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## Textron Fastening Systems Announces TORX<sup>®</sup> Drive System Quality Award Winners

- ***Company's TORX<sup>®</sup> Licensing Activity Continues Growth***

TROY, Mich. (August 31, 2006) – Eight licensed manufacturers have received the TORX<sup>®</sup> Drive System World Class Quality Award from Textron Fastening Systems for demonstrating the greatest commitment to manufacturing high quality, authentic TORX<sup>®</sup> fasteners and drivers.

Two fastener manufacturers and six drive tool producers were among TORX<sup>®</sup> licensees receiving the award. They include:

- A&E Manufacturing – Racine, Wis.
- Accurate Threaded Fasteners – Lincolnwood, Ill.
- Cooper Industries – Dayton, Ohio
- Danaher Kingsley Tools – Garland, Texas
- Master Manufacturing – Evansville, Ind.
- Robert Schroeder & Co. – Wuppertal, Germany
- Rockford Products – Rockford, Ill.
- Western Forge – Colorado Springs, Colo.

“This year’s award winners exemplify the technical, manufacturing and service excellence that licensed TORX<sup>®</sup> manufacturers represent,” said Marty Bieschke, Director of Intellectual Property and Licensing for Textron Fastening Systems. “Together and individually they represent an unsurpassed global supply base.”

Since its introduction in the 1960s, the TORX<sup>®</sup> Drive System has become the world’s leading high-performance drive system for threaded assemblies, Bieschke said. Qualified licensed manufacturers have produced billions of TORX<sup>®</sup> and the newer TORX PLUS<sup>®</sup> drive systems for automotive, industrial, electronics, aerospace, and other markets.

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Textron Fastening Systems supports more than 160 TORX® licensees globally.

### About Textron Fastening Systems:

Headquartered in Troy, Mich., USA, Textron Fastening Systems is a leading provider of value-based fastening solutions, engineered fastening systems, state-of-the-art assembly technology, and inventory management and application engineering services. With 9,000 employees worldwide, Textron Fastening Systems supplies value-added products, systems and services to customers in more than 150 countries. Textron Fastening Systems recently was acquired by Platinum Equity from Textron Inc and will introduce its new name and branding before the end of this year.