



**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 can become members.

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

All products under the scope of oSa membership must comply with the following European Safety Standards:

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

In addition, all 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 9000 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 test records for the weakest specifications in each product range confirming destructive test requirements have been consistently achieved. Design tests must be carried out to destruction not just to the minimum requirement. Guidance on determining the weakest specification is given in the Technical Annex.
- Provide non-destructive test records for each manufacturing batch of products.
- Provide periodic destructive test records verifying original design test data.
- Submit samples of products selected by oSa for independent destructive testing together with the records of internal tests carried out on the same batch of wheels.
- 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 Annexes 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 and agree to upgrade to European requirements if admitted to membership of oSa.