

Press Release
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Fast-to-Market® (FTM®) Program - Unit molds in less than 14 days for PET bottles & preforms

Electra Form Industries Inc. (EFI) and Wentworth Mold Inc. officially introduce their FTM® program. After working for 18 months with key customers both companies have developed a unique program for the PET beverage industry to provide the fastest delivery (in less than 14 days), and single source prototype preform stacks and unit blow molds for PET bottles.

The faster a product moves from concept to market, the faster it generates profits. EFI and Wentworth's FTM® program responds to the customer need for accelerated introduction of new preforms and bottles. As part of the FTM® approach certain criteria need to be implemented prior to beginning the program:

- Streamline design and approval processes enabling crisp, fast decision making
- Standard systems and procedures
- Single point of contact at customer and supplier
- All parties must be prepared in advance, and work in parallel
- Standard pricing and deliveries
- Fast communication, password protected ftp site access and web based ordering

Electra Form Industries - FTM® Preform Stacks.

Electra Form Industries Inc. (EFI) has developed an FTM® program to deliver PET preform stacks in 3 weeks or less. Utilizing proprietary automated engineering and patented technology EFI offers the following FTM® services:

- FTM® Enfusion – hardened tooling supplied in 7-10 days based on the customer supplying plastic part drawing and EFI's automated, proprietary engineering software.
- Standard FTM® – hardened tooling supplied in 2 weeks where the customer generates engineering drawings.
- FTM® Plus – hardened tooling supplied in 3 weeks based on the customer supplying plastic part drawings and engineering manually designed.

Wentworth Mold Inc. - FTM® PET Blow Molds Wentworth Mold Inc., parallel to EFI, has developed an FTM® program for PET unit blow molds, based on standard 150mm diameter shell mold designs compatible with a proprietary FTM® shell holder or carrier. The different levels of service are:

- FTM® Express – Aluminium mold to produce “touchy/feel” bottles, delivered in 3 days

- FTM® Cold – Aluminium mold for cold fill type bottles, delivered in 7 days or less
- FTM® Hot – Stainless Steel mold for hot-fill/heatset type bottles, delivered in 12 days or less

The Packaging Mold Group consists of Wentworth Mold Inc., Electra Form Industries Inc. and Jersey Mold Inc., and is a division of Wentworth Technologies Co. Ltd., the # 1 independent manufacturer and global leader in mold-making and related plastics processing to the packaging industry. The Wentworth Packaging Mold Group supplies PET Preform Injection Molds from single cavity FTM® stacks to 144 cavity Micropitch production molds and Blow Mold Tooling for all types of machines for PET, EBM, IBM and ISBM. Wentworth Technologies is recognized as the Best Value Supplier in its niche markets.

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