Membership Contribution Rules

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1. **Regular members** pay an annual subscription fee that corresponds to the importance of the company for the production and development of combustion engines and/or their technical accessories.

   The **minimum subscription fees** for regular members are staggered as follows depending on their work force category (SME criterion):

Minimum Contribution EURO p. a.	Work Force Category
2,550	≤ 250
5,100	250-500
7,700	500-1,000
10,250	> 1,000

   When new members with a workforce of more than 1,000 employees (outside of the SME criterion) are admitted, the Executive Committee shall, in response to a proposal of the management of the association, reach a decision regarding the adequacy of the membership fee, in particular in relation to comparable member companies (work force; turnover; product spectrum).

2. **Extraordinary members** pay an annual membership contribution that corresponds to the importance of the company for the production and development of combustion engines and/or their technical accessories. The Executive Committee decides regarding the adequacy of the contribution.

   The **minimum subscription** fee for extraordinary members is 6,400 Euros.

3. Membership subscription fees shall be subject to an annual adjustment (dynamic approach) after the third year of membership, coupled to the sales development of the respective member company. Exempt from this regulation shall be companies which are small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) and which pay the minimum amount of EURO 2,550.00 per annum.

   Determining the membership fee is carried out in accordance with the formal procedure stated below on the basis of a company-specific constant (subscription fee reference factor); the subscription fee reference factor **F** is arrived at as the quotient from the membership fee paid by today's members in the year 2000 and the averaged turnover value of the reference

$$Factor_{2000} = \frac{Subscription \cdot fee_{2000}}{Average \cdot turnover \cdot_{96\to98}}$$

$$Subscription \cdot fee_{2001} = F_{2000} \cdot Average \cdot turnover \cdot_{97\to99}$$

$$Subscription \cdot fee_{2002} = F_{2000} \cdot Average \cdot turnover \cdot_{98\to00}$$

$$Subscription \cdot fee_{2003} = F_{2000} \cdot Average \cdot turnover \cdot_{99\to01}$$

   For new members joining the FVV, the company-specific reference factor F for the subscription fee is determined by analogy on the basis of the subscription fee paid in the first year of membership and the 3-year average of sales in the corresponding preceding years.

   The annual change in the subscription fee (dynamic adjustment) may amount to max. +10 % and -5% p.a. (upper / lower cut-off limits).

   Special cases such as mergers, expansions and/or cutbacks in fields of business as well as the influences of extreme developments of sales and the like with reference to the FVV shall be individually regulated between the member and the FVV.

4. The annual subscription fee is charged to the members by invoice. The invoice date is the due date. Members joining the association during the business year, shall be charged on a monthly basis. The fee becomes due in the month in which the new member has joined the FVV. The invoice date is the due date.

   The subscription fees are calculated by the FVV management. For this purpose the member companies report their annual turnover of the corresponding base year(s) to the FVV management by 31 January of each year for confidential treatment in accordance with the formula stated above. Insofar as the business year of a member is not identical with the calendar year, the turnover achieved in the business year shall be assigned to that calendar year in which the business year ends.