Quick-Response (QR) Codes for AMCA-Certified Products

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With the release of AMCA Publication 11-22, Certified Ratings Program Operating Manual, in February 2023 came the requirement for quick-response (QR) codes on the seals affixed to AMCA-certified products and in AMCA-approved product catalogs. The purpose of the QR codes is to facilitate verification of a product’s certification through the AMCA Certified Ratings Program (CRP). This document is intended to help you understand how to implement the new requirement and to answer common questions.

Is there a difference between the code appearing on an AMCA seal and the one appearing in a product catalog?
The QR code appearing on an AMCA seal will be general; it will point to the CRP directory on the AMCA website, where users will be able to search for a product. The QR code appearing in a manufacturer’s catalog will be specific to the manufacturer; it will point to the manufacturer’s product(s) page in the CRP directory.

Are there size requirements for the QR code appearing in a manufacturer’s product catalog?
A QR code in a manufacturer’s product catalog simply must be large enough to be functional.

By when must I include a QR code in my product catalog?
Catalogs without a QR code will not be approved after Feb. 3, 2024, one year from the release of AMCA Publication 11-22.

How do I obtain a company-specific QR code?
Contact the AMCA CRP department at certification@amca.org, and a team member will send the file to you.

What do I do with my existing QR-codeless AMCA seals?
AMCA encourages licensees to use their existing inventory of seals before transitioning to the new seals.

Is use of the QR-code versions of AMCA seals required?
QR-codeless versions of AMCA seals will be available only while supplies last. Once an existing inventory is sold, AMCA will stock only the QR-code version of the seal.

Can I get the QR-code version of an AMCA seal before the existing stock of codeless seals is sold out?
No. The QR-code version of an AMCA seal will not be made available until all existing inventory is sold.
After I incorporate the QR code into my product catalog, do I need to send the catalog to AMCA for review?
Yes. All catalogs that reference the AMCA CRP require review by AMCA prior to publication.

Will there be a cost associated with the catalog review?
There will not be a cost associated with the catalog review if the only change made was the incorporation of the QR code.

Can I include the QR code in catalogs that do not contain performance data?
Yes, but AMCA still will need to review the catalog prior to publication to ensure the accuracy of all statements related to the CRP and that the correct QR code is being used.

Do I need to include a QR code in my electronic software if the software is approved by AMCA?
Yes. A company-specific QR code is required for all approved electronic software catalogs.

Will the physical size of AMCA seals change with the addition of a QR code?
No. The dimensions of neither the small nor the large version of a seal will change.

For more information about the use of QR codes, contact Certified Ratings Program Manager Charlie Meyers at cmeyers@amca.org.