

Plastic Intake Manifold for Chrysler Group's 2005 PT Cruiser GT Earns SPE Innovation Finalist Achievement Trophy

- **Siemens VDO Recognized For Superior Innovation In Plastics Engineering**

LIVONIA, Mich., Nov. 17, 2005, PR Newswire, FirstCall - The 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser GT plastic intake manifold, developed with Siemens VDO, was selected as a finalist in the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) automotive division's 34th Annual SPE Innovation Awards Program. Constructed from DuPont(TM) Zytel(R) nylon 6/6 in close partnership with Siemens VDO, the Chrysler Group manifold was one of only two other finalists in the Most Innovative Use of Plastics category.

The innovative manifold was recognized at the awards ceremony held at Burton Manor in Livonia, Mich. on Nov. 16, 2005, where Chrysler Group - Product Design & Development Engineer Garry McKissick accepted the Finalist Achievement Trophy.

"The Chrysler PT Cruiser GT plastic intake manifold is the first high-volume turbocharged plastic intake in the NA-Industry," said McKissick. "Being named a SPE Innovation Awards Program finalist is a huge accomplishment for the combined Chrysler Group, Siemens VDO and DuPont team."

The air intake product is the market's first mass-produced plastic manifold for a turbocharger application. By moving away from the original aluminum construction to a design using a vibration-welding grade of DuPont(TM) Zytel(R) nylon, the weight was reduced by 10 pounds.

"It is an honor to be submitted by our customer for this award, let alone being a finalist," said Siemens VDO Manager-Business Development Dariusz Kepczynski, who was the company's Program Manager for the 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser GT plastic intake manifold. "Through innovated design improvements and material uses, we were able to reduce costs for the customer, while adding value to overall product application."

The SPE Automotive Division's Innovation Awards Gala honors the "Most Innovative Use of Plastics" in automotive applications and recognizes outstanding leadership among automotive industry executives. This annual event typically draws over 700 OEM engineers, automotive and plastics industry executives, and media.

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