

# Society of Plastics Engineers

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**BLOW MOLDING DIVISION**

The SPE Blow Molding Division is proud to announce that its  
2016 Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipient is **Robert Jackson**  
**President of Jackson Machinery**

The Blow Molding Division's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Division's highest award, is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and contributions to the business, science and technical engineering aspects in the field of blow molding.

The awardee is selected by the Blow Molding Division's Board of Directors from nominees sponsored by the members of the Society of



## **BLOWMOLDING**

In 1968, Bob began working for Peninsular Machinery in Detroit, MI. Peninsular sold metal working tools and plastic processing equipment in the outstate region of Michigan.

Bob joined the society of Plastic Engineers, (which by the way was founded in Detroit, MI) and in 1970 began going through the chairs of the mid-Michigan Chapter of the SPE and later became president.

Bob attended General Motors Institute for plastic processing and subsequently went to work for the Beloit Corp., Plastic Machinery division, as the Product Manager for structural foam. He later became lead salesman for their injection molding group and managed to garner the largest single order for Beloit from Fisher Body.

Bob then moved on to become the youngest sales manager in the US for Farrel Injection molding machines. Two of his men were competing for the number one position in 1978. One of the men was covering GM the other Ford. The GM guy was going to win for sure. He had booked 14 million dollars. The other fellow who was normally number 1 or 2 stopped in Bob's office and said not to worry, I got it in the bag. Two weeks later he booked Farrels largest single order for 15.1 million dollars.

Shortly thereafter Bob decided to become an entrepreneur and get out of the plastic industry. This adventure lasted about one year and Bob returned to Hayssen Manufacturing as the Plastic Machinery Blow Molding Manager.

At this point he joined the Blow Molding Division of the SPE and went through the chairs and became president.

In 1986 Bob started Jackson Machinery, Inc. (JMI) in Port Washington, Wisconsin and for the next 30 years JMI manufactured new blow molding machinery, building large accumulator head machines called FlexiMatics, and smaller bottle machines called VersaMatics. As well as refurbishing used blow molding machines. They build special designs for thermo set blow molders and specialty products as necessary, including one of the first electric machines in the industry. JMI continues to innovate and recently has designed and built an 11 foot tall extremely large platen machine for kayaks.

JMI continues to grow and has become the exclusive North American agent for Hesta Blow Molding Machines, including both electric and hydraulic blow molding machines to complete in today's market.

Bob is a member of:

- Society of Plastic Engineers (received the SPE Honored Service Award)
- Society of the Plastic Industry
- Plastic Pioneers Association