

Auto News

ACMA

WINNERS OF THE ACMA AWARDS FOR 2008-09

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ACMA continues its tradition of honouring and recognizing the excellent performance of its member companies in various fields of operation. The ACMA Awards process has been refined and honed continuously over the years to make these awards more meaningful and reflective of true excellence. ACMA would like to thank the various OEMs who have served as members of the Jury over the years, for their time they have spent and their selfless contribution, in not only judging the winner but also in continuously improving the award criteria and assessment processes.

Winners of ACMA Awards for the year 2008-09 are:

EXPORT AWARDS

NON-SME CATEGORY

Gold Trophy

Bharat Forge Limited:

Bharat Forge Limited is one of the leading auto component exporters for steel forgings, machined crankshafts and front axle assemblies, supplying to major OEMs in USA, Europe, China and South Africa.

The company has shown significant growth in its export sales as compared to previous year in spite of recession worldwide. Nearly 100% of its export goes to OEMs.

Foreign exchange earned by the company is substantially high as compared to previous year. At the same time, the company has been able to reduce its foreign exchange expenditures through large reduction in import content. The company has been able to maintain zero customer complaints and customer returns consistently for last three years.

Silver Trophy

Precision Camshafts Limited:

Precision Camshafts Limited manufactures camshafts, made out of chilled cast iron, exported to major OEMs in Europe, Korea and China. The company has achieved high growth in its export sales, as compared to previous year. Nearly 75% parts exported by the company are directed to OEMs and Tier-1 customers in developed countries.

Foreign exchange earned by the company is significantly high as compared to previous year while there is decrease in import content in the same year. Royalty paid by the company is zero for last three years. The customer complaints also show significant decline over the years.

Bronze Trophy

Sundram Fasteners Limited:

Sundram Fasteners Limited is one of the leading manufacturers of high tensile fasteners, cold extruded and powder metal parts exported to all major OEMs in USA and Europe. The company has achieved moderate growth in its export sales over last year.

The imported content has consistently declined over last three years. The company has also reduced royalty payment to zero in due time.

SME CATEGORY

Gold Trophy

Abilities India Pistons & Rings Limited:

Abilities India Pistons & Rings Ltd. (AIPL) is engaged in manufacturing Pistons, Piston Rings and Cylinders for two wheelers and is a major supplier to OEMs, Tier-I in USA, Europe and Africa.

Foreign exchange earned by the company has substantially improved over the previous year while the import content has been reduced to zero. Consequently, the company has paid zero royalty for last three years.

AIPL has made focused efforts to capture Chinese market as a strategy and has successfully bagged new business from OEMs in China.

Silver Trophy

Hindustan Hardy Spicer Limited:

Hindustan Hardy Spicer Limited manufactures propeller shafts, connecting rods and door hinges for four wheelers application. Nearly 84 % of its export is directed to OEMs in USA and Europe.

With the concerted efforts, the company has reduced its import content consistently in last three years. Value addition has also increased. Customer returns and complaints show consistently declining trend.

Bronze Trophy

Aditya Auto Products & Engineering (I) Pvt. Ltd. :

Aditya Auto manufactures sub assemblies of window regulators and door latches, and supplies to Tier-I in France, USA and China.

The company has been able to achieve reduction in import content consistently in last three years, which has resulted in significant reduction of foreign exchange expenditures.

TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

NON-SME CATEGORY

Gold Trophy

Mindarika Pvt. Ltd. :

Mindarika Pvt. Ltd. is one of the leading manufacturers of switches for various applications in automobiles. The plant has got fully equipped in-house R&D Centre for designing, testing and the development of new products. The company has won National Award from Ministry of Science and Technology, for R&D Efforts in Industry, in year 2007.

The company developed contactless illuminated panel switch bank and water resistant head lamp levelling switch for four wheelers applications for the first time in India, from in-house facility.

Use of IT in product designing and testing is substantially high in the company which has resulted in reducing new product development lead time. Mindarika has been closely associated with IIT Delhi and IIT Mumbai for collaborative R&D projects.

Silver Trophy

Shriram Pistons and Rings Limited:

Shriram Pistons and Rings Limited is one of the leading manufacturers of pistons and piston rings for automobiles. The company has technical tie up with various foreign companies located in Germany and Japan.

The company has reduced its dependence on its collaborators by development of in-house design capabilities for Piston Dies and Toolings which were earlier used to be imported from the collaborators. The company's R&D Centre also received recognition by Ministry of Science and Technology. The company has evolved various new technologies for Piston and Piston Rings and Engine Valves like: Argon Filling of Mould, Use of Filtering Furnace, Robotic Pouring, and development of Low Weight Pistons.

Bronze Trophy

Lumax DK Auto Industries Limited:

The company manufactures lever gear shift and parking brakes for automobiles. Company's R&D facilities have been recognized by Ministry of Science and Technology.

New design with high lever ratio of lever gear shift resulted in less gear shifting efforts by driver. Percentage of rejection, in new product / processes developed, reduced substantially. The company won best VA/VE and Implementation of Maruti Production Systems (MPS) Awards from Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.

SME CATEGORY

Certificate of Merit

Aditya Auto Products & Engineering (I) Pvt. Ltd. :

Aditya Auto has full-fledged In-house technical centre to develop and test new products as per the customer requirements.

The new product developed by Aditya Auto is electric motor for Power Window Regulator which was imported earlier. This has resulted in higher power efficiency, less noise and low product cost.

QUALITY & PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS

NON-SME CATEGORY

Gold Trophy

Lumax DK Auto Industries Limited (Pantnagar Plant):

Lumax DK Auto Industries Limited is one of the leading manufacturers in India for automotive lighting system. The company enjoys single source and DOL status from its sole customer, Bajaj Auto Limited. The plant has been awarded by various awards from its customer.

The company has successfully deployed the best manufacturing practices like : Cell Manufacturing, Single Piece Flow, Just in time deliveries, Mistake Proofing and TPM across the plant. Entire shop floor is dust proof which is a unique feature of the plant.

With a high level of customer focus and a robust manufacturing processes, the company achieved zero customer complaints and zero warranty rejections for the entire year.

Most of the critical in-house processes are either supported by Poka Yoke or SPC.

Silver Trophy

Ucal Fuel Systems Limited (Puducherry Plant):

Ucal Fuel System Limited (UFSL), manufactures Carburetors and air suction valves for two and three wheelers, supplied to all major OEMs in India. UFSL has received DOL Award from HHML and has been able to maintain 100% delivery performance to all its customers consistently for last three years.

The company has successfully deployed the concept of Cell Layout, Multi Machine-Manning operation and Poka Yoke across the plant. Customer complaints show declining trend and a significant drop in Warranty Rejections in last three years. The company has evolved good systems to seek customer feedback. Ratings given by most of its customers for Quality and Delivery are good.

Bronze Trophy

The Supreme Industries Limited (Bhiwadi Plant):

The Supreme Industries Limited is engaged in manufacturing plastic injection moulded parts for four wheelers. The company's major supply goes to Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.

Best manufacturing practices like 5S, Low Cost Automation & Set up time reduction have been very well deployed in the company. Involvement of employees is high. The company is able to maintain zero customer complaints throughout the year.

SME CATEGORY

Gold Trophy

Abilities India Pistons and Rings Limited (Ghaziabad Plant):

Abilities India Pistons & Rings Limited (AIPL) has cultivated strong working culture in deploying shop floor best practices in last three years. Customer complaints and incoming rejections have declined significantly over the last year. Most of the customer complaints are closed by Poka Yoke.

The company has also received an award from TVS Motors for 100% Quality and Delivery performance.

AIPL follows cell layout concept and has achieved single piece flow across the plant. Other best practices like Multi Man-Machine operation, set up time reduction, Poka Yoke are effectively deployed. The company has achieved zero warranty claims throughout the year.

Silver Trophy

Susira Industries Limited (Chennai plant):

Susira Industries Limited manufactures engine valve push rods, valve springs and tappets, primarily for commercial vehicles and tractors, supplying to all major OEMs in India and abroad. The company has a full-fledged in-house technical centre to develop and test new products as per the customer requirements. The company enjoys DOL supplier status from its key customers.

The company has successfully deployed the best shop floor practices like Cell Layout, Single Piece Flow Concept, Poka Yoke and Low Cost Automation across the plant. Delivery performance has been 100% for last 3 years, while In-house

rejections and customer complaints are showing declining trend.

Bronze Trophy

Rucha Engineers Pvt. Ltd. (Aurangabad Plant):

Rucha Engineers Pvt. Ltd. is one of the known manufacturers of chassis assembly, fuel tanks and high deck assembly for two and three wheelers applications. The company has chosen Cluster approach for achieving operational excellence.

Concept of Cell Layout and single piece flow has been deployed successfully across the plant. Material handling is extremely well, most of the material is moving on wheels or conveyers.

RECOGNITION FOR MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE

Gold Trophy

Wabco-TVS (India) Limited (Chennai Plant):

Wabco-TVS (India) Limited (WTIL) is one of the leading manufacturers of air and air assisted brake system for commercial vehicles, supplying to all major OEMs in India. The leadership of the company has a clear vision to remain the most preferred supplier to its customers, which is interlinked to the company's manufacturing and business strategies. Policy deployment process has established good track record of achievement ratio.

The company has created a visual shop-floor with a highly motivated team. Most of the best practices like Cell Layout, KANBAN, FIFO, JIT, TPM, TPS etc. are effectively deployed across the organization. The company has won many prestigious awards like: Deming Award, Japan Quality Medal and TPM Excellence Award from JIPM.

WTIL has achieved 112 hours training per employee per annum for staff and 40 hrs for associates, through extensive training programs. Highly motivated team is able to achieve record 46 suggestions/employee/year which is above industry benchmark. Overall absenteeism of the plant is below 3.8%.

Silver Trophy

Shriram Pistons and Rings Limited (Ghaziabad Plant):

Plant is visual factory and has been adjudged "The Best Plant for 2008-09" by Honda Supplier Club. Shriram Pistons and Rings Limited (SPRL) is single source to 17 OEMs for 135 parts supplied to them.

The company has reduced its dependence to its collaborators through in-house design and development capabilities. Incoming Quality is below 500 ppm whereas finished Goods Quality is less than 25 ppm.

SPRL has also won various awards like: TPM special award from JIPM, Q1 award from Ford and Best Vendor Performance award from Ashok Leyland & Maruti Suzuki India Limited.

Silver Trophy

Lumax Industries Limited (Dharuhera Plant)

Leadership accords a high focus on total employees' involvement. The company is fully equipped with in-house Design, Development and testing facilities.

The company follows TQM route for operational excellence. The company has been rated high and awarded by its major customers, like MSIL and HHML, for its outstanding QCD performance for the year 2008-09. The company has shown significant improvement in reducing its in-house rejection, rework and customer complaints.

Bronze Trophy

Asahi India Glass Limited (Bawal Plant):

Asahi India Glass Limited (AIS) is one of the leading manufacturers in India for tempered and laminated automotive glass, supplies to all major OEMs. The company, with support of its collaborators, has the competence to design, develop and test its products to meet the customers' need. The company holds 77% market share in its business and spends 1% of its profit every year in welfare activities as corporate social responsibility.

AIS has selectively chosen TQM route to bring organizational change and operational excellence. The company has won Deming Award in 2007. The company has been able to achieve almost zero warranty and customer complaints in 2008-09.

The Awardees had been selected by a panel of eminent Jury members. Mr.Pawan Munjal, Managing Director & CEO, Hero Honda Motors Limited, Chaired the ACMA Awards' Jury panel for 2008-09.

Other members of the Jury were Mr. Vinod Dasari, COO, Ashok Leyland Ltd.; Mr. Rajan Wadhra, Executive Vice President-R&D and New Product Development, Mahindra & Mahindra; Dr. Krishan Kumar, Director, Maruti Centre for Excellence and Mr.Shrikant Marathe, Director, ARAI.

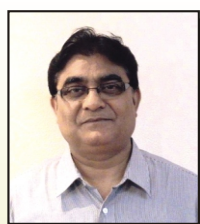
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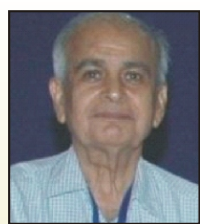
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