

2006 ANNUAL SAFETY AWARDS

NADCA congratulates the winners of its prestigious Perfect and Outstanding Safety Awards for the year 2005. These awards recognize companies within the die casting community that have exceeded or met the industry criteria to operate a safe working environment for their employees. Only NADCA Corporate Members in North America are eligible. There are two award levels; the Perfect Award recognizes the facilities that operated all of 2005 without a reportable injury or illness; the Outstanding Award honors operations whose reportable injury or illness level was below the national average for all manufacturing of 7.0.

PERFECT AWARDS

A & B Die Casting Co., Inc.
Hercules, California

Meridian Technologies, Inc.
Magnesium Products of America
Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Nebraska Aluminum Castings, Inc.
Hastings, Nebraska

Omni Die Casting, Inc.
Massillon, Ohio

Precise Cast Prototypes & Engineering, Inc.
Commerce City, Colorado

How three of the nation's die casters reach these excellent standards

"We find training and housekeeping to be a vital component of a safe workplace," said Steve Dathe, vice president & general manager of A & B Die Casting. "It is important that everybody knows how to work safely. We have many safety posters around our facility and also remind our employees often of the importance of working safely. We try to maintain a conscientious workforce. Last year we were also accident free, so we implemented a monetary bonus to encourage our employees to continue the trend, which helps keep morale and in turn, standards high."

"In the last three years, we have had monthly safety committee meetings which include supervisors as well as hourly and salaried employees. The committee performs plant walkthroughs and we address recent problems that have come up. Together, we brainstorm solutions on how to get the problem taken care of," said John Ubrich, safety and training coordinator at Nebraska Aluminum Castings. "Recently we have installed a lot of automatic ladlers and we are currently in the process of installing automatic die sprayers. These two plant improvements help to lessen the interaction people have with machines. Another benefit of this equipment is that it helps to speed up the process. In the future, we plan to purchase part extractors, which will help protect our employees even more."

"The company has a very open safety environment, where anyone can come forward if they have safety concerns," said Colin Chapman, education, safety and environmental coordinator for Meridian Magnesium Products of America. "We have an aggressive case management system, where we take care of issues as they arise instead of waiting to see how an illness/injury progresses. MPA has an established safety program that has accountability built into it. The company also has several incentive programs, where if we reach certain milestones, employees are eligible for different types of rewards."

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ANNUAL OUTSTANDING SAFETY AWARDS

Allied Metal Co.
Chicago, Illinois

Audubon Metals, LLC
Henderson, Kentucky

Autocast, Inc.
Grandville, Michigan

Cambridge Tool & Mfg. Co., Inc.
North Billerica, Massachusetts

Cast Products, Inc.
Norridge, Illinois

Chicago White Metal Casting, Inc.
Bensenville, Illinois

Dynacast, Inc.
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dynacast, Inc.
Elgin, Illinois

EST Company
Grafton, Wisconsin

General Die Casters, Inc.
Twinsburg, Ohio

General Motors Powertrain
Bedford Casting Plant
Bedford, Indiana

Intermet Corporation
Jackson, Tennessee

Intermet Corporation
Monroe City, Missouri

Intermet Corporation
New Hope, Minnesota

Intermet Corporation
Pulaski, Tennessee

Kenwalt Die Casting Corp
Sun Valley, California

Kirby West
Andrews, Texas

Leggett & Platt
Aluminum Grp.
Harrison Division
Harrison, Arkansas

Leggett & Platt
Aluminum Grp.
Monroe City Division
Monroe City, Missouri

Little Diecast Corporation
Albany, Indiana

Los Angeles Die Casting Co.
Commerce, California

Madison Kipp Corporation
Madison, Wisconsin

Magnesium Aluminum Corp.
Cleveland, Ohio

Mercury Castings
Division of Mercury Marine
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Meridian Magnesium Products
Strathroy, Ontario, Canada

Metaldyne-Controls Systems
Twinsburg, Ohio

Midwest Die Casting Corp.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Premier Tool & Die Cast Corp.
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Product Technologies, Inc.
Division of Leggett & Platt
Maple Lake, Minnesota
Production Castings, Inc.
Fenton, Missouri

Quad City Die Casting Co.
Moline, Illinois

RCM Industries Inc.
Aallied Die Casting of North
Carolina
Rutherfordton,
North Carolina

RCM Industries Inc.
Imperial Die Casting Co.
Liberty, South Carolina

SENSUS Precision
Die Casting Inc.
Russellville, Kentucky

Spartan Light Metal Products
LLC
Mexico, Missouri

St. Paul Metalcraft, Inc.
Division of Leggett & Platt
St. Paul, Minnesota

Twin City Die Castings Co.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Twin City Die Castings Co.
Watertown, South Dakota

Wheelabrator Group
LaGrange, Georgia

Whitehead Die Casting Co.
Gainesville, Georgia

