



IndustryWeek's Best Plants **Awards Competition:** *A Guide*

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Established in 1990, the IndustryWeek Best Plants Awards program annually recognizes plants, located in North America, that are on the leading edge of efforts to increase competitiveness, enhance customer satisfaction, and create stimulating and rewarding work environments.

Its further goal is to encourage other manufacturing managers and work teams to emulate the honorees by adopting world-class practices, technologies, and improvement strategies.

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IndustryWeek's Best Plants Award Winners, 1990-2023



Find every IndustryWeek Best Plants Award winner from 1990, the first year of the competition, to 2023.

2023 Winners

Cooper Standard Mixing Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes, Mexico

Intertape Polymer Group, Carbondale, Ill.

2022 Winners

NOV Texas Oil Tools, Conroe, Texas

Protolabs Injection Molding Facility, Plymouth, Minnesota

The Raymond Corporation, Greene, New York

Sandvik Coromant PU Westminster, Westminster, South Carolina

2020/21 Winners

Brose Tuscaloosa Inc., Vance, Alabama

Intertape Polymer Group Inc., Tremonton, Utah

Thermo Fisher Scientific, Greenville, North Carolina

2019 Winners



Eligibility

- Be a single manufacturing plant or a combination of related facilities within a specific geographic location (not to exceed a 25-mile distance from plant to plant) and under the direction of a single management team.
- Have completed at least three years of operation as of **January 1, 2024**. Plant startup on or before **January 1, 2021**.
- Be located within the United States or its territories, Mexico, or Canada. Eligibility is not limited to plants owned by U.S.-based parent companies.
- Not have been honored as an IW Best Plants in the previous two years.



Application Fee

Fee is based on total company-wide employment, not the number of employees at the specific manufacturing location entering the competition.

- \$495 for small companies (<250 employees)
- \$995 for medium companies (250-999 employees)
- \$1,495 for large companies (>999 employees)

Any discount opportunities? Yes.



Timeline

March 4	Early bird deadline* for return of completed entry forms
March 18	Deadline for return of completed entry forms
April	Selection of finalists. Round 2 questionnaires
April-May	Follow-up with finalists
July-August	Winners announced
Fall 2024	IW Best Plants winners articles published

*20% off application fee



What Makes an “IW Best Plant”?

- Outstanding performance metrics
- Emphasis on continuous improvement
- Holistic achievement (*What’s that?*)
 - ▶▶ Leadership
 - ▶▶ Employee Practices
 - ▶▶ Supply Chain
 - ▶▶ Manufacturing & Flexibility
 - ▶▶ Inventory Management
 - ▶▶ Competitiveness
 - ▶▶ Quality
 - ▶▶ Safety
 - ▶▶ Technology
 - ▶▶ Maintenance
 - ▶▶ Environmental Stewardship



Helpful Links

- Direct to entry form: <https://iwbestplants.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/219/home>
- About the IW Best Plants: <https://industryweek.com/22012282>
- Manufacturing glossary: <https://industryweek.com/22011745>
- Complete winners list: <https://industryweek.com/22012192>
- IW Best Plants Home:
<https://www.industryweek.com/resources/industryweek-best-plants-awards>
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Final Deadline: March 18, 2024

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Application Process Details

Read through the application process details and additional helpful tools [at this link](#). Or here: [About the IndustryWeek Best Plants](#).

View the [Application Glossary at this link](#).

Contact Jill Jusko for questions jjusko@industryweek.com

Full Plant Name *

How has that indicator changed over the past 3 years?

- Increased ([Clear Selection](#))
- Decreased

Footnotes for Management Practices section, if needed

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SAVE

SAVE AND NEXT



Helpful Hints

- For essay questions, provide as much detail, metrics, and anecdotal support as possible in the space provided. *Answer the question.*
- Avoid acronyms and abbreviations.
- Nothing can be reduced more than 100.
- If your plant uses metrics that differ from those requested, attempt to convert to the requested metric, and also submit the actual plant metric (add a footnote if necessary). If still unknown, leave the space blank; do not answer “0.”
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Questions?

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