FACTORY CHECK · EYEWEAR · DANYANG, CHINA

Acetate sunglasses, polarised, filter category 3

Prepared for a UK sunglasses brand (hypothetical)

REPORT
PS-SAMPLE-002

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FACTORIES
5 scored of 28 found · 3 visited in person

OUR RECOMMENDATION

Factory A as first supplier (86/100), Factory B as second source (82/100). Both visited in person.

Illustrative sample. This report shows exactly what a Factory Check contains. The factories, figures, visits and documents in it are fictional. A client report names real factories and includes the actual photos, screenshots, quotations and test reports.

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Summary

Order samples from A and B. A is the safer first supplier: on our visit we saw its acetate polishing and lens fitting done in-house, its EN ISO 12312-1 report covers the exact lens quoted, and its company record is clean. B is about 8% cheaper with a matching report, but its quotation came from a trading company owned by the same person, so put the manufacturing company's name on the contract. Use B as the second source and as a price reference when you negotiate with A.

FACTORY	SCORE	VERDICT	FOB SHANGHAI	MOQ	LEAD TIME	VISITED	BACKGROUND	TEST REPORT
A	86	Recommended	US$7.20–7.80	150 per colour	35 days	✓ 18 Sep	GREEN	Matched
B	82	Strong second source	US$6.60–7.10	200 per colour	40 days	✓ 21 Sep	AMBER	Matched
C	74	Only with a new test report	US$6.30–6.80	300 per colour	30 days	✓ 21 Sep	AMBER	Other lens
D	71	Backup	US$7.90–8.60	100 per colour	45 days	Online only	AMBER	Matched
E	66	Not recommended now	US$7.00–7.50	200 per colour	40 days	Online only	AMBER	Out of date

Scores are out of 100 across nine criteria (page 4). 80 and above is recommended; 65 to 79 is a backup; below 65 does not reach a report. The top three after the online check were visited in person. Background is the worst rating in each factory's company-record check. Prices are FOB Shanghai, per pair, for the brief on page 3, before freight. Lead times are calendar days after sample approval and exclude Chinese public holidays (National Day, 1–7 October; Chinese New Year, about two weeks).

28	12	5	3
factories found	passed registry and background checks	scored in this report	visited in person

WHAT WE FOUND ON SITE

- C makes its own polycarbonate lenses but buys TAC in. The test report on file is for its polycarbonate lens, not the TAC lens it quoted.
- B had about 50 people on the line against 54 insured staff, which matches. It has no polarisation tester on site.
- A's signboard, licence and address all matched, and we saw TAC polarised lenses being edged and fitted for another UK order.

Your brief

Frame	Acetate, keyhole bridge, size 52-20-145
Lens	Polarised TAC, filter category 3, grey
Colours	Black, tortoise, clear grey
Branding	Laser logo on temple; branded case and cloth
First order	600 pairs (200 per colour); about 3,000 pairs a year
Target price	US$6.00 to US$9.00 FOB per pair
Markets	UK and EU: EN ISO 12312-1 test report required
Ship by	10 weeks from order

How we searched

28 **Candidates found**
1688, Alibaba.com and the Danyang eyewear market

12 **Passed registry and background checks**
16 removed: 7 trading companies, 4 with the wrong scope or under 2 years, 2 on the abnormal-operations list, 2 with unpaid court enforcement orders, 1 showing copies of other brands

8 **Returned a full quotation**
4 did not quote against the brief

5 **Scored**
3 dropped on test reports or MOQ

3 **Visited in person**
The top three after scoring, on 18 and 21 September

Every factory was checked against China's National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System (licence status, founding date, registered scope, abnormal-operations list) and the court enforcement database, for the company and its controller. Screenshots are in Appendix A.

How factories are scored

SEVEN CHECKS DECIDE WHETHER A FACTORY IS IN AT ALL

1. Licence active; not on the abnormal-operations or serious-violations list
2. Registered scope includes manufacturing: a factory, not a trading company
3. Trading for at least two years
4. No current dishonest-debtor listing, consumption restriction or unpaid enforcement order, for the company or its controller
5. No frozen equity, bankruptcy case or court auction of plant or equipment
6. Any certificate it claims can be found in the official register
7. No copies of other brands' designs in the showroom or online shop

TWO EYEWEAR CHECKS, SCORED UNDER COMPLIANCE

8. Holds a test report for your market (eyewear)
9. The test report covers the lens material and category quoted (eyewear)

A factory that fails these two can stay in the report if it can put them right before production (Factories C and E), but it loses most of its compliance points.

THEN SCORED OUT OF 100

CRITERION	POINTS
Production capacity and equipment	20
Real size (insured staff)	5
Export experience	15
Quality system	15
Price against the group median	5
MOQ and lead time fit	10
Responsiveness	5
Compliance for your market	15
Court and regulatory record	10
Total	**100**

Weights are set for eyewear: compliance counts 15 points and the court and regulatory record 10. For the factories we visit, production and quality scores rest on what we saw on the floor, not on what the factory told us.

HOW WE VISIT

Each visit takes two to three hours. We match the signboard and address to the business licence, walk the production lines and stores, check the QC area and its tools, compare the people on the floor with the insured headcount, and look at what is actually being made and what is in the sample room. We take at least 30 photos and 3 short videos, all location-stamped. Visits are arranged with each factory in advance; a factory that refuses a visit fails the check and is replaced by the next one.

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FACTORY PROFILE

Factory A

VISITED IN PERSON · 18 SEP

86/100
Recommended

COMPANY

Location	Danyang, Jiangsu — 6 km from the eyewear market
Founded	2011
Staff with social insurance	86
Registered scope	Manufacture of spectacles and sunglasses
Production	4 acetate lines, in-house CNC and polishing
Capacity	About 40,000 pairs a month
Export markets	UK, Germany, France, Australia
Quality	ISO 9001 (verified in the national register); 3 full-time QC staff

QUOTATION

FOB Shanghai per pair	US$7.20 to US$7.80
MOQ	150 per colour
Sample	US$45 · 10 days
Lead time	35 days after sample approval (calendar days)
Payment	30% deposit, 70% before shipment
Test report	EN ISO 12312-1 · matches quoted TAC cat. 3 lens · issued 2025

BACKGROUND CHECK

Identity	Active since 2011; manufacturing scope	GREEN
Ownership	Two shareholders; no related trading company	GREEN
Real size	86 insured, steady for four years	GREEN
Court records	No enforcement or cases as defendant	GREEN
Penalties	None; passed a 2024 provincial spot check	GREEN
Licences	Customs registered; ISO 9001 verified	GREEN
Market	Report matches; not on sanctions lists	GREEN

SCORE

Production capacity and equipment	18/20
Real size (insured staff)	5/5
Export experience	14/15
Quality system	10/15
Price against the group median	3/5
MOQ and lead time fit	9/10
Responsiveness	4/5
Compliance for your market	14/15
Court and regulatory record	9/10

STRENGTHS

- Test report covers the exact lens quoted
- MOQ below your 200 per colour
- Acetate polishing done in-house, seen on site

WATCH

- Highest price of the three leading factories
- Peak season (Nov–Jan) lead times reported up to 45 days

Site visit record on the next page.

SITE VISIT

Factory A

Friday 18 September 2026 · 09:30–12:00
Visited by Heymi Zhu

WHAT WE CHECKED	WHAT WE FOUND	RESULT
Signboard, licence and address	All three match the registry record	✓
Premises	Own building, about 6,000 m²	✓
Production lines and equipment	4 acetate lines, CNC milling, tumbling and polishing in-house	✓
People on the floor	About 80, against 86 insured	✓
Material and finished-goods stores	Acetate sheet stored by batch with supplier labels	✓
QC area and tools	Polarization tester, lens-power check, final inspection bench	✓
Work in progress	Acetate sunglasses for another UK brand	✓
Sample room	Own designs only; no copies of other brands	✓
Lens source	TAC polarised blanks bought from a named Danyang lens maker; edged and fitted in-house	✓
Fire exits and basic safety	Exits clear; extinguishers in date	✓

✓ as expected · ! needs your attention · ✗ fails the check

What the visit changed. Production score raised from 16 to 18 after we saw polishing done in-house.

PHOTO EVIDENCE

Sample placeholder · Signboard and licence

Sample placeholder · Acetate CNC line

Sample placeholder · Polishing drums

Sample placeholder · QC bench and polarisation tester

Sample placeholder · Lens stock by batch

Sample placeholder · Sample room

A client report shows the full set: at least 30 location-stamped photos and 3 short videos, linked from this page.

FACTORY PROFILE

Factory B

VISITED IN PERSON · 21 SEP

82/100
Strong second source

COMPANY

Location	Danyang, Jiangsu — 11 km from the eyewear market
Founded	2015
Staff with social insurance	54
Registered scope	Manufacture and sale of spectacles
Production	2 acetate lines; lenses bought in from a named Danyang supplier
Capacity	About 18,000 pairs a month
Export markets	UK, Netherlands, US
Quality	No ISO 9001; 2 QC staff

QUOTATION

FOB Shanghai per pair	US$6.60 to US$7.10
MOQ	200 per colour
Sample	US$60 · 12 days
Lead time	40 days after sample approval (calendar days)
Payment	30% deposit, 70% before shipment
Test report	EN ISO 12312-1 · matches quoted lens · issued 2024

BACKGROUND CHECK

Identity	Active since 2015; manufacturing scope	GREEN
Ownership	Quote came from a trading company with the same controller	AMBER
Real size	54 insured; matches what we saw	GREEN
Court records	One labour case in 2024, settled	GREEN
Penalties	None found	GREEN
Licences	Customs registered	GREEN
Market	Report matches; not on sanctions lists	GREEN

SCORE

Production capacity and equipment	17/20
Real size (insured staff)	4/5
Export experience	12/15
Quality system	11/15
Price against the group median	4/5
MOQ and lead time fit	8/10
Responsiveness	5/5
Compliance for your market	13/15
Court and regulatory record	8/10

STRENGTHS

- About 8% below A on price
- Fastest replies of the group
- Lens supplier named in writing

WATCH

- Contract with the manufacturing company, not its trading company
- No polarisation tester on site
- Smaller capacity if your volume grows past about 5,000 pairs a month

Site visit record on the next page.

SITE VISIT

Factory B

Monday 21 September 2026 · 09:00–11:00
Visited by Heymi Zhu

WHAT WE CHECKED	WHAT WE FOUND	RESULT
Signboard, licence and address	Signboard and address match; the quotation letterhead is the related trading company	!
Premises	Leased, about 3,500 m²	✓
Production lines and equipment	2 acetate lines; polishing in-house	✓
People on the floor	About 50, against 54 insured	✓
Material and finished-goods stores	Tidy; stock labelled by order	✓
QC area and tools	2 inspectors; no polarisation tester, checked with a phone screen	!
Work in progress	Acetate sunglasses, similar shapes to your brief	✓
Sample room	Own designs only	✓
Lens source	Bought in; supplier named in writing	✓
Fire exits and basic safety	Exits clear	✓

✓ as expected · ! needs your attention · ✗ fails the check

What the visit changed. Quality score held at 11 of 15: no polarisation tester on site.

PHOTO EVIDENCE

Sample placeholder · Signboard and licence

Sample placeholder · Acetate line

Sample placeholder · Polishing

Sample placeholder · QC bench

Sample placeholder · Finished stock

Sample placeholder · Sample room

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FACTORY PROFILE

Factory C

VISITED IN PERSON · 21 SEP

74/100
Only with a new test report

COMPANY

Location	Danyang, Jiangsu — 4 km from the eyewear market
Founded	2009
Staff with social insurance	120
Registered scope	Manufacture of spectacles, lenses and frames
Production	6 lines, acetate and metal; own polycarbonate lenses
Capacity	About 70,000 pairs a month
Export markets	EU, Middle East, South America
Quality	ISO 9001 (verified); in-house lens coating

QUOTATION

FOB Shanghai per pair	US$6.30 to US$6.80
MOQ	300 per colour
Sample	US$40 · 8 days
Lead time	30 days after sample approval (calendar days)
Payment	30% deposit, 70% before shipment
Test report	EN ISO 12312-1 · covers a polycarbonate lens, not the TAC lens quoted

BACKGROUND CHECK

Identity	Active since 2009; manufacturing scope	GREEN
Ownership	One controller; related lens company	GREEN
Real size	120 insured; matches what we saw	GREEN
Court records	No enforcement or cases as defendant	GREEN
Penalties	None found	GREEN
Licences	Customs registered; ISO 9001 verified	GREEN
Market	Test report covers a different lens; fixable before production	AMBER

SCORE

Production capacity and equipment	19/20
Real size (insured staff)	5/5
Export experience	13/15
Quality system	12/15
Price against the group median	5/5
MOQ and lead time fit	4/10
Responsiveness	3/5
Compliance for your market	4/15
Court and regulatory record	9/10

STRENGTHS

- Lowest price in the group
- Largest capacity

WATCH

- Its test report does not cover the lens you would buy
- MOQ of 300 per colour is above your first order
- TAC lens supplier not yet named

Site visit record on the next page.

SITE VISIT

Factory C

Monday 21 September 2026 · 13:30–16:00
Visited by Heymi Zhu

WHAT WE CHECKED	WHAT WE FOUND	RESULT
Signboard, licence and address	All three match the registry record	✓
Premises	Own site, about 12,000 m²	✓
Production lines and equipment	6 lines, acetate and metal; lens coating in-house	✓
People on the floor	About 110, against 120 insured	✓
Material and finished-goods stores	Organised; separate lens store	✓
QC area and tools	Coating lab and polarisation tester	✓
Work in progress	Metal frames for the Middle East; acetate sunglasses	✓
Sample room	Own designs only	✓
Lens source	Makes polycarbonate lenses; buys TAC in from a supplier it would not name yet	!
Fire exits and basic safety	Exits clear	✓

✓ as expected · ! needs your attention · ✗ fails the check

What the visit changed. Confirmed on site that the test report on file is for its own polycarbonate lens. C needs a new report for the TAC lens before it can be used.

PHOTO EVIDENCE

Sample placeholder · Signboard and licence

Sample placeholder · Metal frame line

Sample placeholder · Lens coating lab

Sample placeholder · QC bench

Sample placeholder · Lens store

Sample placeholder · Sample room

A client report shows the full set: at least 30 location-stamped photos and 3 short videos, linked from this page.

FACTORY PROFILE

Factory D

ONLINE CHECK ONLY

71/100
Backup

COMPANY

Location	Danyang, Jiangsu — 9 km from the eyewear market
Founded	2018
Staff with social insurance	32
Registered scope	Manufacture of spectacles
Production	1 acetate line
Capacity	About 8,000 pairs a month
Export markets	UK, Ireland (through an export agent)
Quality	No ISO 9001; owner inspects final batches

QUOTATION

FOB Shanghai per pair	US$7.90 to US$8.60
MOQ	100 per colour
Sample	US$50 · 14 days
Lead time	45 days after sample approval (calendar days)
Payment	50% deposit, 50% before shipment
Test report	EN ISO 12312-1 · matches quoted lens · issued 2025

BACKGROUND CHECK

Identity	Active since 2018; manufacturing scope	GREEN
Ownership	Owner-run; no related companies	GREEN
Real size	32 insured; matches its claim	GREEN
Court records	None found	GREEN
Penalties	None found	GREEN
Licences	No customs registration; exports through an agent	AMBER
Market	Report matches; not on sanctions lists	GREEN

SCORE

Production capacity and equipment	12/20
Real size (insured staff)	3/5
Export experience	8/15
Quality system	10/15
Price against the group median	1/5
MOQ and lead time fit	10/10
Responsiveness	5/5
Compliance for your market	14/15
Court and regulatory record	8/10

STRENGTHS

- Lowest MOQ: useful for test colours
- Current, matching test report

WATCH

- Highest price
- 50% deposit
- Exports through an agent: ask who issues the invoice and customs papers
- Small team: one sick week delays your order

Not visited: only the top three after the online check are visited. Add a visit on the same trip for US$149.

FACTORY PROFILE

Factory E

ONLINE CHECK ONLY

66/100
Not recommended now

COMPANY

Location	Danyang, Jiangsu — 15 km from the eyewear market
Founded	2013
Staff with social insurance	47
Registered scope	Manufacture and sale of spectacles
Production	2 lines, acetate and TR90
Capacity	About 20,000 pairs a month
Export markets	Australia, Canada
Quality	No ISO 9001

QUOTATION

FOB Shanghai per pair	US$7.00 to US$7.50
MOQ	200 per colour
Sample	US$55 · 12 days
Lead time	40 days after sample approval (calendar days)
Payment	30% deposit, 70% before shipment
Test report	EN ISO 12312-1 · matching lens, but issued 2021 against an earlier edition

BACKGROUND CHECK

Identity	Active since 2013; manufacturing scope	GREEN
Ownership	20% of equity pledged to a lender in 2025	AMBER
Real size	47 insured	GREEN
Court records	Sued by a buyer over late delivery (2025, settled)	AMBER
Penalties	None found	GREEN
Licences	Customs registered	GREEN
Market	Test report out of date	AMBER

SCORE

Production capacity and equipment	15/20
Real size (insured staff)	4/5
Export experience	11/15
Quality system	10/15
Price against the group median	3/5
MOQ and lead time fit	9/10
Responsiveness	4/5
Compliance for your market	6/15
Court and regulatory record	4/10

STRENGTHS

- Mid-range price
- Would retest at its own cost (in writing)

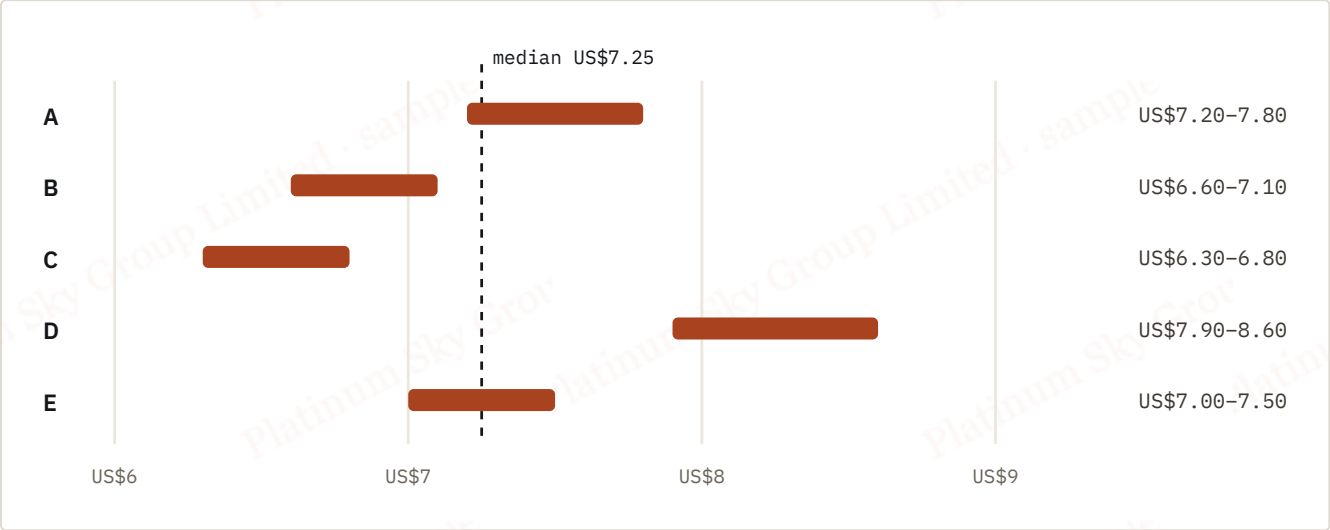
WATCH

- Test report needs renewing before you can rely on it
- Equity pledge and a late-delivery case: signs of cash pressure
- Slowest to supply documents

Not visited: only the top three after the online check are visited. Add a visit on the same trip for US$149.

Price analysis

Quoted FOB ranges per pair for the same brief. The dashed line is the median of the five mid-points.



FACTORY	MID-POINT	VS MEDIAN
A	US$7.50	+3%
B	US$6.85	-6%
C	US$6.55	-10%
D	US$8.25	+14%
E	US$7.25	0%

WHAT MOVES THE PRICE

- Acetate sheet grade and origin: the largest single cost
- Polishing done in-house or sent out
- Lens: TAC polarised is the reference here; nylon or mineral costs more
- Per-colour MOQ: small colour runs raise the unit price
- Case and cloth: quoted separately by most factories

Test reports and compliance

For the UK and EU, non-prescription sunglasses are personal protective equipment (category I) and are assessed against EN ISO 12312-1. A test report is only useful if it covers the lens you will actually buy.

FACTORY	REPORT ON FILE	STATUS
A	EN ISO 12312-1 · matches quoted TAC cat. 3 lens · issued 2025	Matched
B	EN ISO 12312-1 · matches quoted lens · issued 2024	Matched
C	EN ISO 12312-1 · covers a polycarbonate lens, not the TAC lens quoted	Other lens
D	EN ISO 12312-1 · matches quoted lens · issued 2025	Matched
E	EN ISO 12312-1 · matching lens, but issued 2021 against an earlier edition	Out of date

METAL PARTS

Metal parts: A and B supplied EN 1811 nickel-release results for the hinges and temple core wire. C, D and E did not; ask before you order.

SANCTIONS SCREENING

None of the five companies or their controllers appear on the OFAC SDN, EU or UK sanctions lists (checked 22 September 2026).

What this does and doesn't cover. We check that each report exists, names an issuing laboratory we can confirm, and covers the lens material and filter category quoted. We don't certify products. As the importer, you remain responsible for the declaration of conformity, labelling and technical file for your market.

Before you pay a deposit

NEGOTIATION POINTS

1. Pay deposits only into a bank account in the name of the company on your contract. If the factory sends new bank details, confirm them on a video call before paying.
2. Sign with B's manufacturing company, not the trading company that sent the quotation, or get a written link between the two.
3. Sign an NNN agreement (non-disclosure, non-use, non-circumvention) before sending your own designs, and state in the contract that moulds made for you are yours.
4. Put the lens supplier and lens material in the purchase contract, with the test report number.
5. Agree per-colour MOQ in writing before the deposit, including case and cloth minimums.
6. Ask for the balance to be paid after a third-party pre-shipment inspection passes.

NEXT STEPS, IF YOU WANT THEM

STEP	WHAT WE DO
Sample round with A and B	We chase, collect and compare samples, and send them to you in one parcel
Production follow-up	Contract review, weekly progress updates to shipment
Pre-shipment inspection	Arranged with a third-party inspection company
Shipping	Booking and customs through our own freight forwarder

Each step is quoted per order, in writing, before we start.

You pay factories directly. We never hold money for your goods and take no commission from factories.

Appendix A · Verification checklist

CHECK	A	B	C	D	E
Licence active	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Not on abnormal-operations list	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manufacturing scope	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trading 2+ years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No dishonest-debtor listing or restriction	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No unpaid enforcement orders	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Court cases as defendant (sales or processing)	0	0	0	0	**1**
Quotation from a related trading company	No	**Yes**	No	No	No
Equity pledge or equipment mortgage	No	No	No	No	**Yes**
Customs registration	✓	✓	✓	**Agent**	✓
ISO 9001 found in the national register	✓	—	✓	—	—
No copies of other brands on show	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Test report for your market	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Test report matches the lens quoted	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Visited in person	✓	✓	✓	—	—

✓ passes · ✗ fails · — not applicable or not claimed · orange values need your attention. In a client report each tick links to its screenshot, numbered A-1 onwards.

Sample placeholder · A-1 · Registry record

Sample placeholder · A-2 · Court enforcement search

Sample placeholder · A-3 · Certificate register

Appendix B · Quotations, sources and method

DOCUMENT	FACTORY	FORMAT
Original quotation	A	PDF, as issued by the factory
Original quotation	B	PDF, as issued by the factory
Original quotation	C	PDF, as issued by the factory
Original quotation	D	PDF, as issued by the factory
Original quotation	E	PDF, as issued by the factory

SOURCES

- National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System (licence, scope, annual reports, abnormal-operations list)
- China Execution Information Disclosure (enforcement, dishonest debtors, consumption restrictions)
- China Judgements Online (court judgments)
- Credit China (administrative penalties)
- China Customs enterprise credit platform (customs registration and credit level)
- CNCA certification database (ISO certificates)
- OFAC SDN, EU and UK consolidated sanctions lists
- Commercial company-data tools, to trace related companies; key facts checked against the official source

METHOD AND LIMITS

- Registry, court and penalty data are taken from public records on 22 September 2026. This is a record check, not a credit rating or legal opinion.
- Site visits describe what we saw on the day. Verification does not guarantee future performance, quality or delivery.
- We accept no payment, rebate or gift from any factory. If we ever do, every fee you paid us is refunded.
- If fewer than three factories pass our checks, the report fee is refunded in full.
- Questions about this report are answered by email for 30 days after delivery.

SIGNED

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