

GSA –Standard for Bunkable and Loftable Beds Recently Posted on WEB

We recently sent you a communication informing you that if you **sell** or plan on selling bunk beds to the **GSA** (General Service Administration), you have to test your products to the new version of 3FNE 99-582D.

As the standard indicates Manufacturers **will need to notify** GSA three weeks before testing starts on any given product to allow them to decide whether they will want to witness the tests or not. Furthermore and **contrary to what the standard says** Manufacturers are to submit a test plan to GSA for approval **before** they proceed with the testing.

There are quite a few differences between the new and the old standard. First and foremost **Manufacturers are not allowed to self-certify** anymore; they must use a third party **accredited** laboratory such as **Micom Laboratories** that are specialized in **furniture testing**.

New requirements were added to the test report format with a comprehensive list of requirements that need to be documented including a **digital video clip** of the product for each test. Furthermore, **drawings** of the product to be tested must be sent with the product to be tested. The lab needs to determine that the received **drawings** correspond with the **actual sample** received and the verified drawings are to be appended in the test report.

Before and after each test **deflection measurements** are to be taken. Some of the old tests were taken out of the standard i.e. roller test and others were added. The standard is now divided in 3 groups instead of 4.

The 2011 version of the standard can be found at:

<http://www.gsa.gov/graphics/fas/99-582D021811Final508Comp.pdf>.

Our turnaround time for bunk bed testing is approximately **2 weeks**. Test prices vary according to your product features. Volume discounts are available.

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