



Q-Mark Paint Application Scheme

The coating of windows, doors or other components aims to achieve both an aesthetically pleasing appearance and a protective layer for any materials that are not naturally durable. It is critical that the correct coating system is used for any given substrate and that it is applied in the appropriate manner, using the right tools and in a suitable environment. This scheme looks at the requirements of the paint system supplier and verifies that the paint application process is followed accordingly in a controlled and documented manner.

Aims of the scheme

- To raise the awareness of fabricators for the need to use a tested and approved paint system that is suitable for the substrate to be painted
- To ensure that the products and procedures are clearly defined by the paint system supplier and that these are being followed by individuals applying the paint
- To maintain quality through attention to detail and awareness of best practices
- To maintain a traceable, documented system which identifies the products required by the customer and the subsequent quality control checks both for the paint application process and for the finished product

Benefits of the scheme

- Provides members with a strong competitive advantage by demonstrating that they are working to strict guidelines which are designed to maximise the quality and longevity of the finished product
- Association with the BM TRADA Q-Mark brand, already widely recognised as a leading provider of high quality independent third party certification
- Members' details easily identifiable to specifiers via inclusion on the BM TRADA Q-Mark website
- PR support of BM TRADA Certification to announce scheme membership
- On-going marketing support from BM TRADA Certification to promote and raise awareness of the scheme amongst key specifiers

How does the scheme work?

Through the effective implementation of a management control system that is continually assessed and audited as part of the paint application scheme requirements. This will require the member to have in existence:

- Technical documentation from the paint system supplier for each system required to be covered under the Q-Mark certification scheme

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How does the scheme work? (contd...)

- Evidence from the paint system supplier that each system has been appropriately tested and approved for the substrate to which it will be applied
- A nominated person in the member's organisation who will be responsible for looking after the Q-Mark paint application scheme
- Controlled documented procedures defining the critical areas of paint application, including customer requirements, systems used, tools, maintenance, traceability and quality control etc.
- Nominated individuals who will be applying the final coat of paint, known as 'Certified Operatives'. These individuals will be identified on the scope of certification and will be responsible for ensuring that each part of the process has been completed correctly prior to them applying the final coat of paint
- A training programme to ensure the competencies of paint applicators and other people directly involved with the painting process
- A process to record customer feedback
- Documented instructions for maintaining the finished product to avoid damage or degradation in use

How to become a member of the scheme

Following receipt of an application to join the scheme, a representative from BM TRADA Certification will conduct an initial audit at the company premises to review procedures, processes and effective use of equipment and products. Each 'Certified Operative' must be present during the audit visit to ensure they are competent in the painting process.

Once BM TRADA Certification has verified that all the scheme requirements have been met, the applicant will then be issued with a certificate of compliance and their details will be shown on our website.

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