



## Information about the R-Mark Process

The following information will address the R-Mark process both for RMI Members and non-RMI member rack manufacturers.

A good overview of the R-Mark process can be found at <http://www.mhi.org/rmi/rmark>. To date the R-Mark for rack applies to product produced for the USA market in compliance with the Specification for the Design Testing and Utilization of Industrial Steel Storage Racks—ANSI MH16.1-2012.

The Specification for the Design Testing and Utilization of Industrial Steel Storage Racks – ANSI MH16.1-2012 can be purchased and/or downloaded at <http://www.mhi.org/rmi>.

Please note there are two avenues that an applicant might follow:

1. As a Member of MHI and RMI, or
2. As a non-member manufacturer

In both cases, once a license is awarded, the process of applying and using the R-Mark are identical. The process is as follows:

- Two sealed submittals to RMI from a USA licensed professional engineer containing:
  - Evidence of tests
  - Calculation of load table(s)
- Submittals then sent to a review panel of two independent professional engineers chosen at random by RMI.
- Upon successful completion of the reviews by the independent reviewers, a license to apply the R-Mark is issued along with an electronic seal.
- The USA licensed professional engineer may then apply the R-Mark under the terms of the license.

Members of RMI must first be admitted into the membership of MHI. Details on that process can be found at <http://www.mhi.org/about/join>. Once the company becomes a member of MHI, the company may apply to join product groups such as RMI. If admitted into RMI Membership, the company agrees to pay dues/assessments, attend meetings and participate in the RMI statistical program.

For calendar planning purposes, RMI will next meet in Atlanta, Georgia over the period of May 16-18, 2016. It is necessary to make application for membership at a regularly scheduled

RMI membership meeting. For cost planning purposes, below are current dues and fees (subject to change by MHI and RMI Membership):

- MHI Membership = \$2,500/year
- RMI Membership = \$6,450/year
- Industry Group Participation Fee = \$2,450/year
- RMI One-Time Initiation Fee = \$12,000
- RMI Assessments = As approved by the RMI Membership
- R-Mark Application/Review Fees = Approximately \$3,000 per application (can vary based on complexity and completeness of submittal)
- R-Mark License Fees (each R-Mark License) = No additional fee for RMI Members in good standing of MHI and RMI. License fee is \$24,000 per year for non-member awardees

Costs to prepare submittals (testing/professional engineer fees/costs at applicant's end, etc.) are borne by the applicant.

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