

PROJECT 25 COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (P25 CAP)
RECOGNIZED LABORATORY CERTIFICATION MARK USAGE GUIDELINES



The P25 Compliance Assessment Program (P25 CAP) represents a partnership between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), industry, and the emergency response community to facilitate over-the-air compatibility between radios and tower equipment. Specifically, P25 CAP helps ensure that communications equipment is P25 compliant and tested against one or more of the P25 compliance standards at accredited laboratories.

The framework for P25 CAP involves select laboratory accreditation bodies, which review and accredit participating P25 CAP laboratories. These accredited laboratories test land mobile radio equipment for compliance. S&T developed the certification mark identified above to underscore the process leading to identification of P25 CAP compliant radios. Only properly certified recognized laboratories are entitled to use the above referenced certification mark upon execution of a licensing agreement with DHS.

Maintaining the integrity of the P25 CAP program necessitates controlling use of the certification mark. In fact, DHS has the legal responsibility to control use of the mark and protect it from nefarious use by third parties seeking to associate themselves with the P25 CAP program. As such:

- The mark may not be modified in any way, shape or form. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, any changes to text, color or design of the mark. Moreover, the mark must be displayed in a manner that does not compromise their integrity, especially with respect to its image resolution and legibility.
- The mark must be displayed in a manner that facilitates DHS and P25 CAP program objectives, and does not bring disrepute or compromise DHS or P25 programmatic goals.
- Entities utilizing the certification mark will need to sign a “Terms of Use” agreement prior to using the certification mark.
- As DHS is in the process of registering the mark at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, DHS is claiming common law rights in the mark, and entities shall place the "™" symbol immediately to the upper right of the mark until further notice from DHS and the P25 CAP program.