



Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India

ACMA Excellence Awards 2025 – Guidelines R3 (In a New Avatar)

“Excellence Starts with You” “Be Seen. Be Valued. Be Excellent” “Raising the Bar, together”

Organized by the **Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA)** since 1966, the **ACMA Excellence Awards** recognize achievements in quality, innovation, sustainability, and manufacturing excellence in the Indian auto component sector.

The ACMA Excellence Awards offer a unique opportunity to gain recognition from leading OEMs and position your company as an industry leader

Why Participate in ACMA Excellence Awards?

1. Deep Organizational Insights

- Discover your strengths and improvement areas during the application process.
- Receive feedback from expert ACMA assessors.
- Get a detailed report post-assessment for internal benchmarking.
- Meet industry leaders and potential customers during the summit.

2. Enhanced Visibility

- Finalists are chosen by a **Jury of OEM Leaders**.
- Network during the grand awards ceremony with key industry players.
- Winners featured in **“IMPACT” – ACMA’ global magazine**, circulated pan-India and internationally.
- Awards and winners are covered by major media outlets.

3. Organizational Growth

- Recognition for outstanding performance.
- Boost employee morale and motivation.
- Clear roadmap for performance enhancement.
- Drive aspiration to lead across categories.

4. Credibility of the Award

- Conducted by a **neutral body (ACMA)** with integrity since 1966. Transparent, independent evaluation by OEM experts. Entirely digital, user-friendly, and efficient application process.

5. Maximize Visibility and Industry Recognition through ACMA Excellence Awards

- Judged by Industry Leaders: Final evaluation is conducted by an esteemed jury panel comprising top executives from leading OEMs, ensuring credibility and recognition.
- Unmatched Networking Opportunities: Connect directly with OEMs, Tier 1 suppliers, and global component manufacturers during the Grand Award Ceremony — a prestigious industry gathering.

➤ Exclusive Feature in ACMA’ “IMPACT” Magazine:

- Detailed profiles of award-winning companies are published in a special edition of IMPACT.
- The magazine is distributed pan India and globally to key industry players and stakeholders.
- Also showcased prominently on the ACMA website: <https://www.acma.in/impact.php>

➤ Companies Growth

- Self-assessment during application identifies strengths and improvement areas.
- Expert feedback from assessors highlights industry best practices.
- Detailed assessment reports provide a roadmap for operational excellence.
- Engages employees, boosting morale and innovation.

- **Competitive Advantage:**
 - Benchmarking against peers and helping companies to position as industry leaders.
 - Strengthens customer trust, particularly with OEMs.
 - Enhances global reputation in categories like Exports and Digitalization.
- **Post-Award Support:**
 - Access to workshops and networking events for winners and participants.
 - Opportunities for continued collaboration with ACMA and industry stakeholders.
- **Alignment with National Goals:**
 - Contributes to initiatives like Make in India, Sustainable Development Goals, and Digital India.

Eligibility Criteria

Who Can Apply:

- **ACMA Members** (Registered)
- **Non-Members** (Must become ACMA member before applying. [Join here](#))
- **Exempted from Membership Requirement:**
 - ACMA Cluster & UNIDO Cluster Companies (past & Present ,Company Group turnover up to ₹100 Cr)
 - VDA (Germany) Auto Component companies operating in India

Award Categories, Fees & Turnover Slabs (Excl. GST)

TABLE 1					
2025 - Awards Categories, Criteria, Norms & Awards Application Fee					
	Group Sales Turnover	Sales Turnover Categories for Corporates			
	(April 2024 to March 2025)	Small	Medium	Large	Very Large
		Up to INR 100 Cr	> INR 100 Cr to 300 Cr	> INR 300 Cr to 750 Cr	> INR 750 Cr
(A1) - Corporate Level Awards					
	Application Total Marks	500	500	500	500
Sr. No.	Award Application Fee (18% GST Extra)	INR 80,000/-	INR 1,30,000/-	INR 1,80,000/-	INR 2,30,000/-
1	Excellence in Export	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
2	Excellence in NPDD (New Product Design and Development) & Localization	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
3	Excellence in Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
4	Excellence in Tier 2 Supplier Development	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Note: Fees mentioned above are applicable for the corporates applying for Exports, NPDD & Localization and ESG & Tier 2 Supplier Development Category. Corporates may like to apply for any or all four categories by paying separate application fee as mentioned above.					

(A2) - Plant Level Awards					
		Sales Turnover Categories for Companies at Plant Level			
	Company / Group Sales Turnover	Small	Medium	Large	Very Large
	(April 2024 to March 2025)	Up to INR 100 Cr	> INR 100 Cr to 300 Cr	> INR 300 Cr to 750 Cr	> INR 750 Cr
	Application Total Marks	500	500	500	500
Sr. No	Award Application Fee (18% GST extra)	NIL	INR 60,000/-	INR 75,000/-	INR 95,000/-
1	Excellence in Exports	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
2	Excellence in New Product Design & Development (NPDD) & Localization	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
3	Excellence in Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
4	Excellence in Tier 2 Supplier Development	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
5	Excellence in Manufacturing	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
6	Excellence in Digitalization	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
7	Excellence in Safety	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
8	Excellence in Skill Development	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
- Companies are eligible to apply to eight categories by paying single fee as mentioned above. - In case company is applying for corporate level awards then Plant Level application cannot be submitted under those Categories. - There is no fee for small category companies applying to all applicable categories - Fee is completely waived off (all eight categories) only at plant level where more than 15% women employees or more than 5% differently abled employees are working - This waiver is not applicable for corporate level.					

Plant-Level Fee Waivers (Not applicable for Corporate Level)

- Free if:
 - Company is Small (up to ₹100 Cr Company Group Turnover), or
 - Plant employees **≥15% women** or **≥5% differently abled**
- Must submit signed declaration in the template provided during registration.

Important Note on Eligibility for last year (2024) Platinum Award Winners – Eligibility Restrictions

Organizations (either at the corporate or plant level) that received a Platinum Award in the previous year are not eligible to apply in the same category for this year. However, they are welcome to apply in any other category, as applicable.

Category Focus Areas

Category	Focus	Key Evaluation Criteria	Purpose
Exports	International market growth	Export volumes, market reach	Promote India's global presence
NPDD & Localization	Innovation & import reduction	New products, local sourcing	Drive self-reliance
ESG	Sustainability & ethics	Green practices, governance	Align with ESG benchmarks
Tier 2 Supplier Development	Supply chain capacity	Support, training, collaboration	Strengthen ecosystem
Manufacturing	Process excellence	Lean, automation, QC	Reward operational superiority
Digitalization	Industry 4.0	IoT, AI, automation	Push digital transformation
Safety	Workplace safety	Training, protocols	Encourage safe environments
Skill Development	Upskilling workforce	Technical & soft skills	Build future-ready talent

Application Process

Apply Online: <https://acmaawards.com/>

Steps:

1. **Register** → Get login credentials (within 24 hrs)
2. **Fill Company Profile** → Await ACMA approval
3. **Submit Part 1:**
 - Enter 10 Common KPIs
 - Select categories (all 8 eligible in single Plant-level fee)
 - Only 5 KPIs per selected category to be filled
4. **Schedule Site Assessment**
5. **Submit Part 2:**
 - Common + Category-Specific Questions
 - Deadline: 3 days before site visit
6. **Site Assessments:** Complete by **October 30, 2025**

Mandatory:

- Upload accurate data
- Include **3 customer details** (only for Export & Manufacturing)
- Submit both Part 1 & Part 2

Incomplete or incorrect submissions will be disqualified.

Evaluation Process

- **Marks:** Out of 500
- **Assessment Rounds:**
 1. Document Review
 2. Virtual Site Visit (July 20 – Oct 30, 2025)
 3. Final Jury Evaluation (Dec 2025)
- **Evaluation Metrics:**
 - KPIs
 - Customer feedback
 - Process excellence
 - Leadership involvement
 - Business & sustainability impact

Recognition Levels

- **Trophies:** Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze
- **Certificates:** Progressive, Striving, Emerging, Participation
- **Publicity:** Featured in **ACMA' IMPACT Magazine**

Key Dates

Event	Date
Portal Opens	July 15, 2025
Awareness Sessions	July 21 & 28, 2025
Part 1 & 2 Deadline	September 30, 2025
Site Assessments	July 20 – Oct 30, 2025
Jury Evaluation	December 2025
Awards Ceremony	February 11, 2026 at Taj Palace, New Delhi

Action Checklist

- Register at <https://acmaawards.com/> (From July 15, 2025)
- Download templates (for offline prep)
- Submit **all applications online only**
- Attend **free awareness sessions**:

Zoom Sessions

- **July 21, 2025 (1500 – 1700 hrs IST)**
Session over
- **July 28, 2025 (1500 – 1700 hrs IST)**
Register here
<https://acmaindia.webex.com/weblink/register/rdb9bd8f9f71270e40fef23e7d6e8117f>

Application Guidelines: Download from the Guidelines section:

- Applications (only for collecting data), Guidelines
- Virtual Site Assessment Guidelines
- CO₂ Calculator for Emissions
- COPQ Calculator
- Awareness Session Presentation / Video Recording (available after 22nd July 2025)

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