



Tinnerman Earns American Axle Award and Toyota Certificate for Quality Performance

Tinnerman, a world leader in offering automotive and industrial equipment manufacturers connection engineering solutions that simplify and revolutionize the way products are assembled, was recently acknowledged for its outstanding quality and performance by American Axle & Manufacturing and Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, Inc.

The connection engineering company most recently earned the American Axle award for perfect delivery and quality with zero defective parts-per-million delivered and 100 percent on time deliveries for more than three million parts in 2006. Tinnerman was one of eight suppliers out of 250 to have received this honor. The company was recognized for its achievement during American Axle's Supplier Day held at American Axle's corporate headquarters in Detroit.

Tinnerman was also awarded a Certificate of Achievement from Toyota for the company's accomplishment of exceeding the quality performance goals in 2006 set as part of Toyota's Annual Purchasing Policy activity. Tinnerman's quality performance delivered a parts-per-million defect rate of one in 2006 with 100 percent on time delivery of more than eight million parts. This is the fifth year that Tinnerman has received this award.

"These awards reinforce Tinnerman's role in the industry as a quality leader in connection engineering solutions," said Jeff Steiner, executive vice president and chief marketing officer of Tinnerman. "We are honored to have received recognition highlighting our continuing commitment to quality products and satisfaction among our customers."

Tinnerman (www.tinnerman.com) is a world leader in the design, production and supply of highly engineered connection systems that significantly reduce product assembly labor, warranty costs and product assembly complexity. Products produced by Tinnerman include; spring steel fasteners, precision stampings, plastic components, automation and assembly aids and complete sub-assemblies to automotive and industrial original equipment manufacturers. The company's major customers include, Chrysler Group, Ford, General Electric, General Motors, Honda, John Deere, Johnson Controls, Lear, Mattel, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan and Toyota.

With headquarters in Brunswick, Ohio, the company operates engineering and sales offices in Southfield, Mich.; Chard, England; and Tokyo; and manufacturing operations in Brunswick, Ohio; Flemingsburg, Ky.; Mountainside, N.J.; Logansport, Ind.; and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.