



## Cycletime Tips – Automotive

### Volume 25: Farewell

Effective Friday, October 24th my 34 years in automotive plastics has come to a close. My last 15 years has been with Ashland General Polymers Technical Service Group. I have observed our industry progress in material and machine technology to what it is today. What a ride it has been.

I started my plastics career in March of 1966 with the Molmec Group, Walled Lake, Michigan as an assistant foreman operating old Lester plunger machines. I felt then and still feel that I have the best job in the industry. The most rewarding part was working with our Sales Team and customers in solving the day-to-day problems on the molding room floor. I will miss this the most.

Bill Fierens, will continue in his role as automotive technical representative based in Michigan. His technical ability along with his Ferris State University degree in Plastics has given our customers a key contact for problem solving. Bill's time is extremely valuable. We are asking our customers to use his time as efficiently as possible, by preparing ahead of time for any scheduled visits.

Your automotive technical contact phone numbers are:

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- For questions pertaining to data sheets, MSDS data, chemical resistance, processing data, etc, you can contact the Ashland Help Desk at (866)430-9666.

In closing I would like to say that whether you are in plastic distribution or manufacturing, change is inevitable, adapting to change is the challenge. This also holds true in retirement. Thank you all for the memories.

Sincerely,  
Jim Cardinal