



PRESS RELEASE

Detroit Testing Laboratory, Inc. Receives 5-Year IPEMA Certification Extension

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Detroit Testing Laboratory, Inc., a leading automotive and industrial testing and development laboratory for over 100 years, announces that it has recently received an extension to its contractual agreement with the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) to oversee and approve testing of playground equipment and playground surfaces for certification purposes. The agreement, initiated in 1995 to qualify Detroit Testing Laboratory as the sole IPEMA Certification test laboratory, has been extended for five (5) years through 2014.

In the interest of public safety, IPEMA provides third-party Product Certification services for U.S. and Canadian public play equipment and U.S. public play surfacing materials. The services provide for the validation of a participant's certification of conformance to one of the standards referenced below. Both programs are administered by Detroit Testing Laboratory, Inc.

ASTM F1487-07 (excluding sections 7.1.1, 10 and 12.6.1) - Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public use.

CAN/CSA-Z614-07 (excluding clauses 9.8, 10, and 11) - Children's Playspaces and Equipment.

ASTM F1292-04 - Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment

ASTM F2075-04 (sections 4.4 and 4.6) - Standard Specification for Engineered Wood Fiber for Use as a Playground Safety Surface Under and Around Playground Equipment.

For more information on IPEMA Certification and how Detroit Testing Laboratory can assist your company in meeting the necessary test and evaluation requirements for your manufactured playground equipment or for other product certification questions, please contact Mr. Keith Shelton, Certification Test Department Manager at (586)754-9000, extension 1463 or go to www.ipema.org to contact IPEMA directly.

DTL's Product Certification Laboratory, in addition to playground equipment and surfacing, certifies furniture, protective eyewear, sports equipment, juvenile products and toys.

Detroit Testing Laboratory, Inc. is an independent A2LA accredited testing and development laboratory, providing calibration, electrical, battery, mechanical, fuel systems, environmental, dynamics and materials testing services to automotive, military, aerospace and consumer product companies since 1903.