

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOSE QUALITY



APPROVED HOSE ASSEMBLIES MARK SCHEME

The "Approved Hose Assemblies Mark" scheme is open for participation by members of the BFPA and BFPDA only.

The objective of the scheme is to emphasise to your new and existing customers that quality matters and that your company is dedicated to this goal.

Certification is for a two year period. The cost per inspection is £325 + VAT.

Details of the scheme are enclosed and if you would like to join please complete the application in full and return to Martin Kingsbury Membership Director at the BFPDA.

THE BFPDA APPROVED HOSE ASSEMBLIES MARK

The objective of the “Approved Hose Assemblies Mark” certification scheme is to assure the customer/end user that they have received hose assemblies from a supplier who has been inspected and awarded the Approved Hose Assemblies Mark by the British Fluid Power Distributors Association. The award certifies that at the time of inspection by the BFPDA inspector the supplier demonstrated that they are producing hose assemblies generally to the requirements set out in the document BFPDA/D8 published by the BFPDA.

It should be noted that certification is not a quality certificate or guarantee of the hose assembly. It does however certify the procedures and practices of the hose assembly producer’s workshop. It indicates that the hose workshop has the equipment, the resources, skilled personnel and that it has undertaken to maintain a full quality assurance programme in it’s hose assembly production as approved by the BFPDA. The certification is for the hose workshop only and does not include mobile workshops / hose vans.

When completing the application form for inspection, please fully complete all pages of the declaration and include with your returned application form any sample documentation you may feel supports your application. Please sign the application on the last page.

Companies in the BFPDA Approved Hose Scheme who have been inspected and approved may use the “Approved Hose Assemblies” logo on their advertising, stationery and promotions, in addition to the BFPDA or BFPA logo as appropriate. It should be noted that certification is not transferable.

The BFPDA reserves the right to refuse certification or to cancel certification at any time on technical, ethical, or environmental grounds – the decisions of the BFPDA Hose Certification Committee is final.

Should an inspection prove unsuccessful and certification is not approved, a further inspection may be requested, but the BFPDA Certification Committee reserves the right to refuse re-inspection. A re-inspection charge will be made to cover the cost of the visit.

All information given will be treated in the strictest confidence

Notes:

- 1) As a BFPDA Certified hose workshop, quality is the key objective. This is to ensure that all hose assemblies supplied to the customer/end user are manufactured to a quality standard; that all manufacturers' recommendations, tolerances and procedures are followed; that all Health and Safety regulations (including CEN standards) are adhered to and the procedures set out in BFPDA/D8 are generally followed.
- 2) The practice of 'mix and match' is unacceptable, i.e. the hose and fittings for an assembly must be compatible by design, size, type and manufacture. The mixing of inserts and ferrules from different, or unknown manufacturers, or the use of unmatched hose and end fittings, is potentially dangerous and is therefore unacceptable.
- 3) The use of unbranded or unmarked hose is forbidden.
- 4) The practice of reworking used hose is potentially dangerous and it is banned by International Standard BS EN ISO 4413:2010. If reusable fittings are used again, these must be cleaned and inspected for damage. Any components found with damage or that may be suspect, should not be used again. Inserts from swaged hose couplings should not, under any circumstances be re-used.
- 5) The BFPDA recommends that all hose be blown through with a filtered airline before and after assembly to remove all loose particles.

Special Note:

One or more of your operators may be requested to make-up a test hose assembly during the inspection, so that the inspector can witness the producer's procedure in operation.

USE OF THE APPROVED HOSE ASSEMBLIES MARK



The Certified Organisation shall be entitled to use, as appropriate, the Approved Hose assemblies Mark in accordance with these regulations:

- i) The Approved Hose Assemblies Mark is a registered trade mark of the BFPDA.
- ii) The Approved Hose Assemblies Mark must only be used in conjunction with the Certified Organisation's name and location.
- iii) The Approved Hose Assemblies Mark may only be used in correspondence, advertising and promotional material and only in connection with the services certificated.
- iv) The Approved Hose Assemblies Mark may not under any circumstance be used directly, or closely associated with a manufacturer's brand name or product.
- v) The Certified Organisation undertakes to discontinue its use of the Approved Hose Assemblies Mark if its usage is unacceptable to the BFPDA.
- vi) Upon termination of the certification, for whatever reason, the Certified Organisation undertakes to discontinue the use of the Approved Hose Assemblies Mark immediately.
- vii) The right to use the Approved Hose Assemblies Mark is not transferable.
- viii) The Approved Hose Assemblies Mark may be used in conjunction with the BFPDA logo (British Fluid Power Distributors Association) or the BFPDA logo, whichever is appropriate.

USE OF THE CERTIFICATE

- 1) A Certificate of Approval of the British Fluid Power Distributors Association is awarded to any hose producer who has been satisfactorily assessed.
- 2) The Certificate may only be used in accordance with these regulations:
 - ii) There is no fee for the initial issue of each Certificate.
 - ii) The Certificate is valid from the date of issue for two years or until such time that the certification is withdrawn for whatever reason.
 - iii) Misleading use of the Certificate in advertising brochures or similar publications may lead to suspension or revocation of certification.
 - iv) Copies of the Certificate may be made for the purpose of advising customers of the Organisation's certification. Each copy must clearly state "COPY".
 - v) If the Certified Organisation decides to terminate its certification with The British Fluid Power Distributors Association, it must immediately do so in writing and return the Certificate, plaque and remove all stickers from vehicles. The use of both the Certificate and Approved Hose Assemblies Mark and any claims associated with the certification would terminate immediately.

The Council of The British Fluid Power Distributors Association reserve the right to change these regulations, but will provide each Approved Hose Assembler with due notice of such changes.

APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION FOR THE APPROVED HOSE ASSEMBLIES MARK SCHEME

Company: Contact:

Address:

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Tel No: Fax No:

E-Mail: Web site:

Date of Application:

Certification is for a two year period. The cost per inspection is £325 + VAT

Names and addresses of branches, divisions or subsidiaries to be included (if different from above): List on separate sheet if necessary:

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Signed: Date:

Name: Title:



Please fax this form back to: Stefanie Kearney on 01608 647919 or
Post to: BFPA, Cheriton House, Cromwell Park,
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