



Rack Manufacturers Institute

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application is hereby made for membership. Our Company is currently a member in good standing of MHI. If approved for membership, applicant agrees to abide by the Bylaws/Rules and Regulations as may be amended and make timely payments of dues and assessments. Please type or print clearly when completing the application below.

Name of Corporation: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Internet Address (www.): _____

The principal types of equipment we manufacture are as follows (use additional pages as required):

List address of main manufacturing facility, if different from above address:

By initialing for each item below I hereby affirm that the applicant company meets the following provisions set forth as membership requirements in the RMI Code and Bylaws:

1. _____ is currently an MHI member in good standing.
(Company Name)

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2. The prospective member's storage rack products are sold within the United States.

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3. All member categories must provide an **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE** for participation in membership meetings, defined as follows:

Member companies must put forth at least one representative who is an Owner, CEO, President or Signing Officer to represent them at required Annual, Special, or other meetings of the RMI. A distributor or sales representative of the Member's products is not eligible to serve as the Member's authorized representative. To remain in good standing all RMI member companies must attend one membership and one engineering meeting per calendar year.

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4. GENERAL MEMBER Applicant – Check all products that apply

The prospective member's business practice includes the manufacture and control of the structural design and manufacture of industrial steel storage racks, specifically:

- a) Selective- Cold Formed or Structural Styles
- b) Drive In/Drive Through ☐
- c) Cantilever/Decked Cantilever ☐
- d) Push-Back Racking ☐
- e) Pallet Flow Rack ☐
- f) Stack racks ☐
- g) Rack Supported Structures ☐

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ASSOCIATE MEMBER Applicant

- h) For associate membership, prospective member shall demonstrate that, the classes of products described below, see number (**Section b3 of RMI Code**) *

Associate members who qualify as General/Executive members must belong as General/Executive members.

4. The applicant company qualifies by meeting or exceeding the threshold of either 51% (or over \$25,000,000) of all product sold being manufactured rack or a combination of rack-related structures and equipment as defined under Article I(a)(2) and (b) (1), and that the 51% (or more than \$25,000,000) threshold of such products are manufactured by their own firm.

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5. The applicant company's business practices shall include taking raw material, semi-finished or finished material , through processes (which include necessary engineering and design work), fabricating, converting, assembling, or producing semi-finished or finished products. Business activities not associated with the manufacture of storage rack components or systems, including, but not limited to, rehabilitating, reconditioning, refurbishing, or restoring previously manufactured products or components thereof. It does not include the purchase of upright frame columns or beam bodies from other companies and assembling them into finished upright frames or beams. Assembling includes more than the mere act of installation at a user's site.

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6. A prospective member's business practices shall include the explicit direction of the design and fabrication of storage racks or storage rack systems via manufacturing drawings indicating all material specifications, dimensions, tolerances, and welding symbols, in conformance with codes and standards as determined by the Controlling Party.

- a) Purchase and resale of Finished Goods or primary components from separate firms who themselves control the design and fabrication of the same shall not constitute "control" for purposes of this code.
- b) The manufacturing activities described in (4) are performed in at least one facility that is majority-owned, leased, or rented by the Member.
- c) The predominant activity of this facility must be the production of storage racks.

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7. Prospective members are not eligible for membership if their business primarily consists of over 50% through the distribution and/or resale of:

- Used storage rack
- New storage rack manufactured by others
- Refurbished storage racks

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These businesses as defined above are classified as "distributors" or "dealers" and are therefore not eligible for membership.

8. Applicants for Membership bear the burden of demonstrating that they meet the requirements for membership set forth in this Code and shall provide reasonable evidence proving that they meet the above parameters.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBER Applicant- must meet all parameters above except item 2.

***Check all applicable products manufactured below**

9. Associate Membership shall be open to companies meeting all eligibility requirements above aligning with Article I (a) of Code/Bylaws with the exception of above item 2 and which meet one of the two sub-classes set forth herein:

- a) Manufacturers of structures and/or structural components of the following specific types:

- i. Portable Racks designed to stack ☐
- ii. Pallet Stacking Frames ☐
- iii. Structural Rack Decking ☐

b) Manufacturers of rack repair and safety components.

i. Associate membership under this class requires that the Manufacturer's repair and safety product(s) directly relate to the physical structure of the rack itself. By way of negative example, non-structural products such as end aisle guards and netting will not be sufficient to qualify for membership.

ii. Associate membership under this class requires participation in the RMI engineering program, as set forth in Article IX of the Code.

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10. Associate members of both classes shall have the right to participate in meetings and initiatives of RMI and to vote on official business of RMI but shall not have the right to vote on budgetary matters, the RMI Code and the RMI statistical program. Associate members shall not be eligible to hold office. Associate members shall be permitted to vote on prospective new members only for applicants for associate membership.

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Persons who will represent the applicant if approved are:

Membership Delegate (must be a signing officer):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership Alternate:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Engineering Delegate (must meet below stated criteria)

(a) Qualification of Engineering Representative: Qualified engineering delegates shall include those engineers who have primary responsibility to develop and/or to apply specifications for designing Industrial Steel Storage Racks and Related Structural Systems. One or more of the following qualifications is required to become a Qualified Engineering Representative. Necessary credentials shall be submitted to the Managing Director/Secretary, who shall then certify that the qualifications shall have been met:

(1) The Applicant holds a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering or engineering technology and has at least five (5) years of engineering work experience for rack-related equipment. A copy of a diploma or transcript and a statement of work history must be provided.

(2) The Applicant holds an Associate's Degree in engineering or engineering technology and has at least ten (10) years of engineering work experience for rack-related equipment. A copy of a diploma or transcript and a statement of work history must be provided.

(3) The Applicant holds a professional engineer license and has five (5) years of engineering work experience for rack-related equipment. A copy of a license or certificate and a statement of work history must be provided.

(4) The Applicant has made a valuable contribution to the Institute and has ten (10) years of practical rack-related equipment engineering experience. A statement of work history must be provided. The approval of not less than

two-thirds (2/3) of the members with Qualified Engineering Representatives is required to become a Qualified Engineering Representative pursuant to this qualification.

Note: The R-Mark QED and RMI Engineering Delegate may be the same person at your organization or these representatives may be different individuals.

(b) Participation in Engineering Committee Meetings: Participation in engineering committee meetings is a necessary component of membership in RMI. Failure of any Member's engineering representative to attend one (1) regularly-scheduled meeting of RMI's engineering subcommittee(s) annually, without leave from RMI's officers, shall be cause for suspension or expulsion pursuant to Article I(d) of this Code.

Engineering Delegate (must meet one of the above stated criteria):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Statistical Delegate:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

The individual authorizing and signing this application is a signing officer of the applicant company. By signing below I verify and affirm that the facts set forth are true and correct.

Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

RMI Representative- Reviewed by:

Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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