

# ADVANCED TECHNIQUES & NEW INNOVATIONS TO HELP YOUR OPERATIONS

A **FREE** One-Day Heavy Gauge  
Thermoforming Workshop\*

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**  
**Hosted by MAAC Machinery**  
**Carol Stream, Illinois**

\*Attendance limited to two per company.  
First come, first served. Restrictions apply.



THERMOFORMING



# Why This Workshop Matters

**Thermoforming is often treated as an art form—  
when it is a repeatable science**

**Small process variables create major cost and quality issues**

**Focused on real shop-floor solutions**

**No theory-heavy or sales-driven content**

## What You'll Learn

**Machine capability vs application fit**

**Tooling design impact on quality & cycle time**

**Processing control & monitoring**

**Material selection effects**

**Post-processing cost drivers**

# Who Should Attend

**Plant Managers & Operations Leaders**

**Process & Manufacturing Engineers**

**Tooling Engineers**

**Maintenance & Production Supervisors**

**If you influence thermoforming decisions,  
this workshop applies to you!**

## What You'll Take Back

**Practical process improvements**

**Reduced scrap & downtime**

**Better tooling & material decisions**

**Improved part consistency**



# Session Topics Include:

## **Machinery** – Moderator James Alongi, MAAC Machinery

- Recent trends in equipment
- See in action a single-station, pressure formed, twin-sheet part
- Tour of MAAC Machinery's state-of-the art facility

## **Tooling** – Moderator Ken Griep, PCM Tooling

- Custom tool design best practices
- Cutting edge tooling trends & materials

## **Processing** – Moderator Dan Sproles, Sproles Consulting

- Useful tricks & techniques you can take back & use at your facility
- Proper set-up methodologies
- New ways to monitor your process

## **Materials** – Moderators Jon Baldwin, Select Plastics, and Eric Short, SIMONA America Group

- What's new in acrylic – Infrared absorbing clear, water haze resistance & FR grades
- Case study - Directly paintable & bondable TPO
- Latest offerings in conductive & flame-retardant materials

## **Post Processing** – Moderator Erich Kaintz, SAY Plastics

- New adhesive options on the market
- Routing, trimming techniques to save time & money



# Workshop Schedule

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**Presented  
By:**

<u>Start Time*</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Moderators</u>
8:00 AM	Registration	MAAC Machinery
8:30 AM	Session #1 - Machinery Trends and Facility Tour	James Alongi, MAAC
10:00 AM	Session #2 - Tooling	Ken Griep, PCM
11:00 AM	Session #3 - Processing (Part 1)	Dan Sproles, Sproles Business Consulting
12:00 PM	Networking Lunch	
12:45 PM	Session #3 - Processing, Q&A (Part 2)	Dan Sproles, Sproles Business Consulting
2:45 PM	Break/Visit Sponsors Tables	
3:00 PM	Session #4 - Materials	Jon Baldwin, Select Plastics, and Eric Short, SIMONA
3:45 PM	Session #5 - Post Processing	Erich Kaintz, SAY Plastics
4:30 PM	Networking Session/Sponsor Tables	
5:00 PM	Adjourn	

\*All Times Central Standard Time



# The Details:

Registration is free and limited to two representatives per company.

Registrations must be approved for eligibility before they are confirmed. Once your registration request has been reviewed, you will receive a participation confirmation email or notification that your registration request was not accepted.

Registered attendees acknowledge their names and contact information will be shared with event sponsors.

Register online:  
<https://thermoformingdivision.com/workshops>

**Registration closes Friday, April 3.**

## Hotel Information

**Courtyard by Marriott**  
275 Knollwood Drive  
Bloomington, IL 60108  
630-529-9200

Visit <https://thermoformingdivision.com/workshops> for the booking link

## Additional Hotels:

**Holiday Inn Carol Stream, 150 S Gary Ave. – under 10 minutes**  
**Hampton Inn Carol Stream, 205 W North Ave. – under 10 mins**  
**Hilton Garden Inn Addison, 551 N Swift – under 20 mins**  
**Fairfield Inn Lombard, 645 W North Ave. – under 15 mins**  
**Marriott Naperville, 1801 N Naperville Rd. – under 30 mins**

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