

# Why buy from Members of the BFPDA Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme

**Our Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme is the fluid power industry's leading accreditation scheme for hose manufacture, distribution, sale and fitting.**

Since it was introduced in 1995, the British Fluid Power Distributor Association's Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme has become a recognised symbol of quality, integrity and safety.

The scheme is open only to members of the British Fluid Power Distributors Association (BFPDA) and the British Fluid Power Association (BFPDA). Gaining accreditation under the scheme is one of the key advantages of joining the associations and sets over 180 members apart.

## What is it?

The certified Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme sets an accredited industry-wide standard for the assembly, storage and supply of hydraulic hoses. It has been developed by a panel of industry experts including members of the BFPDA and BFPDA.

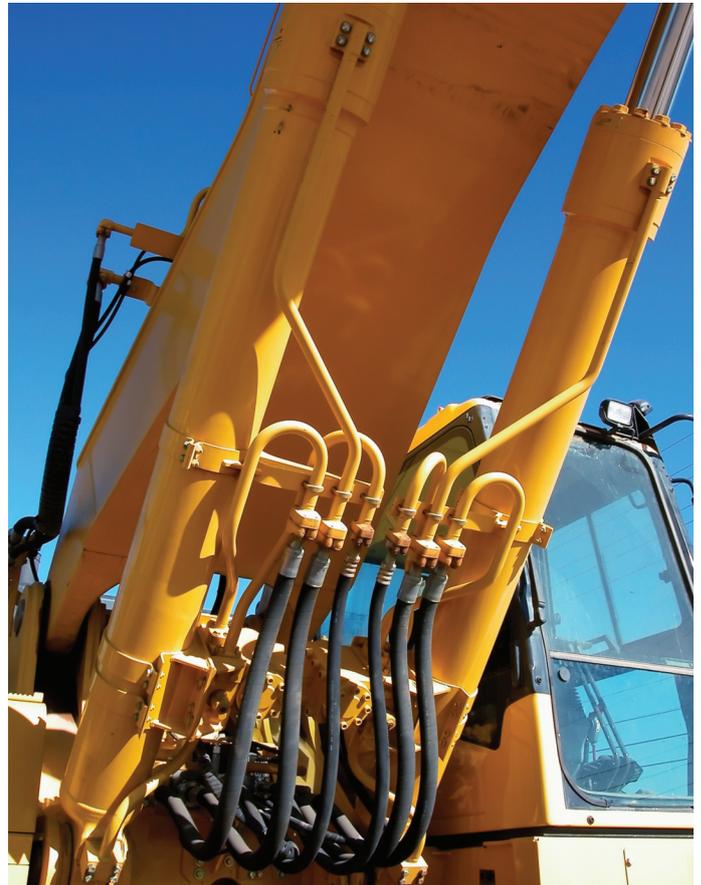
## Accreditation process

Members may achieve accreditation only after a detailed inspection process. Companies must be able to demonstrate that they adhere to all current legislation in respect of the supply, storage and handling of hoses which can be hydraulic or pneumatic. After approval they are entitled to display the 'Q-Approved' logo on their premises and products. Scheme member companies also agree to a detailed technical audit by the BFPDA every two years.



## Approved standard

The Hose Scheme is an assurance that all hoses displaying the Q-Approved logo have been made and supplied to an approved standard by a fully-accredited manufacturing company or supplier, and comply fully with BS EN ISO 4413 (hydraulic) and/or BS EN ISO 4414 (pneumatic), and the BFPDA/D8 Quality Control Procedures guidance document.



## Customer assurance

Anyone buying equipment bearing the Q-Approved logo is assured that the suppliers and manufacturers:

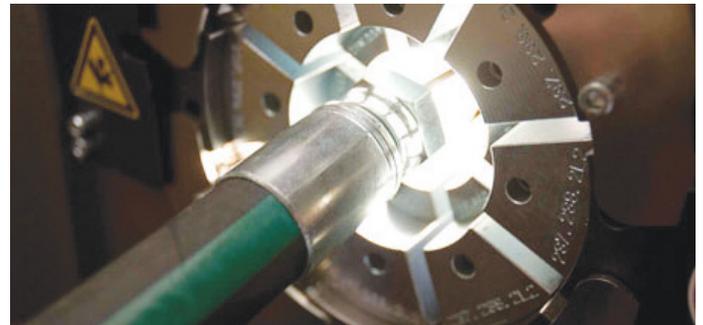
- are committed to hydraulic hose safety
- ensure all their staff are properly trained
- have clean, well-presented and maintained workshops
- always rotate stock correctly
- have a professional understanding of hose technology
- know which hose should be used for which application
- will not mix and match with non-approved components
- will not re-end hose assemblies
- have products that comply with British and International standards (BS EN ISO 4413 and/or BS EN ISO 4414)
- adhere to all current legislation
- agree to, and receive, a BFPDA technical audit every two years.

## Benefits to members

Members report many benefits from being part of our Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme. It demonstrates they are:

- part of an industry that maintains professional standards
- committed to health and safety
- promoting good practice and training
- striving for the highest quality
- adhering to current legislation.

An increasing number of OEMs will use only hydraulic equipment bearing the Q-Approved mark, and approved members are listed on our dedicated website [www.hydraulic hosesafety.co.uk](http://www.hydraulic hosesafety.co.uk) where an interactive map also allows potential customers to find a local approved provider.



## Powerful sales tool

The Q-Approved logo is a highly-visible and well-recognised symbol which can be used on premises, vehicles, packaging, point-of-sale marketing materials, websites and stationery. It draws customers to our members and acts as a powerful sales tool.

## Regulation

A recognised accreditation scheme such as the Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme gives our industry association strength. Developed by our members for our members, it governs our industry's ability to self-regulate rather than have regulation forced upon it.

## Industry standards

Our scheme adheres to BS EN ISO 4413 Hydraulic Fluid Power - General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components. Clause 5.4.6.5.1 a) states: "hose assemblies shall be constructed from hoses that have NOT been previously used in operation as part of another hose assembly and that fulfil all performance and marking requirements given in appropriate standards." This effectively prevents the practice of "re-ending" of hoses. The scheme also adheres to BS EN ISO 4414 which mirrors this advice for pneumatic hoses.

These standards are used by most fluid power equipment manufacturers to achieve a "presumption of conformity" with the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.

## How do I join?

For more information about becoming a member of the BFPDA's Approved Hose Assemblies Scheme, and an application form, please have a look at our website [www.hydraulic hosesafety.co.uk](http://www.hydraulic hosesafety.co.uk)

