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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Descriptions of Award-Winning Parts; 2. photo of People’s Choice winner (see caption below); 3. SPE Thermoforming Division logo.

SPE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF BIENNIAL THERMOFORMING CONFERENCE PARTS COMPETITION

CAROL STREAM, IL, U.S.A., November 1, 2023 . . . The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has announced the winners of its biennial parts competition.

The awards were presented during the Thermoforming Division’s conference, held October 23-26 in Cleveland. This year’s winners are:

- **“People’s Choice.”** Profile Plastics, Lake Bluff, IL, for the *“Covers for Medical Part Product Application.”*
- **Vacuum Forming – Gold.** Formed Plastics, Inc., Carle Place, NY, for the *“Medical Laboratory Equipment Covers.”*
- **Vacuum Forming - Silver.** 2P Support & Focaccia Group, Udine, UD, Italy, for the *“LCD Tail Light.”*
- **Pressure Forming – Gold.** Profile Plastics, Lake Bluff, IL, for the *“Covers for Medical Part Product Application.”*
- **Pressure Forming – Silver.** Formed Plastics, Inc., Carle Place, NY, for the *“Rail Support Chest Deck.”*
- **Twin Sheet – Gold.** Vantage Plastics, Standish, MI, for the *“Pallet and Lid.”*

- **Twin Sheet – Silver.** Duo Form, Edwardsburg, MI, for the “*Twin Sheet Door.*”
- **Thin Gauge Medical-Gold.** CMI Plastics, Ayden, NC, for the “*Pharma Tray.*”
- **3D Printed Tooling – Gold.** Duo Form, Edwardsburg, MI, for the “*Wet Bath for Truck Camper.*”
- **3D Printed Tooling – Silver.** Plastics Unlimited, Preston, IA, for the “*Agriculture Equipment Wheel Cover.*”
- **Sustainable Thermoforming– Gold.** Vantage Plastics, Standish, MI, for the “*Returnable Recyclable Shipping Tray.*”
- **Sustainable Thermoforming– Silver.** Good Natured Products, Brampton, ON, Canada, for the “*GoodGuard™ Tamper-Evident Containers.*”
- **Electric Vehicle and Battery Applications-Gold.** Electro-General Plastics, Grove City, OH, for the “*Ford Maverick OEM Spoiler and Door Skirt.*”
- **Electric Vehicle and Battery Applications-Silver.** DALB, Inc., Kearneysville, WV, for the “*Car Grille.*”

“This year’s parts competition was especially impressive, as we had 31 entries, the most in recent memory,” noted Travis Kieffer, 2023 SPE Thermoforming Parts Competition Chair. We received more than 10 entries alone for our new Sustainability category.”

“The quality and diversity of the entries was also notable,” he said. “We think the innovation and technology on display was the best yet, and it shows that the plastics thermoforming industry is stronger than ever.”

More information is available at <https://thermoformingdivision.com>.

Photo Caption:

Profile Plastics: Covers for Medical Part Product Application. [Photo: Dallager Photography]

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