program and have demonstrated the ability test to every aspect to the relevant safety standard are granted AMECA accreditation. AMECA requires every laboratory to establish and utilize a documented calibration program to assure the required degree of accuracy in measurements. The documented accuracy of all measurement instrument standards remain traceable to primary standards maintained by the National Institute of Standards and Technology of the United States of America or the national physical laboratory maintaining such standards in the country in which the laboratory is located.

Through the accreditation process, CTCV has clearly demonstrated that it has the equipment, personnel and appropriate qualifications to produce accurate, repeatable and technically valid test data to meet the rigorous requirements of the AMECA accreditation process.

About COMPANY

CTCV is a private non profitable organisation founded in 1987 by a common agreement between Industrial Federations and Governmental Agencies of the Ministry of Industry and Economy of Portugal.

It was created to support the industry on a nationwide basis. Its main goals may be summarised as: to provide technical and technological support to the ceramics, cement and glass industries; to promote the development and quality of industrial products and processes; to promote highly specialised training to industry personnel; to divulge scientific, technical and technological information; to carry through and dinamize research, development and demonstration work, considering the scientific and technological progress of the ceramic, cement and glass materials and processes.

CTCV has a sustained development of its activity that attained an annual turnover of 3 million euros in 2000.

It has close links with several Universities and Research Centers, both in Portugal and abroad. It is a founder of an European network of R,D&D Ceramic Technical Laboratories, the CerLabs, cooperating together towards a better European industry

and the coordinator-member of the Portuguese Association of Technological Centers, named RECET.

CTCV is certified according ISO 9001:2000 and has all laboratories accredited according EN ISO/ IEC 17025 and by AMECA - Automotive Manufacturers Equipment Compliance Agency, Inc. (for the safety glass) and by European institutions within the framework of CERLABS-European Network of National Ceramic Laboratories.

About AMECA

The Automotive Manufacturers Equipment Compliance Agency, Inc. (AMECA) is the agent for various states of the United States to provide equipment compliance services. The AMECA program is the only program of its type in the United States. This Equipment Compliance Program is centralized, one-stop, and notifies government, industry and the general public about compliant motor vehicle safety equipment. Our Notice of Equipment Compliance is recognized as evidence of compliance with the regulatory requirements with our representative jurisdictions.

Every item listed by AMECA has been tested by an AMECA-accredited laboratory and found to be in compliance with applicable United States standards. Our clients are the national and international automotive industry, the standards-setting community, the federal government's General Services Administration (GSA), numerous state governments, as well as some foreign governments.

AMECA maintains a listing of items that have been tested and currently comply with the applicable standards. Called the "Compliance List of Automotive Safety Devices", this listing is updated quarterly and is available free as an Adobe PDF document distributed via email. The international "List of Acceptable Plastics for Optical Lenses and Reflectors Used on Motor Vehicles" is also maintained by AMECA. This document is updated twice a year is also available free as an Adobe PDF document distributed via email. To receive your free copy of the either document send an email request to info@ameca.org.

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