

MEMBERSHIP benefits



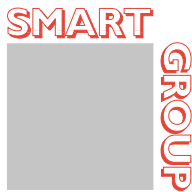
- Technical Seminars
- Web Site
- Newsletter
- Free Downloads
- Email Forum - *smart-e-link*
- Supplier Link List
- Equipment Wanted Notice Board
- Process Awareness Workshops
- Hands-On Experience Workshops
- Process Support & Advice
- Networking
- Training Videos
- Interactive CD ROMs
- Quality Control Posters
- Book Reviews
- Technical Reports
- Monthly Surveys
- Jobs Vacancies Notice Board
- Jobs Wanted Postings
- Factory Tours
- A range of *smart-e-products*
- Technical Data Base
- European Conference
- Exhibition Travel Packages
- Free Help From Technical Experts
- Benchmarking Process Yields
- SMART Group Lapel Badge

SMART
GROUP

SMART GROUP GROWS
TO ENCOMPASS ALL
ASPECTS OF
ELECTRONICS
MANUFACTURE,
ASSEMBLY
AND TEST



Success in any industry is about information and technical knowledge; identifying a source, prioritising and then taking action. As Europe's largest electronics technical trade association, **SMART Group** represents a valuable and dependable source of information and expert assistance among its members.



A technology leader, a not for profit organisation, **SMART Group** aims to promote the Advancement of the Electronics Manufacturing Industry through Education, Training and Notification of its members in Manufacture, Assembly and Test.

This is accomplished by Active Encouragement of Member Inter-activity, through Meetings, Seminars, Conferences, Publication of Technical Information, a Vibrant Web-Site and Instant Communications Response by an e-mail Communication System.

In fact *smart-e-link* is a production engineer's dream, an immediate channel to answer your production challenges TODAY. Get on-line and your questions will be answered or search the archives on our website.

SMART Group encourages active participation from ALL its members. We are a unique organisation, run by members for our members. Everyone pulls together to help each other to meet the challenges that face our industry day by day, whether it be process, manufacture or test.

Our industry is consolidating, much of our production is outsourced and even placed offshore. Environmental issues give us new challenges. Cost cutting is rife. But R&D staff, designers, production & process engineers, inspectors, reliability & test staff, managers and directors need to consult their peers to face the challenges now and in the future.

SMART Group is unique, formed in 1984 by engineers for engineers. It's as relevant today as it was then. We have two decades of experience.

Our message is:

If you are a member

GET ACTIVE...

if not

JOIN TODAY.



SMART Group influencing the industry..

The SMART Group was formed by engineers originally to meet the new challenge of Surface Mount Technology. Along the way our Vision has changed to embrace all the new technology developments and environmental concerns. These include design, printed circuit board manufacture, all components, assembly, test and reliability, rework and repair.

Here we list just a few landmarks:

The Montreal Protocol changed our cleaning habits forever! SMART Group, and committee member Dr. Colin Lea in particular, were active in reducing CFC's from our shop floor. We are proud that Colin received an award from the USA for his efforts as well as subsequently an OBE from the UK Government.

SMART Group Ireland was formed in 1987 and has an active membership base. Throughout each year SMART Ireland run a series of technical seminars of direct relevance to those in the industry and to disseminate up-to-date information on new technologies.

In 1993, SMART Group Scotland was formed and they hold frequent meetings to support the Scottish industry.

In 1994, 300 delegates joined us to celebrate our 10th Anniversary at our First European Conference, which has been held biennially ever since.

SMART Group has held an Annual Lead-Free Seminar since 1998.

In 1999 SMART Group co-operated with the DTI on their publication 'Lead-Free Soldering - An Analysis of the Current Status of Lead-Free Soldering' and launched it (and the 'Update 2000') on the SMART stand at the Nepcon Electronics exhibition.

In 2000 SMART organised a Government-backed visit to Japan to assess the use of lead-free techniques in the Japanese electronics industry, visiting a range of manufacturing facilities, government bodies and universities.

Also in 2000 SMART Ireland launched their Student of the Year Award which was well received by the industry.

The SMART Group PPM Monitoring project, supported by the Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) provides information for our members to compare their process

with others. This is the first world wide project of its type and was launched in 2002. www.ppm-monitoring.com

In May 2003 SMART Group & Dolby Labs hosted a discussion forum event to consult with industry on how to transpose and implement the RoHS and WEEE Directives into UK law. The Head of the Recycling Policy Unit at the DTI and a senior representative from DEFRA participated. Regular events are held all around the country and in Ireland to prepare industry for the EU changes in July 2006.

June 2003 saw again our commitment to Nepcon Electronics. We organised the 'Lead-Free Experience', a real hands-on opportunity for delegates to bring their problems to a separate area within our major UK electronics exhibition.

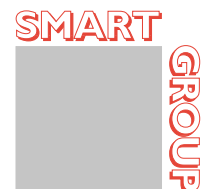
We have partnered Reed Exhibitions for many years and continue to support Nepcon Electronics.

New technologies and industries continue to be featured at our events, the latest being our seminar on Photonics.

Late in 2003 we proudly announced the incorporation of TISA, the Test Industry Supplier's Association, into SMART Group, confirmation of our expanded vision for the future. TISA was formed a few years ago to focus the test related industry in addressing the issues facing the test industry, including changing technologies, the need for fast global solutions & world wide support and to provide an information source for its customers.

SMART Group is proud to be associated with LEADOUT, a European funded scheme that will expand the PPM monitoring project in a lead-free environment. In co-operation with over 20 organisations across Europe, LEADOUT will examine reliability, process change and the training needs of small and medium volume manufacturing companies.

SMART regularly features in the trade press including a Q&A Forum and a Defining Industry column each month.



We are proud of our achievements and thank all our members for their continuing valued support.

Get Connected... Be SMARTER... Join SMART Group

Categories of membership

SMART Group has two categories of membership:

Corporate Membership has the advantage that members of staff within the same company have access to ALL our benefits. This includes significant member discounts to attend our events and purchase our products. Corporate Members are invited to join our 'Supplier/Services Link List' with a priority link and use our 'Equipment Wanted Notice Board'. Companies may participate in our unique 'PPM Monitoring Project' to benchmark their process yields and use our 'Jobs Vacancies Notice Board', an ideal cost effective way to recruit staff. Another corporate benefit is priority (discounted) booking of table top exhibition space at our events.

Individual Members are valued by SMART Group and receive single membership discounts on all of our products and attendance at all our events. They also have access to our 'Jobs Wanted Postings'.

Networking is a key activity within the SMART Group. Whether it's by participating on our email forum or attending our regular diary of events:

Join SMART Group and help influence your industry.

You will find below the various ways of contacting the SMART Group. Most enquiries should be directed through Tony Gordon, our Secretary and Group Secretariat, at the SMART Office address, but we have listed individual emails for specific topics:

General:	info@smartgroup.org
Technical:	technical@smartgroup.org
Sales:	sales@smartgroup.org
smart-e-link:	join@smartgroup.org
Bookings:	bookings@smartgroup.org
Press:	press@smartgroup.org
Lead-free:	leadfree@smartgroup.org
PPM Monitoring:	info@ppm-monitoring.com

SMART Group Ireland:	Ireland@smartgroup.org
SMART Group Scotland:	Scotland@smartgroup.org



Tel: +44 (0)1494 465217

