

## News Release

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### **GHSP RECOGNIZED WITH HONDA GREEN FACTORY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



Hart, MI—In a continuous push to reduce its environmental footprint GHSP's Hart facility has over the past five years made major improvements in waste recycling. The company's efforts led last month to GHSP Hart being awarded the Honda Green Factory Achievement Award in the category of Pollution Prevention, making the company one of just five North American suppliers to receive the honor.

The Hart facility produces thousand of automotive shifters annually using a number of advanced injection molding technologies. This work produces tons of plastic waste, which prior to 2005, was discarded in landfills.

In 2005, however, the GHSP team began investigating opportunities for recycling plastic waste. Their objectives were twofold: to reduce GHSP's environmental footprint and save money through the sale of recycled plastic waste and a lower waste disposal bill.

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The recycling effort began by recycling plastic resins, but has since expanded to include mixed plastic parts with inserts, clear plastic bags and films, plastic vacuum-formed trays, non-returnable plastic bottles, paper, and cardboard. Through recycling, GHSP-Hart has effectively reduced its landfill-bound waste by 68 percent and disposal costs by 57 percent. The Hart facility has also reduced the frequency of waste removal from once every three days in 2005 to once every 21 days in 2009, further reducing the plant's environmental impact by cutting associated greenhouse gas emissions.

Between 2006 and 2008, GHSP-Hart recycled 682,278 pounds of plastic waste, and between 2007 and 2008 alone, the plant recycled 455,181 pounds of cardboard, 12,583 pounds of paper, 18,900 pounds of vacuum-formed trays, and 8,540 pounds of clear plastic bags and films.

GHSP is a leading global supplier of mechatronic control systems to surface transportation industries, including automotive, heavy truck, and others. The company serves its customers from concept to delivery with world class product design, development, and program management as well as maintaining excellence in manufacturing in locations around the world. For more information, visit [www.ghsp.com](http://www.ghsp.com).

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