

**MAHLE Clevite Announces 18th Annual
Machinist of the Year Award Program**

Ann Arbor, MI, Sept.24, 2007 – MAHLE Clevite Inc. today announced their plans to conduct the 2007 MAHLE Machinist of the Year Award competition. Now in its 18th year, this nationwide award program is designed to recognize and honor an ASE-certified automotive engine machinist who is judged to be outstanding for his skills and contributions to the industry and his local community.

Entry forms and complete details on the MAHLE Machinist of the Year Award competition are available on MAHLE Clevite’s Web site: mahleclevite.com, or can be accessed at:

[http://mahleclevite.com/2007 MOTY Flyer.pdf](http://mahleclevite.com/2007_MOTY_Flyer.pdf) for the announcement flyer
and
<http://mahleclevite.com/moty.asp> for the interactive entry form.

The interactive entry form can be filled out and submitted right on the computer screen.

Additionally, The National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the Automotive Engine Rebuilders Association (AERA) will assist MAHLE Clevite in distributing the entry forms.

“Clearly, ASE and AERA, two of the industry’s top organizations, see the value of this award program for their members,” says Bill McKnight, Head of Training and Motorsports for MAHLE Clevite.

McKnight says any automotive machinist who is ASE certified as a cylinder head specialist, cylinder block specialist, and/or engine assembly specialist can enter the MAHLE Machnist of the Year award competition.

Machinists can also be nominated for the award by others in the industry, including automotive service technicians and engine parts wholesalers and retailers.

“If the award winner has been nominated by someone other than himself, MAHLE Clevite will present that individual with a special prize, a check for \$250,” says McKnight.

MAHLE Clevite has established a panel of five industry experts to judge the entries they receive for the 2007 award competition. The judges include the chief editors of three of the industry's most prominent publications. Dennis Borem and Darrell Hoffman, winners of the 2007 MAHLE Engine Builder Showdown, are also serving as judges.

MAHLE Clevite will announce the winner of the 2007 MAHLE Machinist of the Year Award at the AERA Tech and Skills Regional Conference on November 10. The conference, hosted by MAHLE Clevite, will be held at the University of NW Ohio, located in Lima, OH.

The award winner will receive many fabulous prizes. They include:

- All-expense-paid trip for two to the Performance Racing Industry Show in Orlando, Florida (Dec. 6 - 8), which includes \$500 spending money
- All-expense-paid trip for one to Charlotte, NC, which includes:
 - (1) VIP Tour of NASCAR® Technical Institute
 - (2) One-day on track Jeff Gordon Racing School Driving Experience at Lowe's Motor Speedway
 - (3) Day on the Dyno with Pro Motor's Dennis Borem and Darrell Hoffman — the winners of the 2007 MAHLE Clevite Engine Builder Showdown. Pro Motor is a recognized builder of automotive race engines for the three national series of NASCAR. The MAHLE Clevite Machinist of the Year will spend a day with Borem and Hoffman, learning some of their engine building secrets.

MAHLE Clevite Inc. is one of the world's largest suppliers of pistons, valve train parts, engine bearings, piston rings, and engine gaskets. MAHLE Clevite brands include MAHLE Original® pistons, assemblies, valves, cylinder liners, Clevite® engine bearings and

engine parts, Victor Reinz[®] gaskets and Perfect Circle[®] piston rings. In addition, Clevite[®], Victor Reinz[®] and Perfect Circle[®] are official NASCAR[®] Performance Products. MAHLE Clevite's Internet address is www.mahleclevite.com.

The MAHLE Group is one of the 30 largest automotive suppliers worldwide. As the leading manufacturer of combustion engine components, systems and peripherals, MAHLE is among the top 3 suppliers for piston systems, cylinder components, valve train systems via air management systems and liquid management systems. MAHLE employs more than 40,000 employees in 110 production plants and in seven research and development centers. In 2006, MAHLE generated sales in excess of EUR 4.3 billion (USD 5.8 billion).

For further information, please contact:

MAHLE Clevite Inc.
Ted Hughes
1350 Eisenhower Place
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Phone: (734) 975-7936;
Fax: (734) 975-7820
ted.hughes@us.mahle.com