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FIA Print Awards 2026

Closing Date: Wednesday 8th April 2026



The **FIA UK Annual Print Awards** competition offers participating companies the opportunity to gain public recognition of their achievements and demonstrate **the outstanding degree of excellence the flexographic printing process** has achieved in both 2025 and 2026.



Print Categories

FLEXO PRINT ON PAPER

- Medium <1000mm
- Wide >1000mm

FLEXO SURFACE PRINT ON FILM

- Medium <1000mm
- Wide >1000mm

FLEXO REVERSE PRINT ON FILM

- Medium <1000mm
- Wide >1000mm

CORRUGATED POST PRINT

- Coated process
- Coated line and screen
- Uncoated process
- Uncoated line and screen

POST PRINT ON FOLDER GLUERS

- Coated and Uncoated

2026 BEST IN SHOW AWARD

This top award will be selected from all the Gold winners from the Print Categories.

OVERSEAS ENTRIES

- Flexo print on paper
- Flexo print on film
- Flexo print on corrugated

LABELS

- Labels on paper
- Labels on film
- Labels with complementary process

Special Categories

TECHNICAL INNOVATION

2 awards will be given – one to printers and one to suppliers.

Entries need to be accompanied by a video presentation of no more than 3 minutes to support the case for innovation.

Printers are invited to submit entries that show outstanding innovation in flexography. It may be the use of a difficult or demanding substrate or the use of a technical development new to the flexo industry.

Suppliers are invited to submit entries that have assisted the flexo process in terms of consistency, repeatability, improved productivity or the use of a new technical development.

Video presentations should be mailed to:
admin@fiauk.co.uk

OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Entries need to be accompanied by a video presentation of no more than 3 minutes to support the entry.

Awarded to the company (printer, brand or supplier in the flexo sector) who has demonstrated a commitment to sustainability and improving the environment.

SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED PACKAGING

Entries need to be accompanied by a video presentation of no more than 3 minutes to support the entry.

An award will be given to a submission that has been printed using flexography and produced sustainably whether this be through substrates, inks, reduced carbon footprint or demonstrating achievement of Sustainable Development goals in manufacture.

USE OF FLEXO FOR BRANDS

An award for demonstrating a successful move from gravure or litho to flexo for a brand. *A sample from the previous printing process MUST be submitted with your entry for comparison by the judges.*

PROMOTIONAL FLEXOGRAPHIC PRINT

This award will be given to a submission which demonstrates creativity, innovation or technological developments in flexography.

Other Awards

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

This is given to the student who has demonstrated the highest level of progress on the FIA^{UK} Academy and Continuing Professional Development Programme.

REPRO COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the company whose repro helped produce the largest number of awards.

SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

Printers will be asked to nominate a supplier of the year via email with criteria outlined by the Board of FIA^{UK}.



Costs

Each entry must have its own entry form and sample

The first entry is free for members only.

Each entry will be the flat rate of £50 (members) and £80 (non-members) There are discounts available for multiple entries, as outlined below:

Entries non members

- 1 - 5: £80 per entry (non-members)
- 6 - 15: 10% discount (applies to all entries 1 - 15)
- 16+: 20% discount (applies to all entries 1 - 16+)

Entries members

- 1st: Entry free
- 2 - 6: £50 per entry (members)
- 7 - 16: 10% discount (applies to all entries 2 - 16)
- 17+: 20% discount (applies to all entries 2 - 17+)

ALL PRICES ARE +VAT.

Awards All categories are eligible to receive a gold, silver, bronze or highly commended award at the discretion of the judges. The acceptance of an entry in a particular class will not oblige the judges to make an award in that class.

Rules

1. All entries can be produced in 2025 and 2026, and be from a commercial print run. *Promotional or test prints must be entered into the relevant special category.*
2. The Association reserves the right to use the entries for publicity, promotional or educational purposes.
3. Entering companies will be responsible for obtaining the permission of their customers before submitting their prints. FIA^{UK} cannot accept responsibility for entries submitted.
4. When a range is submitted as one entry, one fault on one of the prints could disqualify the whole entry.
5. Each entering company may submit any number of entries for any one category. If they wish their entry to be submitted in a Special Category as well they must

complete a separate form and supply an additional sample.

Judging Criteria

Prints will be judged by a team of external expert judges. They will determine the winning prints by considering the overall level of execution of the print and the degree of difficulty of the print.

Post print and post print on folder gluers

- A printed sheet sample is required per category entered.
- Die cut sheets must include registration marks & control strips or should be supplied as printed sheet.
- Cad cut samples will not be judged.

Web

- All web printed materials should contain 5 metres in untrimmed form, film should be handrolled - **NO CORES PLEASE.** Pre print entries should contain at least 3 consecutive repeats, but on very large repeats 2 is sufficient.
- Reels slit out of line will not be accepted. The entry must clearly demonstrate that one particular part of the web has not been selected.



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Send all packages, prepaid & marked

PRINTED MATERIAL to:

FIA^{UK} Print Awards
66-68 Roseville Road
Leeds, LS8 5DR

Payment

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FIA^{UK} Ltd
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