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Our Technical Team

Jason Merkle Technical Manager

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 2012

Education: M.S., Plastics Engineering Technology, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, B.S., Plastics Engineering Technology, Ferris State University

Location: Clarkston, MI, Headquarters

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ OEM support and market strategy development
- ▶ Material selection with necessary approvals
- ▶ Customer education on emerging markets and materials
- ▶ Automotive approval navigation and sponsorship for new opportunities



Andy Conte Technical Development Engineer

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 1980

Education: B.S., Chemical Engineering, Cornell University

Location: Clarkston, MI, Headquarters

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ Extrusion and rotational molding
- ▶ Material processing and troubleshooting
- ▶ Material selection
- ▶ Product and tool design
- ▶ Scientific molding
- ▶ Statistical process control and process validation



Bill Parent Senior Technical Development Engineer

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 1991

Location: Greater Chicago Area, IL

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ Material processing and troubleshooting
- ▶ Material selection
- ▶ Material trainings customized for processors and engineers
- ▶ Product and tool design
- ▶ Scientific molding



Taylor Kijak Technical Development Engineer

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 2011

Education: B.S., Plastics and Polymer Engineering Technology, Pennsylvania College of Technology

Location: Greensboro, NC

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ Part and tool design
- ▶ Scientific molding
- ▶ Tool validation
- ▶ Material selection
- ▶ Material processing and troubleshooting



Richard Leibfried Technical Development Engineer

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 1989

Education: B.S. Polymer Science, Penn State University

Location: Greater Philadelphia, PA

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ High performance polymers
- ▶ Materials selection and specification
- ▶ Metal to plastic conversion
- ▶ Material processing and troubleshooting
- ▶ Thermoplastic composite and hybrid manufacturing



Jim Wirwille Technical Development Engineer

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 2014

Education: M.S., Plastics Engineering, University of Massachusetts Lowell, B.S., Plastics Engineering Technology, Ferris State University

Location: Greater Detroit Area, MI

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ High heat and performance polymers
- ▶ Material selection
- ▶ Scientific injection molding and troubleshooting
- ▶ Failure analysis
- ▶ Material characterization
- ▶ Part and tool design



Andrea Kendrick

Technical Training Engineer

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 2015

Education: B.S., Plastics Engineering Technology, Ferris State University

Location: Clarkston, MI, Headquarters

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ Technical training and presentations
- ▶ Internal and external technical education over various topics, including, but not limited to:
 - ▶ Material selection
 - ▶ Scientific molding
 - ▶ Specifications
 - ▶ Part and tool design



Justin McIver

Market Development Engineer
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Experience: In the plastics industry since 2013

Education: B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University

Location: Greater Cleveland Area, OH

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ Material selection and product development
- ▶ High performance polymers
- ▶ Program support from OEM to molder
- ▶ Part and tool design
- ▶ Key market analysis and strategy



Brian Clem

Market Development Engineer
– Automotive

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Experience: In the plastics industry since 1991

Education: B.S., Plastics Engineering Technology, Ferris State University

Location: Clarkston, MI, Headquarters

Areas of expertise:

- ▶ Program support from OEM to molder
- ▶ Material selection with necessary approvals
- ▶ Approval sponsorships for new opportunities
- ▶ Material selection expertise in automotive lighting, exterior, and interior component applications



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