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**SPE® ACCE 2026 – AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXPO OPENS  
ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAPER/PRESENTATION PORTAL**

**TROY (DETROIT), MICH.** – The organizing committee for the 26th Annual SPE® Automotive Composites Conference & Expo (ACCE) announced that registration and the Call for Papers portal are now open for the 2026 event, taking place September 9–10, 2026 at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace in Novi, Michigan (Metro Detroit).

The 2026 conference theme is “Composites: Advancing Mobility.” The SPE® ACCE is the “World’s Leading Automotive Composites Forum” dedicated to discussing the latest advances in composites for transportation applications.

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://whova.com/portal/registration/qcXE8JluKyL7GPMmaE02/>

Researchers, engineers, and industry experts are invited to submit technical paper abstracts through the online submission portal. Abstracts are due April 26, 2026. Selected papers will be presented during the conference technical sessions and provide an opportunity to share innovations in materials, processing, design, and manufacturing for advanced composite structures.

The ACCE technical program will once again feature a diverse range of topics covering:

- Automotive and other transportation composite applications
- Materials development and sustainability
- Manufacturing processes and automation
- Tooling, equipment, and design engineering
- Emerging mobility technologies
- Sustainability

**SUBMIT ABSTRACTS HERE:**

[https://whova.com/call\\_for\\_speakers/bgfLpcfQZDo928dOxoqsP5YvD%40ogXSLs2SGuJSFIQ Qm%40QcyCSYZTci0yZ-htKtp5/](https://whova.com/call_for_speakers/bgfLpcfQZDo928dOxoqsP5YvD%40ogXSLs2SGuJSFIQ Qm%40QcyCSYZTci0yZ-htKtp5/)

To encourage strong participation from vehicle manufacturers and transportation innovators, complimentary conference registration is available for qualified OEM professionals.

Eligible OEM sectors eligible for free registration include:

- Automotive,
- Heavy Truck,
- Bus,
- Military / Defense,
- eVTOL,
- Recreational Vehicle,
- Aerospace;
- And More

OEM participation has long been a hallmark of the ACCE, helping foster collaboration across the full transportation supply chain. Contact [intuitgroup@gmail.com](mailto:intuitgroup@gmail.com) to register for a complimentary OEM pass.

Organizations looking to increase their visibility within the composites community are encouraged to explore the 2026 ACCE sponsorship opportunities. A range of sponsorship packages are available, offering companies the ability to showcase their technology, strengthen industry relationships, and gain direct exposure to decision-makers from OEMs, Tier suppliers, material producers, and research organizations. Sponsorship options include brand visibility across conference marketing, exhibit opportunities, networking events, and other high-profile placements throughout the event.

**2026 Sponsors to date include:**

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**Held annually in suburban Detroit, the ACCE** currently draws approximately 450 speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and attendees worldwide and provides an environment dedicated solely to discussion, education and networking about advances in transportation composites. 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, additives, or 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. <https://speautomotive.com/acce-conference/>

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