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**ACCURIDE DE MEXICO RECOGNIZED AS AN AME 2016 EXCELLENCE AWARD  
RECIPIENT**

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. – Oct. 11, 2016 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to name Accuride de Mexico as a recipient of the AME 2016 Excellence Award, which primarily recognizes North American manufacturing plants that have demonstrated excellence in business and manufacturing. An AME representative will visit the facility in Monterrey, Mexico, on Oct. 18 to present the award. The company will also be honored at the AME 2016 International Conference, taking place Oct. 24-28 in Dallas, Texas.

The AME Excellence Award acknowledges continuous improvement, best practices, creativity and innovation. The rigorous selection process begins when a company submits an extensive achievement report based on the AME Excellence Award evaluation criteria. Achievement reports are evaluated by the AME award assessment team. For companies that score high enough in this achievement report review, an intensive site visit is completed, during which a volunteer team of manufacturing practitioners validates the submitted achievement report. Recipients of the Excellence Award are selected based on the combined results of the achievement report review and site visit feedback.

“We look forward to celebrating the AME Excellence Award earned by our Accuride de Mexico facility, Accuride’s fourth AME award in the past three years,” said Accuride President and CEO Rick Dauch. “Our Monterrey associates have embraced Accuride’s common Lean Manufacturing and Quality systems as a competitive advantage. With robust processes and a continuous improvement mindset, they have achieved world-class quality, on-time delivery and lead-time performance for their customers. Their lean journey has no end.”

During their evaluation, the AME assessment team highlighted Accuride de Mexico’s robust use of policy deployment and its aggressive continuous improvement initiatives. The assessors praised the facility’s standout strengths including Accuride’s policy deployment which encompasses voice of the customer and objectives, the facility’s pull systems, and its continuous improvement process that utilizes value stream mapping and green belt projects to improve processes and products. The team also commended Accuride de Mexico’s daily team meetings that occur in all operations and support areas to ensure goal conformance and to address problems, and its well-developed safety and environmental programs.

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“Accuride’s leadership and plant employees can be proud of the site’s business excellence and continuous improvement accomplishments,” stated the assessment team report. “The Monterrey facility has made strides toward the establishment of a lean managing system, including a focus on the implementation of visual management systems, cellular workflow, policy deployment, daily performance reviews and voice of the customer.”

Also being honored as 2016 Excellence Award recipients are Goodyear Innovation Center – Akron, Littelfuse (Wuxi, China), MillerCoors Trenton Brewery and O.C. Tanner.

To learn more about the AME Excellence Award and the 2016 recipients, visit [www.ame.org/excellence-awards](http://www.ame.org/excellence-awards).

### **About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence**

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME’s membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. Join AME in leading the “Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America.” For more information, visit [www.ame.org](http://www.ame.org) or email [info@ame.org](mailto:info@ame.org).

### **About Accuride de Mexico**

The 226,000-square-foot Accuride de Mexico facility is a leading producer of steel and aluminum wheels for the North American commercial vehicle industry. It directly supplies OEM customer assembly operations in Mexico and has been recognized numerous times by its customers for its exceptional quality and performance. These recognitions include the prestigious Daimler Trucks North America “Masters of Quality” Award and Navistar’s “Supplier of the Year” designation. The manufacturing facility was established in 1999, employs approximately 370 people and is located on the north side of Monterrey, Mexico.

### **About Accuride Corporation**

With headquarters in Evansville, Ind., USA, Accuride Corporation is a leading supplier of components to the North American and European commercial vehicle industries. The company’s products include commercial vehicle wheels and wheel-end components and assemblies. The company’s products are marketed under its brand names, which include Accuride®, Accuride Wheel End Solutions™, Gunite® and Gianetti Ruote™. Accuride’s common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol ACW. For more information: [www.AccurideCorp.com](http://www.AccurideCorp.com)

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