

TÜV SÜD at Interalp 2023

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TÜV SÜD for safe ropeways, lifts and outdoor parks

Munich / Wiesing / Innsbruck. “Aiming high, staying safe!” is TÜV SÜD’s motto at Interalp 2023 (Hall B.0, Booth B026a). The TIC company’s services for manufacturers, operators and designers extend from final and periodic inspection to support with innovative ropeway concepts and inspection of outdoor parks. Interalp will be held in Innsbruck from 19 to 21 April 2023.



TÜV SÜD’s ropeway experts offer all statutory testing, inspection and certification (TIC) services that are required for the placing on the market and safe operation of these transportation systems, including final and periodic inspections of ropeways and drag lifts and testing of material-handling ropeways (with and without limited passenger transport), as well as safety analyses and reports. Other important activities include conformity assessments of safety components and sub-systems in accordance with the EU’s Cableway Regulation 2016/424 as well as non-destructive tests such as magnetic testing (MT) of steel cables used in passenger transport systems.

When it comes to the design and development of innovative ropeway concepts, the expertise and experience of the TÜV SÜD experts are in special demand. And the AURO concept by Doppelmayr/Garaventa for ropeway operation without ropeway attendants is no exception. “In the past every station had to be manned by at least one ropeway attendant to ensure safe passenger embarking and disembarking”, says Dr Georg Schober, Head of Transportation at TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH. Under the AURO (Autonomous Ropeway Operation) system, this responsibility is now taken over by technical safety equipment. The first AURO ropeways were taken into service in 2020 in Zermatt, Switzerland and in 2021 in Silvretta Montafon, Austria.

Safe outdoor parks and bike trails

TÜV SÜD is extending its service portfolio for ropeway operators by introducing final and periodic inspection of outdoor parks. “Many outdoor leisure attractions, including summer toboggans, high rope courses and bike parks, are fastened to natural structures or made of natural materials”, explains Peter Hofer, Head of Business Unit Ropeway of TÜV SÜD’s subsidiary in Austria. “Because of this, these facilities require special attention during construction, maintenance and operation as well as periodic inspection.” The experts support the realisation of outdoor parks by offering extensive services that span feasibility studies and advisory services during design, document review to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations, preparation of risk management plans and the final inspection of new facilities as well as periodic inspection of their structural integrity and operational safety. Some bike parks, such as those in Soelden and Saalbach, have already been awarded the “TÜV SÜD Tested Mountain Bike Trails” certificate.

For more information about TÜV SÜD’s extensive services on ropeway safety go to www.tuvsud.com/cableways.

Note for editorial staff: The press release and the high-resolution photo are available on the Internet at: www.tuvsud.com/newsroom.

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