



Panel Discussions

One of the most popular features of the **SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exposition** (ACCE) is our annual *Future of Automotive Composites* OEM panel discussion, organized and chaired by Dale Brosius. This year, the ACCE will feature 2 additional panel discussions – on each afternoon – on other topics we feel are timely and will be of interest.

Tuesday, September 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – The Growth of Thermoset Composites

- **Organizer:** Probir Guha, *Continental Structural Plastics*;
- **Moderator:** Gary Lansettle, *Ashland Chemical Co. and Automotive Composites Alliance (ACA) chair*;
- **Panelists:**
 - Jim Bielak, *Ford Motor Company*;
 - Brad Rogers, *General Motors*;
 - Nippani Rao, *DaimlerChrysler*;
 - Mike Siwajek, Ph.D., *Continental Structural Plastics*
 - Tyler Hardy, *Meridian Automotive Systems*;
 - Keith Bihary, *MFG Companies*.

Wednesday, September 13, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Integrating Composites into OEM Vehicle Operations: Technical & Economic Issues & Opportunities

- **Organizer:** Tim Dummer, *GE Plastics*;
- **Moderator:** David Cole, *Center for Automotive Research (CAR)*;
- **Panelists:**
 - Howard Cox, *General Motors*;
 - Jim deVries, *Ford Motor Company*;
 - Karl Wagner, *Carbotech Composites*;
 - Rogelio Sullivan, *U.S. Department of Energy*.

Thursday, September 14, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – The Future of Automotive Composites

- **Organizer & Moderator:** Dale Brosius, *Quickstep Technologies and '06 ACCE program chair*;
- **Panelists:**
 - Dave Mattis, *General Motors*;
 - Richard Jeryan, *Ford Motor Company*;
 - Susan Yester, *DaimlerChrysler*;
 - Nobuya Kawamura, *Toyota Motor Company*;
 - Jeff Robbins, *Meridian Automotive Systems*.

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