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Switzerland is getting its first «Community Mask» with TESTEX label

The mandatory face masks have been part of everyday life in Switzerland for several weeks now, especially on public transport. The first textile mask with the official test label «TESTEX Community Mask» is now available in conjunction with Swiss companies Forster Rohner AG / Schoeller Textil AG.

Face masks have been mandatory on the entire public transport system in Switzerland since July 6, 2020. The Federal Office for Public Health FOPH even recommends wearing masks in all places where the so-called «social distancing» is not possible. Whether it's on the tram, in the supermarket or at the hairdresser's: masks have become part and parcel of our everyday life and they will likely remain for a long time.

Increasingly, more people are asking for a recommended sustainable and official alternative to the commonly used Filtering Face Piece (FFP) and surgical masks. Therefore, it is not surprising that fabric masks have been a popular topic in the Swiss media. The FOPH clearly states on its website that self-made masks are not advised because they do not offer verified and reliable protection. Instead, the «Swiss National COVID-19 Task Force» has developed a set of recommendations and defined what requirements should be met.

Together with Empa, TESTEX has refined a testing procedure whereby textile masks are being evaluated on these recommended requirements for their filter function, splash resistance, wear comfort, reusability and additionally, their textile tolerance. As a result of the collaboration between the two St. Galler companies, Schoeller Textil AG and Forster Rohner AG, the Swiss market is now getting the first textile mask which carries the «TESTEX Community Mask» label. Schoeller supplies the sustainable fabric for the product and Forster Rohner uses it to make highly functional community masks. As the CEO of Schoeller Textil AG, Siegfried Winkelbeiner says, «The safety and health of our fellow citizens comes first» and the company is very pleased «to be able to contribute to the Corona prevention together with Forster Rohner. »

The new label is intended to create trust and give the Swiss general public the opportunity to make a conscious decision in favour of a textile mask which has been tested according to the current recommendations. More detailed information on tested masks, including information on the labels, can be found under the following link: www.testex.com/de/communitymask

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New test label «TESTEX Community Mask» for textile masks in public spaces



Source: Forster Rohner AG / Schoeller Textil AG

«Community Masks» with test labels provide security in public places.



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Textile «Community Masks» from the Swiss companies Forster RohnerAG / Schoeller Textil AG are now available. They are washable and carry the «TESTEX Community Mask» label clearly visible on the packaging and the manual.



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Textile masks with the new «TESTEX Community Mask» label offer safety in accordance with the new federal recommendations.

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About the new Community Mask

You can find more information about the «Community Mask» on:
www.testex.com/de/communitymask (the webpage will soon be available in English)

About TESTEX

TESTEX is a globally operating, independent Swiss testing and certification organisation with focus on textile and leather testing. Founded in 1846 and originally known as the "Seidentrocknungsanstalt Zurich" (Silk Conditioning Institute), the TESTEX Group now operates more than 25 branches with around 300 employees worldwide (including TESTEX and OETI) from its head office in Zurich. TESTEX is a member institute of the OEKO-TEX® Association and the official representative in Australia, Canada, the P.R. China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Switzerland, South Korea and Taiwan. Learn more on testex.com / oeti.biz and [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Testex) or follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/testex) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/testex).

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