

## Explanation of the annual share of costs and one-off administration fee

Appendix to GTSPA017 GTS Membership Fees (status 09/2023)

### Annual GTS share of costs

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In accordance with the GTS paper GTSPA017 "GTS Membership Fees", a **share of costs** agreed upon by the GTS Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be paid, where applicable, **in addition to** the annual membership fees, see GTSPA017, § 3 and GTSPA018 "GTS Membership Application", page 1, section "Membership Fees". The share of costs is redefined by the GTS AGM for the following year and published with the AGM minutes. The share of costs is levied with the annual membership fee; in the year of joining GTS, no shared costs are levied.

Currently, the shared costs agreed upon by the GTS AGM are for the association's magazine **GTS-Strahl** and for **GTS public relations activities** (status 09/2023):

By paying **shared costs for GTS-Strahl**, members contribute to the publication of GTS-Strahl, the association's magazine with current news from members and Head Office, and the latest updates with respect to research and technology. GTS-Strahl appears twice a year in both German and English as part of the DVS Thermal Spray Bulletin, a joint project between GTS and DVS. This share of costs must be levied in accordance with fiscal requirements and is the same for every member irrespective of the membership category. All members receive a free copy of the DVS Thermal Spray Bulletin.

The second and larger amount, the **shared costs for GTS public relations activities**, finances GTS attendance at international trade fairs and all other public relations activities.

GTS and its exhibition booth represent all members with the aim of furthering thermal spray technology, attracting new stakeholders and thus opening up new areas of application. To this end, GTS regularly attends large international trade fairs such as the HANNOVER MESSE, SCHWEISSEN & SCHNEIDEN, SurfaceTechnology Germany and the HVOF Colloquia. GTS members can actively participate at the booth and represent their company. GTS invites members to do so prior to the events and coordinates their participation. The trade fair contacts (or leads) at the booth are then documented and made available to all members in the protected members' area on the GTS website.

The share of costs is used to cover equipment and furniture, purchases and repairs for the exhibition booth, the assembly and disassembly of the booth and the booth fees levied by the trade fair companies. In addition to the exhibition booth, the shared costs finance all public relations activities including publications in pertinent technical magazines, the GTS website and the association's social media activities, for example, on LinkedIn.

The shared costs for GTS public relations activities are determined by the AGM and then multiplied by a shared cost factor. For active members, the shared cost factor corresponds to the membership category; for sponsoring members, the shared cost factor 2 is applied.

Below is a calculation example for a member with the membership category II (active member with 11-20 employees or sponsoring member) and the current share of costs for 2024:

Share of costs for GTS-Strahl (fixed amount)	10.00 Euro
Share of costs for GTS public relations activities (basic amount 260.00 euro × 2)	520.00 Euro

The current share of costs can be found in the AGM minutes or can be requested from the GTS Head Office.

## One-off administration fee

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On joining GTS, a **one-off administration fee** is levied in addition to the membership fee, see GTSPA017 "GTS Membership Fees", § 2 and GTSPA018 "GTS membership Application", page 1, section "Membership Fees".

Since GTS was founded, members have conducted extensive groundwork up to the present day. As a result, GTS has become one of the most globally influential interest groups for thermal spraying and was the first to introduce process, staff and product certification for this technology worldwide.

The administration fee was agreed upon by the GTS AGM so that new members, who also benefit from this groundwork, adequately contribute to the costs incurred to date. The administration is levied once in the year of joining GTS and irrespective of membership status. To find out the current administration fee, please refer to GTSPA017 or contact the GTS Head Office.

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