



Update

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Welcome to the second newsletter from the **Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse**, established with Defra support by Oakdene Hollins Ltd to promote remanufacturing and other reuse options.

Through this newsletter we hope to reach all those who are interested in keeping abreast of current developments in remanufacturing by providing them with up-to-the-minute news and information on remanufacturing worldwide.

Read our **CENTRE NEWS** for the latest progress in the promotion of remanufacturing and other reuse options. Keep up to date by reading our **INDUSTRY NEWS**.

GET INVOLVED with remanufacturing by reading our opportunities to participate in the projects currently being carried out at the Centre.

If you did not receive the **first newsletter** from the **Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse** it is still available to read on our website.

Further information on the items below and many other current reports and news items can also be found on our **website**

Centre News

We are pleased to announce that the Year 2 funding for the remanufacturing and reuse activity has been approved by Defra. The Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse is now official and open for business!

We have translated the outputs from January's stakeholder workshop into an action plan that tackles the issues of most importance to remanufacturers and users of remanufactured goods. An overview of what's going on can be found [here](#). A few of the activities are described briefly in the next section, and we invite your participation.

You will appreciate that you are part of a very diverse community with different needs. The help we give you needs to reflect that. As a start, we will be changing our website to offer support in a more obvious way to those who need it:

- **For purchasers of remanufactured and reused goods:** prototype specifications, questions to ask and organisations to contact.
- **For remanufacturers:** sector-specific activities, standards and policies, business practices, conferences and workshops.
- **For researchers:** UK and international activity, literature compendium.
- And others. Keep your eye on remanufacturing.org.uk.

Our first report on the projects under way. Here are some opportunities to get involved on a funded or voluntary basis with our activities. Get in early and shape the projects the way you think they need shaping.

Brochures & Publicity

At the Remanufacturing Conference in January you suggested that more should be done to promote remanufacturing and educate the sceptics. Well, now's your chance to get involved and promote your good work! We will be producing three sector-specific publicity brochures to promote the environmental and economic benefits of remanufactured products. These will include company profiles of remanufacturers and of businesses currently benefiting from purchasing remanufactured products. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

Feasibility Studies

Got an idea for a product or service concept but need a boost to get it going? Apply for funding for a Feasibility Study from our projects fund. We're looking for manufacturers and researchers who've identified the blocks to reuse of their product and want to test design ideas, processes, business or marketing approaches that could get around it. If results are promising, we'll try to find follow-on funding for you. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

Seminars

The CRR, together with Leeds University Department of Mechanical Engineering and the RE-KTN, is holding a one day seminar on 10 October 2007 at Leeds University campus. The event will be aimed at those in both the academic and industrial communities who would like to explore new and off-the-shelf technologies and techniques relevant to remanufacture and remediation of components. [Read more:](#)

Standards

The **Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse** is looking for industrial partners to develop industry standards on remanufacturing. We are keen to hear from remanufacturers, purchasers and trade associations from any sector of UK industry. The goal of this work is to remove ambiguity over the quality of a remanufactured good so that a purchaser can be confident of the quality of remanufactured products in terms of the process standards employed. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

Purchasing Specifications

For purchasers wanting to transform good intentions into actions we have created a [purchasing specifications](#) section on our website.

This section is designed to help purchasers identify which remanufactured products are right for their business. It provides an overview of what specifications to look for, questions to ask and what guarantees you can expect, along with the business and environmental case. Currently we have specifications for remanufactured tyres, photocopiers, office furniture and workstations/servers, but the number of products will grow.

Get involved by sending us suggestions for future purchasing specifications. We would like to hear what areas you are interested in.

USA - new magnet repair centre to be created in Mobile

The MISCOR Group announced that its Magnetech subsidiary would create a new magnet repair and remanufacturing centre in Mobile.

The project represents a capital investment of between up to US\$100,000 in a Hudson Drive building the company owns. Operations once housed there were recently shifted to a Magnetech facility in Saraland, where 59 people work in industrial maintenance and repair of pumps, generators and electric motors. [Read more:](#)

Boeing Awarded Contract for 18 US Army AH-64D Apache Longbow Helicopters

This contract raises to 45 the number of new-build Apache Longbows on order with the US Army. The US Army also recently contracted for the remanufacture of 96 AH-64A Apaches into AH-64Ds. Boeing will begin delivery of these new-build helicopters in mid-2009 at its manufacturing facility in Mesa, Arizona, where Apaches have been built since the program's inception. [Read more:](#)

Canada - Automotive Parts Remanufacturers Association (APRA) supports Automechanika Canada

Automechanika Canada has announced a cooperation agreement with the Automotive Parts Remanufacturers Association (APRA). APRA will promote this year's Automechanika Canada event to more than 1800 member companies worldwide and to readers of its publications.

APRA will also arrange educational seminars targeting the remanufacturers/rebuilders and their customers. Automechanika Canada will be held on September 26-28 in Toronto. [Read more:](#)

£2m for grassroots projects

Thirty four projects promoting sustainable development across England are getting £2 million funding from Defra's Environmental Action Fund (EAF). [Read more:](#)

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