



## **RAL-GZ 951/1: Not Just a Matter of Course!**

For members of the Gütegemeinschaft für Abfall- und Wertstoffbehälter e.V. (Waste and Recycling Containers Quality Association) outstanding product quality is the top priority!

This has led to the firm commitment that our members make to quality assurance and certification.

This includes the highest distinction for a container – the RAL GZ-951/1 quality mark.

In order to meet this high standard:

- Our members undertake to carry out extended tests on waste and recycling containers which surpass the requirements of Standard EN 840. ([www.ggawb.de/service/downloads/](http://www.ggawb.de/service/downloads/) comparison of test contents). Initial testing and external quality control of a waste container are carried out exclusively by accredited test institutes.  
GGAWB e.V. currently works with SKZ Süddeutsches Kunststoffzentrum (plastics centre for Southern Germany).  
The test procedure is laid down in detail in GGAWB e.V.'s quality and test specifications, and each member has accordingly undertaken to have this test carried out. In addition, the test institute reserves the right to carry out unannounced inspections, in order to guarantee consistently exceptional quality. It goes without saying that members respect the requisite transparency.
- Our members undertake to make the necessary staff and technical resources available for these tests and to coordinate with the test institute (SKZ).  
Self-monitoring is obligatory for the manufacturer.
- All members bear the administrative costs of the certification documents. Each member commissions the tests and coordinates them at predefined intervals. GGAWB e.V. draws up the RAL records on the basis of the SKZ certificates. These are valid for one year and are drawn up afresh on 1st January each year.
- The manufacturer bears the costs of the initial testing and the internal and external monitoring required by RAL in order to comply with the test contents of RAL-GZ 951/1

and thus maintains:

- products of the highest quality, distinguished by the highest quality standard, the RAL-GZ 951/1 quality mark;
- authorization to bid in reply to all calls for tenders;
- affiliation to GGAWB e.V., an organization recognized by RAL for the conduct and monitoring of RAL quality assurance.

RAL quality associations are federations of manufacturers and service providers with a special commitment to quality. They are recognized by RAL, the Deutsches Institut für Gütesicherung und Kennzeichnung e. V. (German Institute for the Conduct and Monitoring of RAL Quality Assurance).

A RAL quality association

- is a legally responsible association entrusted with the conduct of RAL quality assurance for waste and recycling containers;
- confers the right to bestow the RAL quality label on enterprises that **voluntarily** submit to its quality provisions and monitoring;
- consists of producers or providers whose products or services are entitled to bear the corresponding quality label;
- supervises compliance with RAL quality and testing provisions and the proper use of the RAL quality label, and protects the RAL quality label from abuse.

If you have any questions, please contact your GGAWB e.V. agency; further information can be found at [www.ggawb.de](http://www.ggawb.de).

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