

Kamatics Corporation Achieves Supplier Gold Certification

ACM member, Kamatics Corporation (subsidiary of Kaman Corporation) of Bloomfield, CT received the Pratt & Whitney Gold Supplier for their performance from 12/20/2005 to 12/19/2006 at a ceremony at Kamatics February 9, 2007. Tim Daley, Commodity Manager, presented the award to the 450 members of the Kamatics team in attendance for the ceremony.



Kamatics provides high performance, specially designed self lubricated bearings used in all Pratt & Whitney commercial and military engines. These bearings are typically used in the engine control systems and in the variable stator support and actuation systems. In addition, Kamatics manufactures high-performance self-lubricated bearings for airframe and landing gear applications for use in commercial and business jets and military aircraft and helicopters.

Kamatics began its lean journey in 1999 with Kaizen events in 5S and Set-up time reductions, receiving strong encouragement from Kaman President and CEO Paul Kuhn. In 2000 Kamatics kicked off its Lean Initiatives for a Vibrant Enterprise (Kamatics LIVE) Program by creating a Model Line for its first Value Stream, self lubricated bushings. Within two years manufacturing operations, engineering, and planning for all bearing types were converted into Value Streams resulting in significant gains in throughput and on-time delivery performance. Kamatics has now embraced lean principles throughout the enterprise with continuous improvement as an integral part of the everyday culture within the organization.

Kamatics was able to achieve the following results in 2006 in order to meet the requirements of Pratt & Whitney Gold:

- MFA customer satisfaction score of 6.3 out of a possible 7.0
- Zero Category 1 or Category 2 escapes
- MRP delivery performance of 96% or above
- Supplier Gold lean assessment score: 27 out of 32

Kamatics continues to provide its customers the highest quality products and services. In order to maintain this satisfaction level, Kamatics pursues excellence in all of its operations and is constantly seeking opportunities to continuously improve its performance with respect to quality, delivery, and value to the customer in today's ever-changing environment. With the organization's focused leadership, commitment to lean, and an empowered workforce, Kamatics will continue to set the standard for supplier performance and customer satisfaction.