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Saporito Named Top Vendor By Task Force Tips

Cicero, IL . . . Saporito Finishing Company, specialists in finishes for aluminum, magnesium and zinc die castings, has received the Vendor of the Year Award from Task Force Tips (TFT), a manufacturer of high performance fire suppression equipment based in Valparaiso, IN.

Saporito was selected from 271 suppliers for their work in anodizing and plating aluminum nozzle parts.

Companies were judged on a nine-point vendor checklist that measured performance against technical standards as well as overall business practices. This is the second time Saporito has won the award from TFT.



“One of the key measures is how many parts are non-conforming per ISO 9000 standards. Saporito only had six or seven problems out of the tens of thousands of parts they supply to us,” said Kevin Briggs, materials manager for TFT. “In addition, they’re a good partner in terms of turnaround and adapting quickly to our changing needs.”

Specific selection criteria included product quality and performance; consistency and accuracy of delivery and the packing of product and shipping quality. Other measures included competitive pricing; invoicing accuracy; knowledge and helpfulness of the sales and support staff; and overall cooperation.

“In light of today’s stringent manufacturing requirements and expectations, this award is particularly gratifying,” said Mike Swasko, Saporito’s sales manager.

Saporito Finishing Company, located in the Chicago suburb of Cicero, IL, is an ISO certified company with more than 55 years of plating, anodizing, finishing and metal treatment knowledge, as well as tumbling and deburring capabilities. The company offers more than 135,000 square feet of processing area, supplemented by full service chemical laboratories serving customers in the electronic, aerospace, aircraft and commercial industries.

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