



# SCALE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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## **SMA PLEDGE**

For almost sixty years, the Scale Manufacturers Association (SMA) has played a vital role in representing the interests of ALL manufacturers within the scale industry. The SMA Technical Committee members review technical issues and offer recommendations. This cooperative endeavor of voluntary members is dedicated to the best interests of the scale industry and to the public, which is dependent upon accurate and dependable weighing equipment.

- DUE PROCESS – SMA operates under established rules and procedures.
- CONSENSUS – SMA strives for consensus among its members. Near unanimity is the general rule.
- OPENNESS – All members have access to the process.
- BALANCE – SMA maintains balance among its members by having one vote per member company regardless of company size.
- Each member company is eligible to participate in all membership and technical committee meetings and programs.
- Each member company is assured that the collective action of its fellow SMA members is for the improvement and benefit of the industry and public.
- The SMA strives to advance the science of weighing and force measurement in technology and manufacturing.
- The SMA promotes, in a lawful manner, the advancement of the weighing industry and practices therein.
- The SMA encourages the proper observance of requirements and regulations as provided by federal and state laws.
- SMA's participation in standards development ensures that you will have immediate access to standards before they are made public.
- Networking provides a means of meeting with NCWM leadership and industry peers in an informal setting, promoting the exchange of ideas through open communication.
- After NCWM advised that Conformity Assessment would be a future requirement SMA developed a Conformity Assessment program available to both SMA members and nonmembers. The SMA Conformity Assessment Program offers industry members an opportunity to be proactive by meeting the requirements before they are become mandatory.

The SMA is the only domestic organization of its type that consists solely of manufacturers and integrators of scales and scale components. As such, the SMA is often called upon to speak for the industry as a whole.

To learn more about the SMA, we invite you to visit our web site at [www.scalemanufacturers.org](http://www.scalemanufacturers.org) or phone 239-514-3441.