



# ascquer

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## **ASCQUER:** FRENCH CERTIFICATION BODY FOR ROAD EQUIPMENT

**Reference Body in France for the assessment of Road Equipment performances and the monitoring of their manufacturing, Ascquer (Association pour la Certification et la Qualification des Équipements de la Route) is a non-profit Association (FR law 1901).**

As a collegiate structure, Ascquer gathers manufacturers and/or permanent representatives of trade associations, national and territorial road authorities and motorway operators, and technical and laboratory organizations.

### **For products complying with national and european requirements**

As a certification body, Ascquer is designated by the French State for the issuance of the NF 058 quality mark for Road Equipment (under mandate of Afnor) and is notified under the number NB 1826 to perform the assessment and verification of the constancy of performance for the CE marking. Since the end of 2021, it has developed its own certification mark ASCQUER REFERENCE. Accredited by Cofrac under number 5-0052 (scope and validity of accreditation available on the Cofrac website: [www.cofrac.fr](http://www.cofrac.fr)), Ascquer is an independent and impartial organization. These values are reinforced by its associative status and the collegiality of all of its instances.

Created in December 1992, Ascquer acts as a competent third party and gives written assurance that products comply with the applicable standards and requirements: assessment of performances from initial testing and initial inspection, and also periodical monitoring of manufacturing facilities and factory production control. In addition, products covered by the NF 058 mark are periodically sampled straight up from the plants or from the field, to be submitted to laboratory testing.



NF 058  
MARK

- **Traffic signs and signage**  
(temporary and permanent traffic signs, temporary retroreflective sheeting, gantries, cantilevers and masts)
- **Road-marking products**  
(white or yellow permanent road-marking materials: paints, hot plastics and cold plastics, temporary paints and plastics, rain night-time visible type 2 markings, profiled warning markings, preformed markings)
- **Road restraint systems**  
(GLM/BN4 historical French barriers, transitions)
- **Road channelizing devices**  
(flexible delineators J11/J12, temporary/permanent warning and safety light devices FBA, temporary traffic signals KR11, beacons K5a)



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As the first certification body to have developed a road test site in real conditions for road-marking products, Ascquer benefits from efficient technical facilities across Europe.

The Ascquer team also participates in French and European standardization activities, as well as coordination activities between notified bodies for conformity assessment. Ascquer is supported by thirty internal and external auditors who regularly inspect manufacturing sites around the world.

With around a hundred customers, almost half of whom are outside France, Ascquer continues its strong pace of activities supported by the dynamism of manufacturers in adapting their products to market needs. Permanent technical dialogue with manufacturers ensures controlled product development, a guarantee of quality and safety for all. The involvement of testing laboratories and road authorities in the association provides both technical expertise and relevance to the certification processes. Finally, innovation and the development of new qualification procedures are at the heart of the association's activity, in order to follow technological developments.

## Ascquer manages the largest road trials site in Europe

With the support of CEREMA and of the French ministry, Ascquer manages the largest road trials site for the testing of road markings, on the national road RN2 near Soissons (France). Every year, manufacturers submit to test around 200 products whose implementation, performance and durability are evaluated in real conditions. Products are subject to a complete chemical analysis which serves as a reference for the continuous monitoring of the manufacturing (product sampling and composition testing). The certification body provides a framework for innovation while ensuring that the product manufactured strictly corresponds to the one successfully tested on the road.

## CE MARKING

- **Traffic signs and signage** (permanent traffic signs, permanent retroreflective sheeting, gantries, cantilevers and masts, delineator posts and reflectors)
- **Variable message signs (VMS)**
- **Permanent traffic signals**
- **Road-marking products** (drop-on materials, retroreflective road studs)
- **Road restraint systems** (road barriers, bridge barriers, crash cushions)
- **Traffic control equipment** (permanent warning and safety light devices)



## ASCQUER REFERENCE

- **Temporary rumble strip**
- **Road restraint systems** (A-class transitions)



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