



## PART NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR 38<sup>TH</sup>-ANNUAL SPE<sup>®</sup> AUTOMOTIVE INNOVATION AWARDS COMPETITION IS SEPT. 16

**TROY (DETROIT), MICH.** – Because so many composite parts have been *Category*, *Hall of Fame*, and *Grand Award* winners in recent years at the **SPE<sup>®</sup>'s Automotive Innovation Awards Competition**, the oldest and largest parts competition in the automotive and plastics industries, **attendees, exhibitors, and speakers at the SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition** are invited to **submit nominations** for this year's program. The deadline for nomination is September 16.

This year's program is the 38<sup>th</sup> annual competition to recognize the *Most Innovative Use of Plastics* in automotive and ground-transportation applications. Companies wishing to nominate parts or complete systems should see the competition rules at [www.speautomotive.com/inno.htm](http://www.speautomotive.com/inno.htm). If their component meets the criteria, they should fill out the nomination form and e-mail it before the deadline. There is no cost to enter the competition. Current nomination categories include:

- Body Exterior,
- Body Interior,
- Chassis / Hardware,
- Environmental,
- Hall of Fame,
- Materials,
- Performance & Customization,
- Process / Assembly / Enabling Technologies,
- Powertrain, and
- Safety.

To win, teams must survive a pre-competition review and two rounds of presentations in front of industry and media judges. The first round of judging (which establishes finalists for each category) will be held at Ticona Engineered Polymers' office in Auburn Hills (Detroit-area), Mich. on October 7 and 8, and the Blue Ribbon judging (which selects category and Grand Award winners) will be held at the same location on October 15. Winners will be announced at the **Automotive Innovation Awards Gala** on November 20, an annual event that typically draws 600-800 OEM engineers, automotive- and plastics-industry executives, and media.

For more information about the **SPE Automotive Composites Conference**, visit the Composites' Division website at [www.4spe.org/communities/divisions/d39.php](http://www.4spe.org/communities/divisions/d39.php). For more information about the **SPE Innovation Awards Competition**, see [www.speautomotive.com/inno.htm](http://www.speautomotive.com/inno.htm). To contact the group, call +1.248.244.8993, or write SPE Automotive Division, 1800 Crooks Road, Suite A, Troy, MI 48084, USA.

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