



## Cycletime Tips - Automotive

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Have you ever considered what it would be like to be asked to sing a song **after** Elvis or to write a sequel to a Steven King novel? These are very intimidating tasks. Yet, I find myself in the same 'hot seat' after being asked to write Bird's Tech Tips in succession of the legendary Jim Cardinal and the highly regarded Bill Fierens. After all, these are big shoes to fill. However, in humble attempt, I'd like to offer a few details about myself.

My career in plastics began at a very young age in a small plastics manufacturing shop owned by my father; it was there I learned the tools of the plastics trade. Subsequently, I graduated with a B.S. in Plastics Engineering Technology from Ferris State University and later went on to earn a Master Plastics Molding Certification in Advanced Plastics Processes from RJG Technologies.

I accepted an engineering position with Security Plastics in the early 90's in their Miami Lakes, Florida plant and was a proud 'team' recipient of the 1994 CIM Award presented by Plastics Technology Magazine.

I then co-founded Micro Molding Technologies in Boynton Beach, Florida where we gained rapid success by implementing a computer integrated network system. The company grew in just five short years from an idea on a paper napkin to sales over nine million dollars. We were privileged with the opportunity to assist in the advancement of the Fuel Cell industry with Energy Partners/Teledyne Energy Systems. Our crowning achievement was being presented with the South Florida Manufacturing Associations' Manufacturer of the Year Award in 2000.

I went on to found Systematic Industry Solutions Inc. in early 2002, providing multifaceted consulting services to the plastics industry. I was extremely proud to have General Polymers Southeast Division as a valued client.

I was elected President of the Society of Plastics Engineers South Florida Chapter in 2004 and served in that voluntary capacity until relocation brought me back home to the greater Detroit area as a Senior Technical Representative with Ashland Distribution.

Now here I am with big shoes to fill and a nagging question to answer... "Why would anyone move from South Florida to Michigan in the middle of winter?" Well... not all 'Birds' fly south for the winter!

I look forward to working with you,

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