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### Field Fastener Merges with Mid-State Bolt & Nut

**Field Fastener**, Rockford, IL, USA, has merged with **Mid-State Bolt & Nut Company**, a full-line fastener distributor headquartered in Columbus, OH, USA. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Mid-State Bolt & Nut Company, founded in 1946, brings value to the OEM marketplace through creative and efficient supply chain solutions for fasteners and other direct materials. This strategic partnership will enhance both



firms' combined position in North America by expanding the products, services and geographical area in which they service customers. Both companies become more equipped to support current and prospective customers while providing technical services to drive short and long-term cost savings.

"We've known Field and the **Derry** family for many years, and based on their culture, growth and future vision, we know that our team, customers and suppliers are in good hands by merging with Field," says **Dave Broehm**, Mid-State President. Dave will be stepping down as President, but will be staying on in a consultant role to assist with the transition. Dave's two sons currently in the family business, **Michael** and **Andrew**, will be staying on with the company. "What most impressed me was the quality of the people at Mid-State and their commitment to do whatever it takes to support the customer and one another. You can't teach this and it very much aligns with the culture of Field. We couldn't be more excited to welcome the Mid-State team and customer base into the Field family," says **Adam Derry**, President of Field. [www.fieldfastener.com](http://www.fieldfastener.com)

### Fastener Fair Global 2023 Set for a Strong Comeback

After four years, *Fastener Fair Global 2023*, the 9<sup>th</sup> international event dedicated to the fastener and fixing industry, returns to Stuttgart, Germany, March 21 to 23, 2023. The exhibition again provides an opportunity to establish new contacts and build successful business relationships between suppliers, manufacturers, distributors,

engineers, etc., from various production and manufacturing sectors looking for fastening technologies. Taking place in halls 1, 3, 5 and 7 at the **Messe Stuttgart** exhibition centre, over 850 companies have already confirmed their participation at the event, covering a net exhibition space of over 22,000 m<sup>2</sup>. International firms from 44 countries



will exhibit at the show, representing SMEs and large multinational enterprises from Germany, Italy, China, Taiwan, India, Turkey, Netherlands, the UK, Spain and France. Show organizer **RX Global** reports, "With predictions of industry growth at a steady rate (CAGR +4.5% from 2022 to 2030) due to population growth, high investment in the construction sector and rising demand for industrial fasteners in the automotive and aerospace sectors, *Fastener Fair Global 2023* seeks to show the innovations and companies at the forefront of this growth in the industry." [www.fastenerfairglobal.com](http://www.fastenerfairglobal.com)

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**Wencor Group Acquires Aero-Glen International**  
**Wencor Group**, a leading solutions provider to the aerospace and defense markets, has acquired Aero-Glen International, LLC. "The acquisition accelerates our strategy to offer best-in-class distribution and value-added services to the defense/commercial aerospace markets, and enhances our aftermarket hardware offering," says Wencor CEO, **Shawn Trogdon**.

[www.wencor.com](http://www.wencor.com)

### U.S. Appeals Court Allows Higher Tariffs on Nails and Fasteners

**Reuters**, reports a U.S. federal appeals court upheld imposition of higher tariffs on some imported steel products, reversing a lower court ruling that the **Trump** administration waited too long to act. The court decision covers imports of steel items such as nails and fasteners that were subjected to 25% tariffs in a January 2020 proclamation by then-President Donald Trump. Similar tariffs on other imported steel items had been imposed in 2018, after then-Commerce Secretary **Wilbur Ross** found that imports threatened national security by eroding demand for U.S. steel and depressing domestic steel-producing capacity.

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## Packer Fastener Family of Companies Announces Leadership Changes

The **Packer Fastener** family of companies, two of them based in Green Bay, WI, USA, **Packer Fastener** and **Packer Freight**, and Chicago IL, USA-based **Albolt Manufacturing**, have recently announced promotions of four key executives.

**Terry Albrecht**, who is Chief Executive Officer (CEO), says, "We offer a comprehensive range of fasteners and industrial supplies through Packer Fastener, logistics and freight brokerage services through Packer Freight and the production of customized fastener solutions through Albolt Manufacturing. And by restructuring our leadership model and promoting talent from within, we have set the foundation for future growth and expansion."

As part of these changes, Terry Albrecht will continue in his role as principal owner and will now serve as the CEO of the three



Terry Albrecht



Jason Ledvina



Amy Seehafer



Brian Hogeland

sister companies.

**Jason Ledvina** who most recently served as Vice President and General Manager, will now assume the position of President of Packer Fastener.

**Amy Seehafer**, MA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, who became a part of the Packer organizations in 2021 as the Director of People, is now serving in the position of the Chief Operations Officer (COO) over Packer Fastener, Packer Freight and Albolt Manufacturing.

**Brian Hogeland**, who joined the Packer organizations in 2021 as the Director of Finance, has now been promoted to the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Packer Fastener, Packer Freight and Albolt Manufacturing.

You can learn more at:

[www.packerfastener.com](http://www.packerfastener.com)

[www.packerfreight.com](http://www.packerfreight.com)

[www.alboltmfg.com](http://www.alboltmfg.com)

### Winsupply names Jeffrey M. Dice President

The Board of Directors of Winsupply Inc., Dayton, OH, USA, has elected Jeffrey M. Dice as President of Winsupply Inc. effective March 1, 2023. Dice, currently the President of Winsupply Equity Group, will replace Winsupply Inc. President, John McKenzie, who is retiring on February 28, 2023.

"For more than 18 years, Jeff Dice has been an essential, respected contributor to Winsupply's success," said Rick Schwartz, Chairman of the Board. "Jeff brings both depth and breadth of experience across all of Winsupply's support services—plus a long list of continuous, positive results—to his new role of leading the entire Winsupply organization on its trajectory of growth."

Dice joined Winsupply in 2004



as a Regional Financial Officer for Winsupply Group Services - Dayton.  
[www.winsupplyinc.com](http://www.winsupplyinc.com)

### Martin Wurm to Sales Manager North America at Nedschroef Machinery

Nedschroef Machinery announces that Martin (Marty) Wurm has been appointed as the Sales Manager-North America for Nedschroef's line of cold, warm and hot forming equipment. Wurm will be responsible for all machinery sales and will assist Josh Swim at Nedschroef Detroit Corp. in after sales and service.

Marty brings 45 years of experience in the coldforming industry including 39 years in engineering and after sales/management at an OEM manufacture of coldforming equipment. Wurm has built an extensive network in our industry.

[www.nedschroefmachinery.com](http://www.nedschroefmachinery.com)

## Nancy Rich to Retire from Mid-West Fastener Association

After an unprecedented 40 years of service, working devotedly as the Executive Director for the **Mid-West Fastener Association (MWFA)**, Nancy Rich, a resident of Lake Zurich, IL, USA, is set to retire at the end of 2023. Nancy joined the **Chicago Bolt, Nut & Screw Association (CBNSA)**, precursor to the MWFA in 1984, after a few years' of dedicated service with **Cronin Fasteners**. During her time with the MWFA, her contributions were incredible and vast. She helped to break the gender barrier, pioneering women to stay involved and remain active in a male-dominated industry. Nancy pushed the Board of Directors to be diligent on what mattered most, education, spawning the associations



mission statement "Where education is a Priority". She was instrumental in bringing together various industry associations to get the *Fastener Quality Act* accepted in DC, which Congress ultimately passed/signed into law. Nancy led and guided the Board to raise and distribute over US\$1,000,000 to fastener members and their families, orchestrating the largest scholarship program our industry knows today. She also runs one of the largest golf outings in our industry. Nancy has been a calming voice, a mentor, an influencer and a motivator to 31 past presidents. A 2021 MWFA and IFE Hall of Fame inductee, Nancy not only is irreplaceable, but will be sorely missed by all. [www.mwfa.net](http://www.mwfa.net)

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### Würth Industry North America Continues as FTI Sustaining Sponsor

The **Fastener Training Institute (FTI)** says **Würth Industry North America (WINA)** will continue as sustaining sponsor in 2023.

"Würth's continued support is instrumental to our ability to offer frequent and robust educational opportunities, which enhance knowledge, safety and reliability across the fastener industry," said **John Wachman**, FTI Managing Director. "Thanks to Würth's support, FTI will continue to offer an extensive menu of in-person fastener training classes by leading industry expert instructors."



[www.fastenertraining.org](http://www.fastenertraining.org)

### Century Fasteners Hires Michelle Olson as Manager

Fastener distributor **Century Fasteners Corp.**, Elmhurst, NY, USA, has hired fastener industry sourcing and purchasing expert **Michelle Olson**, as the Strategic Sourcing Manager. Olson joins the Century team with over 30 years of sales, sourcing and purchasing experience in the commercial, industrial, electronics, medical, and MRO industry. The Strategic Sourcing Manager reports to the Director of Purchasing, **Gene Fedrick**.

[www.CenturyFasteners.com](http://www.CenturyFasteners.com)

### New STAFDA logo

The Specialty Tools & Fasteners Distributors Association (STAFDA), Elm Grove, WI, USA, has a new face. STAFDA's blue triangle logo with "Stan the STAFDA Man" was recently



updated to give it a more contemporary look. STAFDA's traditional logo has tremendous brand recognition with Stan and the late '70s groovy script, but for 2023 and beyond, Stan Jr. will now be the face of STAFDA with a modern image and font.

STAFDA is transitioning to the new logo for all its branding. The association is also working on a fresh new website that will encourage more member engagement. The updated website is expected to debut in late Q1.

[www.stafda.org](http://www.stafda.org)

### Generational Equity advises Fasteners, Inc. in its sale to Monroe Engineering

Generational Equity, a leading mergers and acquisitions advisor for privately held businesses, is pleased to announce the sale of

its client, Fasteners, Inc. to Monroe Engineering. The acquisition closed January 31, 2023. Fasteners, Inc., Englewood, CO, USA, was founded in 1965, and is a wholesale fastener distribution company.

Generational Equity Managing Director-M&A, Chad Comroe, said, "The Fasteners' shareholders were intent on finding a buyer that would create opportunities for the future success of the employees."

Headquartered in Rochester Hills, MI, USA, Monroe Engineering is an *ISO 9001:2015* and *AS9100D*-certified global industrial manufacturing company offering a broad product line serving a diverse customer base.

[www.genequitycocom](http://www.genequitycocom)

### Corporate Promotions at Stanley Black & Decker

Stanley Black & Decker, New Britain, CT, USA, announced the appointment of John T. Lucas to Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO). He will join the executive team and report to Stanley Black & Decker President & CEO, Donald Allan, Jr. In this role, Lucas will be responsible for the



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### James Aust to Sales Director at Clarendon Specialty Fasteners

**James Aust**, who has been the Global Motorsport Manager at **Clarendon Specialty Fasteners Ltd. (CSF)**, has now been promoted to Sales Director- Motorsport & Industrial.



**Paul Sanders**, Managing Director at CSF, said, "I'm delighted to announce the promotion of James Aust as the new Sales Director for Motorsport and Industrial divisions.

Aust joined Clarendon over six years ago and has progressively developed through the business, originally joining as a Sales Engineer and more recently responsible for managing the Global Motorsport business.

Clarendon Specialty Fasteners is a leading stockist and distributor of fastening systems to the aerospace, motorsport, defense and industrial markets.

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## Fastener Distributor Index (FDI) Rebounds to 47.7

The FDI rebounded modestly last month with another contractionary reading of 47.7, seasonally adjusted, rising from 43.8 the previous month.

The Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) continued its decline coming in at 41.4 after an already weak 45.0 reading in December.

Hear episode #185 of the **Fully Threaded Radio** podcast as **Abbott-Interfast** President **Bob "GQ" Baer** joins *Fastener Technology International* magazine Editor

**Mike McNulty** for further commentary and analysis.

Please share the FDI with your fellow North American fastener distributors and encourage them to participate:

[www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/FastenerDistributorIndex](http://www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/FastenerDistributorIndex)

[www.fullythreaded.com](http://www.fullythreaded.com)

[www.fdisurvey.com](http://www.fdisurvey.com)



### Fastener Distribution Trends: January 2023

FASTENER DISTRIBUTION AT A GLANCE											
January 2023											
	Index Values										Rate of Change
	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Direction	
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	47.4	48.4	49.0	50.2	50.9	52.8	52.8	53.0	56.1	Declining	Faster
<b>FDI</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>52.7</b>	Declining	Slower
<b>FLI</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>55.4</b>	Declining	Faster
<b>(Other Metrics)</b>											
Sales	44.7	37.9	59.8	27.9	43.9	51.9	43.2	65.5	56.3	Declining	Slower
Employment	48.1	50.0	57.9	53.6	47.8	53.4	62.5	59.1	62.9	Declining	Faster
Supplier Deliveries	44.4	40.3	47.4	46.4	54.3	55.2	52.1	65.2	69.4	Declining	Slower
Respondent Inventories	72.2	71.0	72.4	69.6	58.7	72.4	66.7	63.6	62.9	Growing	Faster
Customer Inventories	55.6	45.2	55.3	48.2	39.1	46.6	27.1	28.8	27.4	Growing	Faster
Pricing, month-to-month	53.7	58.1	52.6	53.6	52.2	65.5	68.8	68.2	77.4	Growing	Slower
Pricing, year-to-year	74.1	75.8	78.9	87.5	87.0	91.4	91.7	90.9	95.2	Growing	Slower
						Higher	Same	Lower			
6-Month Outlook - January						37%	30%	33%			

*FDI and Pricing are diffusion indexes. At 50, the performance of the category listed met expectations. A reading above 50 suggests the category outperformed expectations, while a reading below 50 suggests the category underperformed expectations.*

Source: Baird, FCH Sourcing Network, Institute for Supply Management

company's global human resources strategy and operations as well as



talent management including recruitment and leadership development, compensation and benefits. Current interim CHRO, Deborah K. Wintner, will assume the role of CHRO for the company's largest segment, Tools & Outdoor.

Stanley Black & Decker has also announced the appointment of Patrick Hallinan to Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, effective April 6, 2023.

Hallinan, who succeeds interim CFO, Corbin Walburger, will report to Donald Allan Jr., President and CEO of Stanley Black & Decker. Walburger will resume his previous role as Vice



President of Business Development. [www.stanleyblackanddecker.com](http://www.stanleyblackanddecker.com)

### New Acument Website

Still the same reliable company, but with a brand new website, Acument Global Technologies, Sterling Heights, MI, USA, a Fontana Gruppo company, is proud to unveil its new North American website. The new site is designed to showcase Acument's products, services and experts, and to get you to the information you need quickly.



As one of the world's leading mechanical fastening producers, the company is also known for some of the longest-standing and

## TR Fastenings Receives Award from Honda and Adds Smart Mobility Solutions to Product Range

TR Fastenings' PSEP Management Team was presented an award by **Boon Siew Honda** in late November 2022. **Tong Ping Siong** and **Philips George** received the award on behalf of their team. This was of special significance to the TR team as the pandemic and manufacturing restrictions imposed by the Malaysian government to control COVID meant that they had to work diligently to ensure that no customers were impacted. The award was given based on service and quality as the best Chutanki-Cold Forging Manufacturer in their supply chain managing over 130 parts.

Boon Siew Honda is a joint venture company formed in 2008 between **Honda**

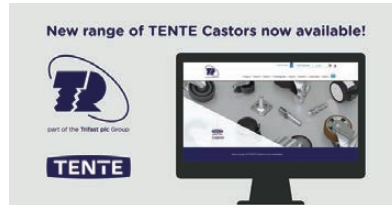


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**Motor Company** and **Oriental Holdings Bhd.** TR PSEP has many years of experience in supplying Japanese OEMs and has been a vendor to Honda since 2001.

Also, TR Fastenings and **TENTE Castors** are working together to enhance TR's already extensive sheet metal range. Existing products on the TR website, have been enhanced with over 150 new products including mobility solutions to a wide range of customers and applications.



New products include Swivel Braked Castors, Swivel Castors and Fixed Castors with accessories such as Circlip Stems, Stem Plates and Threaded Stems. [www.trfastenings.com](http://www.trfastenings.com)

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### AFC Acquires Motor City Industrial

**AFC Industries** has acquired **Motor City Industrial**, Detroit, MI, USA. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. With a broad line of value-added products, processes and technology, Motor City has been on the forefront of fastener and small component management and distribution services in the USA. Motor City offers customized product and inventory management solutions. The firm will continue to be led by **Joe Stephens** and the Motor City management Team.

[www.afcind.com](http://www.afcind.com)

### New Manufacturing Capability at Eastern Screw

**Eastern Screw Co.**, Cranston, RI, USA, offers new domestic self-drilling screw manufacturing capability. It includes 18-8, 316 and 410 stainless steel as well as Grade 5 with a 1000-hour coating. Diameters are from #4 through 1/4", with lengths up to 4". Self-Drilling Point selection is from #2 to #5, which covers material thicknesses 0.100" to 0.500". Minimum order quantities start at 1000 pieces and standard lead times are four to eight weeks depending on heat treat and plating selections.

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### Avantus Aerospace names Harun Sapmaz Fasteners Group CFO

Avantus Aerospace is pleased to confirm the appointment of Harun Sapmaz as the Fasteners Group CFO. He is now responsible for leading the efforts to transform the finance function into an integrated business partnership within the entire organization to improve

operational and financial performance. He will oversee the finance functions for California Screw Products, Fastener Innovation Technology and Fastener Technology Corporation.



[www.avantusaerospace.com](http://www.avantusaerospace.com)

### Fastenal surpasses \$1 billion in sales outside the USA

In 1994, Fastenal, Winona, MN, USA, opened a sales branch in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada. It had two employees and around US\$1800 in first-month sales, but it was Fastenal's first branch outside the USA. From this humble beginning, Fastenal's international (nonUSA) business has grown to include sales, service and support teams in 25 countries in the Americas, Europe and Asia. In 2022, these teams achieved an impressive milestone: US\$1 billion in annual sales.



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### Bulten Increases Holding in TensionCam; Streamlines Its Distribution Chain

Bulten has acquired an additional 36.5% of the shares

**BULTEN**  in **TensionCam Systems AB** at a

purchase price of SEK 4 million. The recent acquisition makes Bulten the majority owner with 63.5% of the company's shares. TensionCam is a Gothenburg, Sweden-based company that specializes in developing sensors measuring and monitoring clamp loads in screw joints. In addition to Bulten, TensionCam is owned by **Emergera AB**, which holds the remaining 36.5% of the company's shares.

Additionally, As part of Bulten's strategy to maintain a strong operational platform, the company has reviewed its global distribution chain. This has prompted a decision to close one of the two logistics centers in Sweden. The cost of the closure amounts to approximately SEK 1.5 million. "Streamlining the distribution chain will allow better transportation flows and thereby also reduce environmental impact. We also reduce costs and capital tied up," commented **Anders Nyström**, who is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bulten.

[www.bulten.com](http://www.bulten.com)

"This was not a small accomplishment," said Jeff Watts, Fastenal EVP of international sales (and one of the first employees in Canada). "It shows what can be accomplished when we work together as one team with a common goal, and it's humbling to be a part of."

[www.fastenal.com](http://www.fastenal.com)

### Bostwick-Braun promotes Rob Dilts to VP of Hardware unit

Bostwick-Braun Company, Toledo, OH, USA, has promoted Rob Dilts to Vice President of Operations & Supply Chain for the company's Hardware Business Unit. Dilts will oversee hardware/supply chain operations at the Ashley and West Helena locations. His position is key to developing the Hardware Business investments in its infrastructure, technology, logistics capabilities, best-in-class processes and employees.

Bostwick-Braun is a wholesale hardware distributor, one of the largest and oldest in the midwest USA. For over 160 years, the company has been assisting stores with not only their supply needs, but also with business services, guidance and advice to ensure their own longevity. That is who Bostwick-Braun is, but it is not what the company is about. Bostwick-Braun is about providing the best possible service to customers, and about doing whatever it can to make sure that clients are successful as independent business owners.

[www.bostwick-braun.com](http://www.bostwick-braun.com)

### FDH Aero rebranding two business units

FDH Aero, El Segundo, CA, USA, announces the rebranding of FDH Aero business units, Blue Sky Industries and Société AHE Inc., acquired in 2018 and 2020

respectively. Blue Sky and AHE will now operate as FDH Aero. The name changes are part of a deeper strategy within FDH Aero to better serve its customers with an integrated support structure. A unified platform and strong parent brand will be essential as FDH Aero continues to expand its global footprint, product breadth, trusted reputation and commitment to customer service. The strategic move also enables employees to quickly meet customer needs by simplifying procurement and empowering the business operations of its customers with easy access to the expanded product offering.

[www.fdh aero.com](http://www.fdh aero.com)

### Growermetal achieves ISO 45001 certification

Growermetal announces certification to *ISO 45001* of the company's Occupational Health and Safety Management System.

As a leading producer of safety washers, the Growermetal team has always been focused on delivering the safest and most reliable services, inside and outside the company. In addition, guaranteeing employees well-being in the workplace has been a primary concern for since the firm's beginning.

Thanks to 70 years of experience and company know-how, Growermetal works to be a global point of reference in the production of lock washers, flats, spring washers and springs for railway armament.

[www.growermetal.com](http://www.growermetal.com)

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announces the rebranding of FDH Aero business units, Blue Sky Industries and Société AHE Inc., acquired in 2018 and 2020



## Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Net Income (Net Loss)	%Δ
Arconic Corporation	2280	-10.5	(65)	-156.5
Bossard Holding AG*	276	13.3	NA	NA
Bufab**	2074	29.7	135	17.4
Bulten Group**	1339	40.5	73	128.1
Carpenter Technology Corp.	579	46.2	6	121.1
Fastenal Company	1696	10.7	246	6.2
Grainger, Inc., W.W.	3802	13.2	363	28.8
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	3971	7.9	907	48.9
Nucor Corporation	8724	-15.8	1256	-44.2
Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	476	13.6	58	17.5
Stanley Black & Decker	3987	0.0	(45)	-113.7

Quarterly Sales/Net Income data in US\$ millions. % Δ relative to 2022 quarterly data.

\*Million of Swiss Franks \*\*Millions of Swedish Kronas

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### Hercules Bolt Wins Veteran Owned Small Business Status

Hercules Bolt & MFG has received Veteran Owned Small Business Status from the Federal Government. Lt. Colonel Edward Jackson, flew C-130s in Desert Shield. The C-130, also known as the Hercules, is where the company takes its name.



Since 1998, Hercules has been a leading maker/distributor of heavy fasteners and custom products for fabricators and contractors.



Hercules specializes in structural anchor bolts, sag rods, swedge bolts, embeds and square steel washers. The scope of material is 1/2" to 4-1/2" diameter steel, mostly roll thread, but the company can also cut thread (larger diameters are always cut thread). Hercules works with A36, F1554-55, F1554-B7/105, 354BD and stainless steel with A325/A490/TC bolts in stock.

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### Blue Ribbon Fastener opens Colorado warehouse

Blue Ribbon Fastener, Skokie, IL, USA, a full-service distributor of fasteners and other Class-C components, has opened a new warehouse in Dacono, CO, USA. The company will use the 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> space to better service customers located in the western USA. Blue Ribbon' new warehouse will service OEMs in aerospace, electronic components and other advanced manufacturing industries. OEMs that require same-day sourcing/order processing, readily available inventory, QA and on-time delivery count on Blue Ribbon Fastener for reliable service. [www.blueribbonfastener.com](http://www.blueribbonfastener.com)



### Quarterly Dividends Report...

- **Carpenter Technology Corp.**, Philadelphia, PA, USA, has declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.20/share payable Mar. 2, 2023, to holders of record Jan. 31, 2023. [ir.carpentertechnology.com](http://ir.carpentertechnology.com)
- **Fastenal**, Winona, MN, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.35/share to be paid in cash on Mar. 2, 2023, to holders of record on Feb. 2, 2023. [www.fastenal.com](http://www.fastenal.com)
- **Howmet Aerospace**, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.04/ share, payable Feb. 27, 2023, to the holders of record on Feb. 10, 2023; and a dividend of US\$93.75/share on outstanding US\$3.75 Cumulative Preferred Stock, payable Apr. 1, 2023 to the holders of record on Mar. 10, 2023. [www.howmet.com](http://www.howmet.com)
- **Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.**, Pleasanton, CA, USA, declared a regular quarterly dividend of US\$0.26/share, payable Apr. 27, 2023, to holders of record on Apr. 6, 2023. [ir.simpsonmfg.com](http://ir.simpsonmfg.com)
- **W.W. Grainger, Inc.**, Chicago, IL, USA, declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$1.72/ share payable Mar. 1, 2023, to holders of record on Feb. 13, 2023. [invest.grainger.com](http://invest.grainger.com)

### Conference Calls & Webcasts...

- **Dorman Products, Inc.**, Colmar, PA, USA, will report Q4/fiscal year results before the opening of the Nasdaq Stock Market on Feb. 28, 2023. [investors.dormanproducts.com](http://investors.dormanproducts.com)
- **TriMas**, Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA, will host its Q4/full year 2022 earnings conference call on Feb. 23, 2023, at 10 AM ET. [www.trimascorp.com](http://www.trimascorp.com)

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## EVENTS

### Fastener Training Week in Cleveland in April

The **Fastener Training Institute (FTI)** will host its next Fastener Training Week from April 3 to 7, 2023, at the **Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)** in Independence, OH, USA. This advanced technical training program is offered in partnership with IFI and is for fastener distributors, manufacturers and end-users.

Fastener Training Week offers five days of education and plant tours as part of the FTI Certified Fastener Specialist™ (CFS) advanced technical training program. After training in a small group environment and passing a final exam, attendees are eligible for the Certified Fastener Specialist™ (CFS) designation.



Fastener Training Week will cover topics such as manufacturing processes, consensus standards and quality control and be taught by industry experts, **Salim Brahimi**, IFI Director of Engineering Technology, and **Laurence Claus**, IFI Director of Education/Training. Participants will also tour manufacturing, secondary processes and testing facilities.

Registration and more details are available at the FTI website, with early-bird fees offered until March 20. A US\$500 discount is available for **Pac-West, NFDA, IFI, MWFA, NCF, SFA, AIM Prime** members.

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### Kimball Midwest Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023

**Kimball Midwest**, Columbus, OH, USA, plans a series of events to honor its centennial throughout 2023. Notable among them is a community campaign to celebrate the milestone in which Kimball Midwest will donate US\$1 million across the country. Each sales region, corporate department and distribution center will receive money for associates to donate to a qualified charity of their choosing.

The **Kimball Company** began in Cleveland, OH, USA, in 1923. In 1984, it joined with **Midwest Motor Supply**, which had been founded in Columbus in 1933, forming Kimball Midwest. From its roots as a regional automotive supplier, the company has experienced consistent growth, with sales going from US\$1 million in 1983 to more than US\$400 million in 2022.

Its presence has spread from Ohio to every corner of the contiguous United States. In 2022, Kimball Midwest opened its fifth full-service distribution center in Newtown, CT, USA, joining existing locations in Dallas, TX, USA; Reno, NV, USA; and Savannah, GA, USA as well as the company's corporate headquarters in Columbus.

[www.kimballmidwest.com](http://www.kimballmidwest.com)

### Keller & Kalmbach Named Top Innovator

**Keller & Kalmbach GmbH**, Unterschleissheim, Germany is once again one of the 100 most innovative companies in Germany. The company was founded 145 years ago in Munich and today, with 1000 employees worldwide, is one of the leading suppliers of fasteners, fastening technology and other C-items for production and maintenance.

[www.keller-kalmbach.com](http://www.keller-kalmbach.com)

#### March 9, 2023

Pac-West Dinner Meeting & Vendor Showcase  
La Mirada, CA, USA  
[www.pac-west.org](http://www.pac-west.org)

#### March 21 – 23, 2023

Fastener Fair Global 2023  
Stuttgart, Germany  
[www.fastenerfairglobal.com](http://www.fastenerfairglobal.com)

#### April 3 – 7, 2023

Fastener Training Week  
Cleveland, OH, USA  
[www.fastenertraining.org](http://www.fastenertraining.org)

#### April 27 – 29, 2023

Pac-West Spring Conference  
Scottsdale, AZ, USA  
[www.pac-west.org](http://www.pac-west.org)

#### May 3 – 5, 2023

Fastener Taiwan 2023  
Kaohsiung City, Taiwan  
[www.fastenertaiwan.com.tw](http://www.fastenertaiwan.com.tw)

#### May 16 – 17, 2023

Fastener Fair USA, Nashville, TN, USA  
[www.fastenerfairusa.com](http://www.fastenerfairusa.com)

#### June 13 – 14, 2023

NFDA Annual Meeting,  
Chicago, IL, USA  
[www.nfda-fastener.org](http://www.nfda-fastener.org)

#### August 20 – 24, 2022

MWFA FSTNR Week '23  
[www.mwfa.net](http://www.mwfa.net)

#### August 21 – 25, 2023

Fastener Training Week  
Chicago, IL, USA  
[www.fastenertraining.org](http://www.fastenertraining.org)

#### September 10 – 13, 2023

56<sup>th</sup> ICFG Plenary Meeting 2023  
Ankara, Turkey  
[www.icfg.info](http://www.icfg.info)

#### September 14 – 16, 2023

Pac-West Fall Conference  
Coeur d'Alene, ID, USA  
[www.pac-west.org](http://www.pac-west.org)

#### October 9 – 11, 2023

International Fastener Expo (IFE 2023)  
Las Vegas, NV, USA  
[www.fastenershows.com](http://www.fastenershows.com)

#### October 25 – 27, 2023

NFDA Executive Summit  
Scottsdale, AZ, USA  
[www.nfda-fastener.org](http://www.nfda-fastener.org)

#### November 5 – 7, 2023

STAFDA Annual Convention & Trade Show, San Antonio, TX, USA  
[www.stafda.org](http://www.stafda.org)

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