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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., October 4, 2021 . . . 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 September 20-22 in Grand Rapids, MI. This year's winners are:

- ***"People's Choice."*** Plastics Unlimited, for the *"Hagie sprayer rear engine enclosure assembly."*
- ***Vacuum Forming - Silver.*** Hammer Plastics, for the *"Dashboard."*
- ***Vacuum Forming – Gold.*** Plastique Art, for the *"Ventilator."*
- ***Pressure Forming – Silver.*** Profile Plastics, for the *"Covers for automatic paint dispenser."*
- ***Pressure Forming – Gold.*** Ray Products, for the *"Multi-part medical cart."*
- ***Twin Sheet – Silver.*** Penda, for the *"Battery cell cover."*
- ***Twin Sheet – Gold.*** Wilbert Plastics, for the *"Over-the-road storage shelf for sleeper area."*
- ***3D Printed Tooling – Silver.*** Plastics Unlimited, for the *"Guard."*

- **3D Printed Tooling – Gold.** Catalysis Additive Tooling, for the “Pallet.”
- **Parts Produced with Automation and New Technology – Silver.** Plastics Unlimited, for the “Hagie sprayer rear engine enclosure assembly.”
- **Parts Produced with Automation and New Technology – Gold.** Hagans Plastics, for the “Chinook forward drip pan.”

“The pandemic had an unexpected effect on this year’s parts competition,” noted Travis Kieffer, 2021 SPE Thermoforming Parts Competition Chair. “The number of entries doubled from our last competition in 2019, and the parts were also really top-notch in quality. We received terrific support for our new category, Production Parts from 3D-Printed Tooling, and I can’t wait to see even more of those parts on display during the next SPE Thermoforming Parts Competition in 2023.”

More information is available at <https://thermoformingdivision.com> or by contacting Lesley Kyle at 1-914-671-9524 or lesley@openmindworks.com.

Photo Caption:

Plastics Unlimited: Hagie sprayer rear engine enclosure assembly. [Photo: Dallager Photography]

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