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Hennecke in the Hall of Fame

Anyone represented in a Hall of Fame counts among the foremost representatives in his field. It therefore is a great honour for Hennecke GmbH, the polyurethane specialist in the machinery and plant manufacturing industry, to have been inducted into the Hall of Fame of the *Polyurethane Foam Association (PFA)*.

No matter whether it is a top athlete or a rock star - being in a Hall of Fame is considered the major highlight of anyone's career, at least in the United States. It is a typical American institution whose members have demonstrated outstanding proficiency in a special field of endeavour. Very often, they have made great achievements over a long period of time or important innovations. The Hall of Fame of the American *Polyurethane Foam Association* honours companies and individuals who stand out for their achievements and innovations around polyurethane plastics.

Hennecke has been developing top-quality polyurethane foaming plants for more than half a century. The machinery and equipment manufacturer based in Sankt Augustin, Germany, has not only convinced the expert jury by having designed and developed the first high-pressure metering machines, the company is also recognized for being the pioneer and innovation driver in the PU machinery world. The availability of this plant technology is seen as the catalyst for the global success and resulting growth rates in the PU industry. Hennecke, founded by Karl Hennecke in 1945, offers a broad portfolio of plant types particularly to the slabstock industry, along with a great number of solutions. After Otto Bayer had invented polyurethane, the aim was to find a way to provide continuous production methods with efficient, stable and repeatable production parameters. This goal was achieved with flying colours.

Today, Hennecke stands for exceptional innovative strength, which is underlined, for instance, by its NovaFlex® technology, replacing the blowing agent CFC by CO₂. The production of polyether-based foams using NovaFlex® technology is not only eco-friendly and extremely economical; it also allows excellent foam quality to be obtained. Since the nineties, NovaFlex® has established itself as the global industry standard and has been installed in far over 100 plants. This and many other patents account for Hennecke's key role in the development of efficient slabstock production while combining both economy and ecology. With the market launch of the MultiFlex Basic at the beginning of the year, Hennecke offers PU processors a cost-effective access to slabstock production, thus setting another milestone in the triumphal march of polyurethane.

„To Hennecke, this award is not only a confirmation that we can look proudly at the past, it is also an incentive to continue with the same innovative strength in the future“, said Ercihan Kurt, Head of the Slabstock Business Unit, at the award ceremony in Baltimore/USA.



Ercihan Kurt (Director Slabstock Plants, Hennecke GmbH), Don Foljatar (General Manager, HMG) and Jim Shoup (Sales Manager Slabstock Plants, HMG), f.l.t.r. after the cup handover ceremony and induction into the „Hall of Fame“ of the Polyurethane Foam Association in the USA.

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