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News release

Composites One Unveils Customer Support Program Focused on Closed Mold Processes

*Closed Mold Technical Demo to be Held
Wednesday, October 1 at COMPOSITES 2003*

Anaheim, CA, October 1, 2003.... As part of their new Closed Mold Technologies program, Composites One will present a technical demonstration of light resin transfer molding, closed cavity bag molding and the vacuum infusion process at 9:15 am on Wednesday, October 1 during COMPOSITES 2003 in Anaheim. A new video introducing the Closed Mold Technologies program also will be on display at Composites One Booth # 505.

“As the leader in composites distribution, Composites One is committed to helping customers learn about new processes and applications. That’s why we’ve taken a leadership role in closed mold technology, primarily light resin transfer molding (Light RTM) and closed cavity bag molding (CCBM),” said Composites One President and Chief Operating Officer Leon Garoufalis.

Garoufalis explained that both processes are versions of the same technology used to produce precision parts for applications requiring closer tolerances and improved surface cosmetics. Light RTM and CCBM are ideal for production runs in which the same part – with the same quality, thickness and size – are required. Both processes also require less time and labor, increasing productivity.

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Compared to open molding, closed molding processes prevent styrene and other emissions from escaping into the atmosphere, improving conditions for shop employees while helping fabricators meet environmental regulations. Closed molding also results in less material waste.

An increasing number of manufacturers are using Light RTM and CCBM to produce parts ranging from boat hulls to satellite dishes. "Getting into closed molding may be easier than customers think," added Garoufalis.

To help customers make the transition, Composites One has developed technical support and training programs focused on closed molding processes. The Composites One product line includes a full range of resins, reinforcement materials and accessories used in closed molding, as well as materials used for open molding.

"By moving to closed molding, manufacturers can produce better parts, and provide better value for their customers," said Garoufalis. "They'll also have cleaner, more compliant, more productive manufacturing floors. That's good for them, and it's good for our industry," he added.

Composites One is headquartered in Arlington Heights, IL. For more information about resins and reinforcement materials used in closed molding, and a free copy of their new video, *What Closed Molding Can Do for You*, visit Composites One Booth # 505 during COMPOSITES 2003 in Anaheim, October 1-3. For more information, visit www.compositesone.com or call 800-621-8003.

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