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CUT-OUT & FEEDER PILLAR GROUP

PROSPECTUS

Welcome from Group Chairman



As chair of the Cut-Out & Feeder Pillar management committee, I see standards development as one of the most powerful tools we have to keep products safe, interoperable and future-proof for customers and society.

We get that right when manufacturers unite sit around the same table along with key stakeholders from the wider supply chain, government departments and regulators, co-designing clear, evidence-based product standards that align with policy and remove unnecessary barriers to trade.

By investing our time in that process, BEAMA and its membership helps turn real-world supply chain experience into robust rules that support innovation, strengthen supply chain resilience and give government confidence that our sector can deliver on its commitments.”

Tom Mennell
Technical Standards Manager



Our Sector

The BEAMA Cut-Out & Feeder Pillar (COFP) group represents UK manufacturers of direct and related operator service cut-out and feeder pillar products.

Operator service cutouts and feeder pillars form a critical interface between the electricity network and the built environment, and their performance is fundamental to safety, reliability and regulatory compliance.

Our experienced and active members work together to ensure the continuation and development of their products within rapidly evolving markets. This includes the importance of cut-out and feeder pillars as we move increasingly see low carbon technologies deployed in the market.

The outputs of this work are primarily aimed at utilities, Distribution Network Operators, specifiers, installers and electrical wholesalers, providing valuable resources such as regulatory compliance information alongside practical product and application guidance.

We also support our members in understanding commercially relevant standards, policy and regulation to meet the future needs of both individual businesses and the sector as a whole.



Who is in scope?

Meet your network



Our scope covers manufacturers of products associated with cut-outs and feeder pillars installed across domestic, commercial, and industrial markets. Product examples include house service cut-outs, heavy duty cut-outs, overhead (pole mounted) service cut-outs, street lighting cut-outs, multi service distribution boards, feeder pillars.



Who we work with...

... you work with.



We work closely with a range of government bodies and key organisation across our member's horizontal and vertical supply chains to keep you informed of the policy, regulation and product standard changes which impact you.





Our Workplan

We work to ensure the effective development of industry guidance, Product and Industry Standards to educate, improve safety and support both our member companies and the wider market. A key focus of our work is promoting best practice and standards that integrate cut-out and feeder pillar systems with electrical safety, covering not only product performance, but also correct installation and ongoing maintenance.

Our scope covers manufacturers of products associated with cut-outs and feeder pillars installed across domestic, commercial, and industrial markets in relation to BS 7657 and BS EN / IEC 61439-5. Product examples include house service cut-outs, heavy duty cut-outs, overhead (pole mounted) service cut-outs, street lighting cut-outs, multi service distribution boards, feeder pillars.

Alongside supporting today's supply chain, we are committed to developing the next generation of electricians through the eFIXX College Connections Programme. The skills shortage remains an acute challenge for our sector. We aim to enrich the learning journey of future electrical contractors by sharing industry expertise, raising awareness of standards and best practice, and inspiring confidence and enthusiasm to join our industry.

How do we work?

The Who, When, What behind your membership...

GROUP
FREQ
WHO
KEY THEMES AND OUTPUTS

GROUP	Management Committee	Technical Committee
FREQ	Quarterly	Quarterly with Adhoc project work
WHO	Membership Senior Leaders	Technical Leads, Engineering Specialists, and Standards Experts
KEY THEMES AND OUTPUTS	<p>Focused on ensuring the UK cut out and feeder pillar market is represented by quality manufacturers working together to better the industry and support their supply chain and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>Overseeing sector relevant technical work, including standards creation and development, whilst generating and maintaining guidance and CPD content. This is structured as multiple working groups consisting of experts from across the BEAMA membership where relevant.</p>



Committees which form our LV Distribution and Infrastructure Group

Welcome from Group Lead



Our members work collaboratively through active technical committees to continually develop their products and support the evolution of standards that respond to the increasing complexity of buildings.

We achieve this by providing clear compliance guidance and practical application support for utilities, network operators, specifiers, installers and wholesalers, the group plays a vital role in ensuring safe, resilient and future-ready electrical infrastructure.”

Nick Hayler,
Director of Member Services &
Head of Building Electrical Systems

Get in Touch 

The Wider Community

When you join a group within BEAMA, you benefit from being a part of the larger association, which represents a wide range of technologies and sub-sectors, including:



Transmission and distribution equipment for the electricity grid



Smart IOT devices for buildings



Heating, hot water and ventilation products



Electrical installation products for the built environment



Storage – thermal, phase-change and battery



Electric vehicle charging infrastructure



Smart metering and metering solutions

Our Sector Represents:

90,000

PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE UK

£14 Billion

UK TURNOVER

£5 Billion

EXPORTING WORLDWIDE