



**Detroit**  
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# TRENDS & TOPICS

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## [AutoEPCON](#) One-Day Conference May 5



**When:** Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**Time:** 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

**Where:** Detroit-Troy Marriott Hotel  
200 W. Big Beaver Road  
Troy, Michigan 48084

**Cost:** \$100 for full multi-session conference including lunch and receptions

**RSVP:** Sue Wojnicki at [swojnicki@4spe.org](mailto:swojnicki@4spe.org) or +1 203.740.5420 or +1 203.775.0471.

**Overview:** First held in 2006, this *Automotive Engineering Plastics Conference* (AutoEPCON) features 4 keynote addresses, over 30 technical presentations in multiple sessions, and exhibits on the newest advances in materials technology, lightweighting, secondary processes, and material testing for the auto industry.

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## Students and SPE Members Attend Free

Plan to attend the special networking, presentation, and plant tour at Hi-Tech Mold and Engineering in Rochester Hills on Monday, May 11 at 5:00pm. [Click here](#) for more information about the meeting, and [click here](#) to visit their website. This is one meeting not to miss, especially since it is free to students, University faculties and members of SPE and other technical societies, and only \$10 for others. It will be a great networking opportunity where there is a lot to learn.

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## Save the Date for the Golf Outing



## Upcoming Detroit Section Events

- **Tuesday, May 5** [SPE AutoEPCON](#)—Troy Marriott, Troy, MI
- **Monday, May 11** Plant Visit—[Hi-Tech Mold & Eng.](#), Rochester Hills, MI
- **Wednesday, May 13** [WardsAuto Interiors Conference](#)—Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI

- **Monday, June 22** SPE Detroit Section Planning Meeting—Sterling Hts, MI
- **Tuesday, June 23** [SPE Detroit Section Golf Outing](#)—West Bloomfield, MI

For information about any of the above upcoming events or other future events and activities, visit the Detroit Section website [spedetroit.org](http://spedetroit.org), or contact Karen Rhodes-Parker, SPE Detroit, +1 248.244.8993 ext3, [karen@spedetroit.com](mailto:karen@spedetroit.com).

## Detroit Section Receives Top Awards at ANTEC



The Detroit Section was again recognized at ANTEC® Orlando 2015 with the Gold Pinnacle Award and the Communications Excellence Leadership Award. Congratulations to the leadership and entire Board for making this happen. The Detroit Section is the Charter Section (s01) of the Society of Plastics Engineers, and it has consistently been recognized with these prestigious awards.

## Visit the Detroit Section Websites Often



**SPE Detroit Section Home Page**  
New hot link to SPE Education scholarship application deadline August 7th, 2015  
**Welcome to our new website for the Detroit Section of Society of Plastic Engineers**  
We are a non-profit organization relying on the support of dedicated members who donate their time to advance our educational and professional development goals. We currently have over 500 members. Our members come from Michigan, Ohio, southwest Ontario, and beyond. These members recognize the value that the Detroit section brings to our profession. If you want to join a professional organization that can do more than just write a newsletter every month, then join the SPE Detroit section!  
**Brief Summary of what we do:**  
1. The Detroit Section organizes and is responsible for putting together the TPO conference every year for the past 17 years.  
2. The Detroit Section co-organizes the AUTOPCon conference.  
3. We give away tens of thousands of dollars every year in scholarships to young adults pursuing degrees in the plastics field.  
4. We organize technical dinner meetings so that you can network with colleagues and stay up to date with the latest trends and technologies in the plastics industry. See our Events.  
5. We sponsor the Festivals. An outreach program designed to educate kids (11 to 14 yrs old) and help spur interest in science, math, and chemistry.  
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### Featured Events



### Associated Events



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- Detroit Section [spedetroit.org](http://spedetroit.org)
- Detroit Section Material Auction [spematerialauction.com](http://spematerialauction.com)
- Detroit Section SPE TPO Conference [auto-tpo.com](http://auto-tpo.com)

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