



**MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION PACK
2017**



Polymer Machinery Manufacturers & Distributors Association Limited

INCORPORATION

The PMMDA was first incorporated on the 1st June 1966 by eight founder members. The PMMDA is the only UK organisation solely concerned with the interests of polymer machinery manufacturers and distributors. It is a registered company, limited by guarantee and without share capital.

OBJECTIVES

The main aims of the PMMDA, as outlined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, are:

- The promotion and advancement of the common interests of firms and companies engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of machinery for the plastics and allied industries and to promote co-operation and unity of purpose between them in the conduct of their business.
- The exchange of information and ideas regarding the manufacture, sale and distribution of machinery with a view to improving standards of quality.
- The encouragement of fair-trading and the maintenance of a high standard of quality and service by manufacturers and distributors of polymer processing machinery.
- The co-operation and entering into arrangements with national authorities, exhibition promoters and other associations or persons on any matters which can benefit the PMMDA or its Members.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership collectively account for more than 75 per cent of all plastics plant and machinery sold in the UK. The PMMDA is a partnership in which each Member Company has equal rights. The Membership is vested in the Company and not in the member nominated to represent the Company. A Company's application, which must be tendered on the official form, is then discussed by the current Committee. The Committee then takes its decision whether or not to accept the company into membership. The right is reserved for a member of the Committee or its' nominee to visit the premises of a potential member before the company's application is accepted.

COMMITTEE

The management of the PMMDA is vested in an Executive Committee consisting of representatives from six member companies, elected annually by members at the AGM. Senior members of the Association and the Committee Chairman appoint a President to serve for three years and his appointment is ratified by the Committee and confirmed by the AGM. Positions on the Committee include Health & Safety Representative, Treasurer and Secretary and of course Chairman.

QUALIFYING COMPANIES

Qualifying Companies must be suppliers, agents, distributors or subsidiaries - or British manufacturers of plastics processing machinery and/or ancillary equipment, selling to the UK market and overseas. Membership is only open to UK and Ireland based companies. *The Committee has recently made changes to membership policy to include an affiliate membership for service users – 'Business Partner Membership' is available to affiliated companies.*

CRITERIA FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

At least two of the following criteria must also be met before an application can be processed:

- The company must have been trading for **at least one and preferably two years**.
- The equipment offered must be well established in the UK market or in its country of origin, e.g., equipment manufactured by internationally known companies seeking to expand into the UK market.
- The General Manager/Owner, who is usually the nominated representative of the company and to whom all correspondence is sent, must be well known and respected within the industry.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE UNANIMOUS

On receipt of the completed application form, it is circulated to the Committee and the membership is notified of the application in the Newsletter, where details are given of the company's activities and the name of the nominated representative for any comments or objections.

COMPANY VISITS

The Committee has the right to visit any company seeking membership to establish that its' operation complies with the trading practices expected of PMMDA members, eg, facilities for after sales services, spares, etc. The Committee member will not be a direct competitor and a mutually convenient appointment will be made. Should the Committee decide a visit is not necessary for any reason, the applicant may request a visit from a member of the Committee.

ACCEPTANCE

Upon ratification of the application by the Committee, the current subscription will be due and the request made for a full list of equipment supplied, with principals and trade names, as applicable, for inclusion on the PMMDA database and website. Certificates of Membership are posted out to members for display in their offices.

BENEFITS

Members have access to advice and a wealth of contact information through their membership office, care of the Committee Secretary. Members receive a regular newsletter, which details updates on Member's information, social and networking events, activities of the Committee, industry news from allied Associations, exhibitions and publications which may be of interest, plus details of sales and/or agency opportunities.

REPRESENTATION

Representation at ISO International Standards Level; and at the British Standards Institute's MCE/3/2 Rubber & Plastics Machinery Safety Committee. We are actively involved in all Standards review processes and have in the past successfully influenced changes to a number of the standards set by BSI.

GROUP DISCOUNTS

Interplas - exhibiting members benefit from a substantial discount on stand space and associated costs as well as being involved in the organisation of the event.

Seminars – BPF and PPMA hold regular seminars for which PMMDA members are eligible for preferential rates.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Members' information is listed on the updated PMMDA web-site, free of charge, with listings per machinery category and hyperlinks to their own Company websites.

PMMDA has formed a group on LinkedIn and Facebook to encourage interaction and discussion between members and the wider plastics community.

DATA COLLECTION

Data is collected annually from willing members on Sales figures for Injection Moulding Machinery, Ancillary Equipment and Robotics – a 'Whole Market Survey' is then prepared and launched at a Member's lunch in late February. *NB: Circulation of these statistical results is restricted to participants only.*

EXHIBITIONS

The PMMDA have been sponsors of Interplas since 2005. We continue to negotiate significant discounts for our members (subject to booking criteria).

In recent years, PMMDA has maintained a close relationship with Crain Communications with regard to the organisation of the PDM Exhibition.

At both of these exhibitions, PMMDA is in attendance in the form of a 'PMMDA Member's hub', offering facilities for Members to meet up with colleagues or customers over a coffee.

GROUPS

PMMDA Service Manager's Group meets regularly to share best practice in terms of Health & Safety. Work is currently taking place on the formation of a '**PMMDA recognised quality mark**' in the form of a Safe Working Procedures document, together with generic Risk Assessment and Method Statements.

WORKING TOGETHER

PMMDA enjoys close working relationships with GTMA and other Trade Associations relevant to the plastics industry and is an Affiliate member of the British Plastics Federation (BPF).

NETWORKING

PMMDA organises several networking events at interesting venues throughout the year, including an annual visit to the House of Commons, Activity Days and meetings to discuss industry statistics.

SPONSORSHIPS – The PMMDA has a reputation for supporting industry from the roots and sponsors the following:

-The PMMDA supports the "Plastics Industry Awards Dinner" held each year and organised by Crain Communications, by offering Apprentice of the Year Award winner with £1,000 prize money and by being actively part of the Awards Committee.

SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription for January 2017 to December 2017 is **£425**. Payment is due on joining (*pro-rata payment is calculated if joining occurs part-way through the year*) and thereafter on the 1st January each year. The membership subscription has remained at around this level for a number of years to keep costs down for our Members.

LIABILITY

In the event of the PMMDA becoming insolvent, each Member is currently liable for a contribution not exceeding the then current subscription.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Committee Secretary.

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POLYMER MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS & DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION LTD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name of Company:	Registered Office Address (if different)
Trading Address:	
Tel No.	Fax No.
E-mail address:	Website Address:
Date Company Commenced Trading:	
Name of person making application:	
Position:	
Trade names represented:	Brief description of product:

(Please also complete category listings on attached sheets)

Bankers:
Branch address:

Name and address of two referees:

Name	Name
Company	Company
Address	Address

Do you operate facilities for service engineering? Yes/No

Do you operate a stockholding of spare parts? Yes/No

If YES to above, are they operated from your trading address? Yes/No

If NO to above, please state address from which they are operated:

The Polymer Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association Ltd is a non-profit making company, limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Each member's liability, in the event of winding up is currently limited to a sum NOT EXCEEDING the then current subscription. There is no entrance fee, but membership applications are first submitted to all existing members who have the right to place in writing to the Committee, by the notified date, any objections to the application. A committee member or nominee usually visits applicants by appointment so that his/her report is available at the time the application is considered. Would you have any objections to such a visit? Yes/No

Membership is vested in the company and not in the individual making the application. A copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the PMMDA Ltd will be supplied to each company at the AGM following admission to membership.

The annual subscription is due on 1st January of each year. The Committee is empowered to review the subscription and members are normally notified of any change at least two months before the end of a financial year.

I have read the above and confirm that my company will do its utmost to maintain the standards of quality, service and fair trading established by the PMMDA. We trust that based upon the information we have supplied and a visit to our company premises, our application for membership will be successful.

Signed PositionDate:.....

On completion please return to:

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MACHINERY CATEGORIES FOR PMMDA WEBSITE

Please indicate which categories you would like to appear under and return with your application form.

	<i>Description</i>	Mark with a cross X
	TURNKEY PROJECTS	
	EXTRUSION	
	INJECTION MOULDING	
	BLOW MOULDING	
	THERMOFORMING MACHINES	
	PRINTING & DECORATING	
	WELDING MACHINES	
	BAGMAKING MACHINES	
	FOAM MAKING MACHINES	
	FOAM CUTTING MACHINES	
	PACKAGING MACHINES	
	LAMINATING & FINISHING MACHINES	
	PROCESS and MACHINE CONTROL	
	TEMPERATURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT	
	COOLING	
	HOT RUNNER CONTROL	
	TESTING EQUIPMENT - All types	
	RECYCLING / GRANULATORS	
	MATERIAL HANDLING	
	PRODUCT HANDLING	
	OTHER EQUIPMENT	
	ROBOTS	
	AUTOMATION	
	ROTATIONAL MOULDING PRODUCTS	