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## **SPE® AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (ACCE) ANNOUNCES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR INNOVATIVE PARTS COMPETITION AT 2025 EVENT**

### **PROTOTYPE AND PRODUCTION PARTS ARE ELIGIBLE**

**TROY (DETROIT) MICH.-** The organizing committee for the SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition (ACCE) today issued a call for nominations for its annual innovative parts competition at the 2025 conference, September 3-5 in Novi, Michigan.

Any registered conference participant (speaker, sponsor/exhibitor, or attendee) may nominate original equipment or aftermarket composite parts on automotive, heavy truck, or other transportation applications from anywhere in the world. Prototype parts are also eligible. Companies, organizations and universities are encouraged to participate and be recognized for their innovative production parts or prototypes. The vehicle producer must give permission and the part must be brought to the SPE ACCE for a formal review by judges.

A total of five prizes will be awarded including four for the most innovative Production Part and Prototype Part in Materials Innovation and Process Innovation categories (selected by judges who are industry experts and members of the SPE ACCE planning committee) and one People's Choice award winner will be selected by conference attendees. Winning teams will receive recognition and a trophy at the event.

Nomination abstracts are due June 30, 2025 and final nominations are due July 30, 2025. See Nomination instructions: <https://speautomotive.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-SPE-ACCE-PartsCompetition.pdf>

For more info contact Part Competition Chair - Dr. Leonardo Simon: [LSimon@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:LSimon@uwaterloo.ca).

For more info on ACCE go to: <http://speautomotive.com/acce-conference> .

## **About the SPE ACCE**

Held annually in suburban Detroit, the ACCE typically draws over 500 speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and attendees and provides an environment dedicated solely to discussion, education and displays about advances in transportation composites. Its global appeal is evident in the diversity of exhibitors, speakers, and attendees who come to the conference from Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia/Pacific as well as North America. About 20% of attendees work for automotive and light truck, agriculture, truck & bus or aviation OEMs and another 25% represent tier suppliers. Attendees also work for composite materials processing equipment; resin, additives, carbon fiber, glass or other reinforcement suppliers; trade associations; consultancies; university and government labs; media; and investment banks. The show has been jointly produced by the SPE Automotive and Composites Divisions since 2001.

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