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## **Kryton Engineered Metals Wins Quality Award**

CLEVELAND, OH—November 9, 2015—Kryton Engineered Metals, Cedar Falls, IA, has received the 2015 Pridgeon & Clay Excellence in Quality Award as part of the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA) Awards of Excellence in Metalforming. Established in 1981, the company is a leader of spun metal component and fabrication parts.

Kryton's outstanding quality system includes executive management commitment, management review, software featuring paperless shop floor data entry and real-time interaction, a dedication to team member training and education, customer partnerships to reduce nonconformance, and preventive action.

Kryton management reviews all activities relevant to ISO certification requirements. Quality staff presents to management a monthly operations report that includes detailed information and charts on all aspects of the operations, including customer on-time delivery, PPM ratings, shipments, scrap and much more. This report is distributed to all Kryton employees via e-mail, and pertinent charts are shared through electronic message boards throughout the facility.

Kryton also uses ERP production software featuring paperless shop data entry and real-time interaction. At the conclusion of each operation, the system prints a move ticket that shows the step completed and the next step required, providing accurate identification for all products in process. A scrap tag also is printed immediately on nonconformance so that material is identified and quarantined.

Scrap is reconciled daily through the ERP software. This system also allows for a Cause and Corrective Action or Internal 8D to be issued if needed. Scrap is calculated through the exact operation point the part was scrapped, providing accurate cost data. As a result, Kryton has realized a dramatic scrap reduction.

Kryton believes in continuous learning for its team members, offering an education/tuition-reimbursement program for employees as well as employee training onsite and offsite to keep employees up to date on job knowledge. The company has five team members who are bronze-certified in lean manufacturing, one team member who is a Six Sigma certified blue belt and another who is Six Sigma green belt certified.

Kryton is a strategic partner with its largest customer, and many others, in an effort to reduce nonconformance. This typically includes quarterly interface meetings in addition to training and meetings at corporate offices.

The Quality Award is one of eight Awards of Excellence in Metalforming, presented annually by PMA. Sponsored by Pridgeon & Clay, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI, the award recognizes outstanding achievement by a manufacturing company in the development and implementation of a company-wide quality system that effectively uses continuous improvement. Along with recognition in industry publications and at exhibitions, Kryton will receive a \$1,500 cash prize.

PMA is the full-service trade association representing the \$137-billion metalforming industry of North America—the industry that creates precision metal products using stamping, fabricating, spinning, slide forming and roll forming technologies, and other value-added processes. Its nearly 900 member companies also include suppliers of equipment, materials and services to the industry. PMA leads innovative member companies toward superior competitiveness and profitability through advocacy, networking, statistics, the PMA Educational Foundation, FABTECH and METALFORM Mexico tradeshows, and *MetalForming*, *Fabricating Product News* and *3D Metal Printing* magazines.

Editor's Note: Information on PMA's Awards of Excellence in Metalforming is available at [www.pma.org/awards](http://www.pma.org/awards).