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SPE Unveils Winners of the 17TH Annual Thermoforming Parts Competition

Brookfield, CT – With a theme of “Adapting to Form the Future,” the 17th Annual Society of Plastics Engineers’ (SPE) Thermoforming Conference unveiled the winners of the 17th Annual Thermoforming Parts Competition. The conference took place in Cincinnati from September 16-19 at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

The Thermoforming Parts Competition was open to all thermoformed components from processors, designers, toolmakers and OEMs. The judging of the competition took place onsite during the conference, and judging criteria was based on creativity, originality, design complexity, surface finish, secondary operations, technical difficulty, and innovation.

“It was exciting to see the caliber of entries this year, all of which demonstrated the versatility that the thermoforming process lends to producing high quality, cosmetically appealing, and functionally-adept products for a variety of industries,” says Haydn Forward, chairman of SPE’s Thermoforming Parts Competition, and vice president of sales for Specialty Manufacturing, Inc.

The award categories were broadened this year to address the increase in entries and allow for multiple winners. Continues Forward: “There were many great entries in years past that were a close 2nd to the winner of that category, but these new, broadened categories allow those companies a greater opportunity for award recognition.”

WINNERS LIST: *(Note: Photos or detailed write-ups of the award winning products are available upon request by contacting Tracy Hartman).*

Thin Gauge, Roll Feed

Medical

Gold: Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. for their “Multi Probe Tray”

Silver: Prent Corporation for their “EndoGastric *StomaphyX*TM Tray”

Bronze: Prent Corporation for their “St. Jude Medical Introducer TS Tray”

Consumer

Gold: Prent Corporation for their “Contec VertiKlean® Max”

Silver: PWP Industries for their “Tamper-Resistant Package”

Bronze: PWP Industries for their “Dip-n-GoTM Package”

Heavy Gauge, Cut Sheet

Vacuum Forming

Gold: Penda Corporation for their “Tonneau Cover”

Silver: Ameriform for their “Sea Doo”

Bronze: Golden Plastics Corporation for their “Radome Assembly”

Pressure Forming

Gold. Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. for their “Podiatry Chair”

Silver: Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. for their “Scan Scope Cover”

Bronze: Ray Products for their “Cover Assembly Unit

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Twin-Sheet

Spencer Industries, Inc. for their “Shelter Trailer”

Multi-Parts Assembly

Wilbert Plastics Services for their “CT/PET Covers”

Peoples Choice

Spencer Industries, Inc. for their “Shelter Trailer”

Judges Award (New this year: for those entries which deserve recognition, but didn’t win in their category)

Talegator Distributors for their “Tale Gator”

Student Awards:

1st Place: \$2500 Scholarship, Air Conditioner Roof, Brian Pillay, University of Alabama

2nd Place: \$1500 Scholarship, Cargo Box, Robbin Forsyth, San Jose State University

3rd Place: \$750 Scholarship, Cargo Box, Hoan Pham, San Jose State University

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