

SEMA'S DISTRIBUTOR COMPANY QUALITY ASSURANCE SCHEME SAVES YOU RISK AND TIME!

SEMA's agenda - A Zero Accident Working Environment

Training	SEMA places health and safety at the heart of its agenda. Liaison with statutory and independent bodies has been a key element of its remit since the Storage Equipment Manufacturers' Association was set up as the industry's lead body almost 50 years ago. With a mandate to improve safety in the storage industry, over the years, SEMA has worked cohesively with the HSE and other bodies to establish and continually improve safe working practices.
RoSPA	SEMA's programme of courses has been RoSPA approved.
CSCS	Recently, the leading certification card scheme for construction the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) backed SEMA's requirement for installer training to be on-going in the storage equipment industry on the basis that safety is of paramount importance and that regulations continually evolve. Refresher training is seen an integral and essential part of this mission.
H & S 2014 Conference	SEMA, the Storage Equipment Manufacturers' Association is to hold its Annual Safety Conference on Thursday 6th November at the National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull. Nine speakers cover current statutory and product related topics plus case study material on the theme of "Safety in the Storage Industry: Working towards Zero Harm".
New Publications	The SEMA Code of Practice for the Design of Adjustable Pallet Racking has been fully revised and is now available. Cost £149. The SEMA Guide to Erection Tolerances has been revised. The SEMA Guide to the Specification of Mezzanine Floors has been withdrawn as other information is readily available from their sources. SEMA's ever popular 'Toolbox Talks' for site supervisors have been expanded to include Noise during Storage Equipment Installation and Personal protection: Dust. A full set of all 39 guidance notes is available on CD Rom at a cost of £72.

SEMA Distributor Group Chairman Jonathan Bennett reports on the success of the SDG's quality assurance scheme which benchmarks the standards you should expect as a given!

Back in February, SEMA Distributor Group (SDG) members opened their company doors to be independently audited on 25 industry-specific, quality measures in a drive raise standards, standardise practices, identify and share best practice and add value. The audit, conducted by external quality assurance company QCS International, is complete and we're duly proud of our proven reputations and workplace integrity.

Although the results aren't meant to form a league table, I was impressed to learn that the highest score was 98% and the average score made the 80s! Regulations and standards change so the audit will be repeated every three years. Scrutiny was meant to be robust, some members needed to develop improvement plans and a couple have dropped out.

But that's good. The SDG audit has



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now established clear blue water between members and the rank and file. So when you want to check on a storage firm's quality credentials, the leg work has been done for you. With an SDG member, the correct health and safety standards are in place, they use only trained labour, storage is correctly designed and the firm carries appropriate insurance.

Now the audit is complete, we are ready to actively recruit new members who will need to be assessed before their membership can be formalised. We're currently reviewing a number of applications and welcome more of the right calibre.

I chose to join the SDG when it launched three years ago as I believe that as a core part of SEMA, we offer the full circle of quality comprising design, specification, installation and guarantee to the end user.

Log on to sema.org.uk/sdg and watch a short video on the benefits of choosing an SDG member. A list of regional members can also be found. When buying storage systems, ask to see the SDG member's audit certificate.



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