

Mill Test Certificate Verification Checklist

A mill test certificate (EN 10204 3.1) is a claim to be verified, not a fact to be accepted. Use this routine for every order.

Verification routine

1. Identify the issuing mill and note every heat number on the certificate.
2. Find the mill's official contact channel independently - not via the trader.
3. Ask the mill to confirm the heat numbers exist and match the grade and chemistry.
4. Request the native certificate file and inspect the signature and stamp.
5. Arrange an independent PMI test on arrival to confirm the actual material.

Warning signs

- Certificate only ever arrives as a screenshot or flattened image.
- The named mill has no record of the heat numbers.
- Chemistry values are suspiciously rounded or identical across batches.
- The seller becomes evasive about third-party PMI testing.

Record for this order

Supplier / trader name

Named mill

Heat number(s)

Grade ordered

Mill confirmation received (date / contact)

PMI test result on arrival
