



## Fiberglass Reinforced Plastics Institute, Inc.

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## **MEMBERSHIP** **Terms and Conditions**

Thank you for your interest in annual membership. These membership terms and conditions apply to anyone who purchases a membership from FRPI as described herein.

### **Membership Understanding and Agreement:**

1. **Membership.** The Fiberglass Reinforced Plastics Institute (“FRPI”) offers annual membership for various classifications (“classes”) of industry companies. Hosting a member community with programs and related benefits helps further FRPI’s achievement of its non-profit tax exempt purpose as stated within its Articles of Organization filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Programs are designed to best serve the organization’s mission and its membership. FRPI reserves the right to change the structure and number of these classes in order to best fulfill the mission of the organization. Membership classes established have no voting rights on FRPI corporate matters.
2. **Membership Classes.** Definitions of membership classes are set forth below. Some classes are individual membership types, whereas others are company membership types. FRPI Reserves the right to accept or reject membership applications and make final determinations as to which class of membership an accepted applicant is best suited for. To file an application simply send an email to [contact@frpi.org](mailto:contact@frpi.org) stating which class of membership you are applying for and what your and/or your company background consists of to substantiate the class applied for. Class definitions are as follows:

**Class A: Owners/End Users.** This is an Annual Individual Membership. Owner End/User members are individuals who are employed by a company that purchases, owns and uses fiberglass process equipment. Owner End/User employees applying for membership that personally perform inspector and consultant related service for fiberglass process equipment and are seeking or hold FRPI Certified Inspector credentials shall apply only under the Class C Inspectors & Consultants category membership.

**Class B: Engineering Firms.** This is an Annual Individual Membership. Engineering Firm members are individuals who are employed by a company that primarily performs process design and construction engineering services for Owners/End Users. Engineering Firm employees applying for membership that personally perform inspector and consultant related service for fiberglass process equipment and are seeking or hold FRPI Certified Inspector credentials shall apply only under the Class C Inspectors & Consultants category membership.

**Class C: Inspectors and Consultants.** This is an Annual Individual Membership. Inspector and Consultant members are individuals who are employed by a company that manufactures fiberglass chemical process equipment and/or performs inspection and provides advice, statistics, data, reports or other consultative services related to new or used fiberglass equipment. Class C category shall also include all individuals that are seeking or hold FRPI Certified Inspector credentials, where such FRPI Certified Inspector employers desiring to promote the services of an FRPI Certified Inspector under an FRPI license agreement shall do so only under a Class G Inspection & Testing Services category membership.

**Class D: FRPI Certified Manufacturers.** This is an Annual Company Membership. FRPI Certified Manufacturer company members are companies that operate a certified Laminating Process per FRPI SP9000. Manufacturers that are not FRPI SP9000 certified may join FRPI membership through Class C Inspectors & Consultants. Each member company may designate up to two (2) representatives through the membership application process. FRPI Certified Manufacturer employees applying for membership that personally perform inspector and consultant related service for fiberglass process equipment and are seeking

or hold FRPI Certified Inspector credentials shall apply only under the Class C Inspectors & Consultants category membership.

**Class E: Contractors and System Integrators.** This is an Annual Individual Membership. Contractor and System Integrator members are individuals who are employed by a company that buys and resells fiberglass process equipment that is integrated into a system and/or installed by the company. Contractor and System Integrator employees applying for membership that personally perform inspector and consultant related service for fiberglass process equipment and are seeking or hold FRPI Certified Inspector credentials shall apply only under the Class C Inspectors & Consultants category membership.

**Class F: Raw Material Suppliers.** This is an Annual Company Membership. Raw Material Supplier company members are companies that provide products such as resin, reinforcements, core materials or other related items that go directly into the manufacture of fiberglass laminates. Each member company may designate up to two (2) representatives through the membership application process.

**Class G: Inspection and Testing Services.** This is an Annual Company Membership. Inspection and Testing Service members are companies that provide services such as fiberglass process equipment inspection, acoustic emissions monitoring, ultrasonic thickness checking, physical properties evaluation and/or cured resin properties determination. Each member company may designate up to two (2) representatives through the membership application process. Inspection and Testing Service employees applying for membership that personally perform inspector and consultant related service for fiberglass process equipment and are seeking or hold FRPI Certified Inspector credentials shall apply only under the Class C Inspectors & Consultants category membership.

**Class H: Inspection Equipment Suppliers.** This is an Annual Company Membership. Inspection Equipment Supplier company members are companies that provide inspection and/or testing equipment such as video surveillance or thermal imaging cameras, ultrasonic and magnetic thickness measuring devices, Barcol impressers and coring or sampling tools. Each member company may designate up to two (2) representatives through the membership application process.

3. Membership Fee. FRPI reserves the right to establish, change and discount the membership fee. Fee price changes take effect for existing members at time of renewal. Paid fees are non-refundable.
4. Benefits. Participation with FRPI programs results in many benefits for members and their company. FRPI reserves the right to add, update, change and/or discontinue programs in order to better serve its membership and best fulfill the organization's mission. Refer to the FRPI website Membership page for a link to benefits that apply to each class of membership. General benefits and related information include:
  - No meeting, committee work or voting is required. FRPI is a resource, not an obligation.
  - Private contact information. Member information is not published, given out or sold.
  - Listing service. Scope of certification and public website link is provided for Class D FRPI Certified Manufacturer company members. A Public website link is provided for Class G Inspection and Testing Services company members to advertise their FRPI Certified Inspectors.
  - e-Fiberglass News. All members are automatically added to the e-Fiberglass News mailing list. News coverage may include technology and standards updates, case history articles of success and failure, general industry activity, course notices and a tip of the day.
  - Marketing support. Class C member certification credentials are written into FRPI equipment inspection specification development efforts, whereas Class D members are named in FRPI equipment manufacturing specification development efforts. Class F, G and H receive a website business card advertisement. Class C through H members enjoy opportunities stemming from FRPI website traffic builder campaigns, multiple directories pointed at FRPI website and FRPI website search engine optimization. Exclusivity implies only member companies are eligible for these opportunities. FRPI reserves the right to approve quantity, content and timing of advertisements, document contributions and news coverage.

- Pride through FRPI involvement. All members can display or share their FRPI Membership Certificate with enthusiastic support for FRPI's mission and their participation. Class D members can display or share their FRPI Laminating Process Certification. Class C members that are FRPI Certified Inspectors can also display or share their FRPI Inspector Certification.
  - Relationship building, networking and referrals. All FRPI members have a shared interest in reliable fiberglass equipment performance. Each membership class brought together as a whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
  - FRPI Board of Advisors candidacy opportunity. Class A, B, C and D members are eligible to nominate themselves for a seat on the Board of Advisors, where the Board supports some committee work and serves a technical advisory role on a number of subjects. This Board has some voting rights on FRPI corporate matters.
  - Member discounts. Continuing education rate discounts are available when offered. Continuing education discounts are advertised on links within the FRPI website Seminars promotion page.
  - Improved results with FRPI programs and resources. Although results are not guaranteed, better informed decision making, more reliable fiberglass equipment, less risk of catastrophic failure, lower overall owning and operating cost, ease of locating qualified fiberglass professionals and improved business conditions are among the results touted by current members.
5. Member Conduct. Payment of FRPI membership fee and utilization of organization resources constitutes acceptance of this Membership Understanding and Agreement and a commitment to promote the organization's purpose in a positive supporting fashion. FRPI reserves the right to immediately terminate individual or company member benefits or membership with written notice sent to the address of last record for any member who does not uphold the spirit of FRPI's purpose, as assessed and interpreted solely by FRPI and the Board of Advisors. All FRPI determinations pertaining to membership status is final.
  6. Code of Ethics and Privacy Policy. Ethics and privacy policies are published on the FRPI website.
  7. Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale. All membership sales are subject to FRPI Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale published on the FRPI website, where in case of conflict these conditions of sale are subordinate to the conditions contained within this FRPI Membership Understanding and Agreement.