

Technical Requirements for Membership

Membership of oSa is open to any company worldwide that manufactures abrasive products. Only manufacturers whose products meet the highest possible standards of safety, defined in the EN safety standards, can become members.

To become a member, the following technical requirements must be met:

All products that shall be labelled with the oSa® trademark must comply with the following European Safety Standards:

- EN 12413 for Bonded Abrasives
- EN 13236 for Superabrasives
- EN 13743 for Coated Abrasives

In addition, the respective products must conform to any other standard cited in the normative references of the European Standards.

To verify conformance to these standards, the applicant must:

- Operate a formal quality management system (ISO 9001 or equivalent) at each of its manufacturing locations.
- Possess all of the necessary test equipment to verify conformance with the standards at each manufacturing location. Consideration will be given to sharing of equipment where plants are within a close proximity of one another.
- Possess sufficient design test records for the products to be labelled with oSa®. Design tests must be carried out to destruction not just to the minimum requirement.
- Submit samples of products selected by oSa for independent destructive testing.
- Be prepared for each manufacturing location to undergo a factory inspection conducted by an independent inspector appointed by oSa.

In addition, the applicant must:

- Comply with the additional requirements of oSa given in the Technical Annex of oSa (refer to website for details).
- Comply with the Ethical requirements of oSa (refer to website for details).
- Comply with local and national Environmental Health & Safety legislation.
- Comply with European legislation regarding “safety at work”.