



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Power Test Wins  
2012 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award  
Sussex company wins small category grand award**

**Milwaukee** – Power Test, Inc. is one of eight Wisconsin companies awarded a prestigious Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. The winners were announced Thursday night at a black tie banquet honoring the 58 nominees.

Power Test, Inc. is a global leader in the design, manufacture and sale of dynamometers, heavy equipment testing systems and related data acquisition and control systems. For 36 years Power Test, Inc. has marketed products to manufacturers, rebuilding facilities and distributors in the mining, power generation, marine, trucking, construction and military markets in over 80 countries. They operate under the philosophy of “We Make It Better” in all that they do, and they strive to make great products that improve their customer’s businesses.

Power Test, Inc. has experienced remarkably strong growth across the board in sales, profits, and employment even in the wake of recent recessions. Their impressive wellness program, which includes semi-annual in-house testing run by the U.S. Army using the Army Physical Fitness Test, is on track and producing desirable results. In 2012 the company made substantial donations to more than 50 charitable organizations, the vast majority located in Wisconsin. Power Test, Inc. created a new training division called Manufacturer’s Resource Training (MRT) which involves training students, and not necessarily for Power Test’s own benefit. Power Test, Inc. expects to hire one of the students per class with the remaining hired by other manufacturing companies. The program is designed to bridge the gap between companies looking for qualified entry level machine operators and people seeking to begin a career in the manufacturing sector but lacking the specific skills to be hired.

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Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year, the Manufacturer of the Year Award program recognizes manufacturers of all sizes and industries for their contributions to the great state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges representing industry, education, and the public sector.

The accounting and advisory firm of Baker Tilly, the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, and the business association Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce sponsor the MOTY awards program. Additional information can be found online at [www.wimoty.com](http://www.wimoty.com) or by calling (800) 362-7301.

The 2012 winners are:

**Grand Awards**

Greenheck Fan Corporation, Schofield - Mega Category  
Walker Forge, Inc., Clintonville - Large Category  
Weldall Mfg., Inc., Waukesha- Medium Category  
Power Test, Inc., Sussex - Small Category  
OEM Fabricators, Inc., Woodville - Workforce Development Category

**Special Awards**

Alliance Laundry Systems, LLC, Ripon - Market Leadership Award  
HUSCO Automotive Holdings, LLC, Whitewater - Technology Innovation & Impact Award  
Nekoosa Coated Products, LLC, Nekoosa - Operational Excellence Award

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