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Daimler Trucks North America Hails Masters of Quality honorees

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Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) has recognized 44 North American manufacturers from the United States, Canada, and Mexico as recipients of its highest award for its suppliers: the 2012 Masters of Quality Supplier Award. The selected suppliers provide top quality components for Freightliner and Western Star truck brands.

The annual program, now in its 26th year, recognizes suppliers that meet or exceed Daimler Truck North America's stringent quality standards by receiving high scores on their delivery, technology, and cost performance as measured on a Balanced Scorecard. These suppliers demonstrate an on-going commitment to improving the quality of their products and overall performance of their businesses.

Roger Nielsen, chief operating officer for Daimler Trucks North America, praised the suppliers stating, "In 2012, we continued to solidify our position as the quality and market share leader in our industry. We rely on the contribution of our suppliers to be successful. The Masters of Quality winners represent the 'best of the best' amongst our suppliers, and their work is crucial to our enduring success."

General Manager of Quality and Supplier Management Paul Romanaggi also congratulated the winners stating, "Last year, we continued to see increased demand for our product. Our Masters of Quality suppliers ensured on time delivery of quality parts to our manufacturing plants day after day. Our suppliers maintained the level of excellence that enabled us to deliver high quality trucks that provide our customers with the best value and significant competitive advantages. The Masters of Quality winners are the role models for our entire commercial vehicle industry supplier base."

Topping the list for 2012 was Consolidated MetCo Inc. and its wheel and hub Plant in Monroe, North Carolina. The ConMet facility has received the award for 23 out of 26 years. Eleven manufacturers received the award for the first time.

The complete list of Masters of Quality award winners is as follows:

23-year recipient

· Consolidated MetCo Inc., Monroe, North Carolina

19-year recipient

· Consolidated MetCo Inc., Clackamas, Oregon

16-year recipient

· Julian Electric Inc., Westmont, Illinois

15-year recipient

· East Penn Manufacturing Inc., Lyon Station, Pennsylvania

12-year recipient

· E-A-R Thermal/Acoustic Systems, Aearo Technologies - A 3M Company, Newark, Delaware

10-year recipients

- · Conmet de Mexico S.A. de C.V., Cienega de Flores, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
- · Consolidated Metal Products Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

Nine-year recipients

- · Cummins Engine Company Inc., Lakewood, New York
- · The Standard Register Company, Dayton, Ohio

Seven-year recipients

- · Axalta Coating Systems, Wilmington, Delaware
- · Remy Componentes S. de R.L. de C.V., Alternator and Motor Plant, San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, Mexico
- · Grakon LLC, Seattle, Washington

Six-year recipient

· Temco Engineered Products, Clackamas, Oregon

Five-year recipients

- · Betts Spring Company, Fresno, California
- · Continental Automotive Guadalajara Mexico S.A. de C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
- · SMC Corporation Mexico (Toluca Branch), Toluca, Mexico, Mexico

Four-year recipients

- · SMC Corporation of America, Indianapolis, Indiana
- · SMC Corporation Mexico (Saltillo Branch), Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico
- · Phillips Industries, Commercial Vehicles, Santa Fe Springs, California

Three-year recipients

- · Consolidated Metco, Inc., Etowah, Tennessee
- · Donaldson Company Inc., Frankfort, Indiana
- · Continental Automotive Guadalajara Mexico S.A. de C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
- · Pilkington North America, Mexicali, Baja Claifornia, Mexico

- · Griffith Rubber Mills, Portland, Oregon
- · CMP-Pratsa S.A. de C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

Two-year recipients

- · DENSO International America Inc., Southfield, Michigan
- · Cummins Emission Solutions, Mineral Point, Wisconsin
- · Enerya S.A. de C.V., Santa Catarina, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
- · Gates de Mexico S.A. de C.V., Toluca, Mexico, Mexico
- · Inteva Products, LLC, Matamoros Operations, Matamores, Tamaulipas, Mexico
- · Julian Electric de Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V., Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico
- · Phillips Industries Electrical Harness Division, Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico
- · SAG-MECASA S.A. de C.V., Tlalnepantle., Mexico, Mexico

First-year recipients

- · Paramount Bedding Inc., McAllen, Texas
- · Aearo Technolgies, LLC A 3M Company, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Kontane Logistics, Statesville, North Carolina
- · Michelin of North America, Greenville, South Carolina
- · Meritor Automotive (York), York, South Carolina
- · Cummins Engine Company Inc., Whitakers, North Carolina
- · PKC Group-AC3, Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico
- · Hella Automotive Mexico S.A. de C.V., El Salto, Jalisco, Mexico
- · Trico Products Corporation, H. Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico
- · Boyd Corporation, Portland, Oregon
- · Multimatic Inc., Concord, Ontario, Canada

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