



1999 Person of the Year

The Person of the Year Award is in recognition of Bob's outstanding contributions to the warehouse distributors and in appreciation of his conscientious dedication as an individual member of the specialty equipment industry.

Bob Bruegging, Mr. Gasket

Bob began his involvement in the automotive market in 1977 with the Whitaker Cable Corporation out of Kansas City. He worked his way from a regional sales manager to Senior Vice President of Operations. In 1986, Echlin bought Whitaker and Bob assumed the Vice President of Sales position for Echlin's Special Markets. In 1993, when Echlin bought Mr. Gasket Co., he was transferred from Kansas City to Cleveland to become the Vice President of Sales for the new acquisition, including Echlin's High Performance division - ACCEL. On April 1st of this year, Bob became President of Mr. Gasket, now a part of the Dana Corporation since Dana's 1998 acquisition of Echlin. Bob is a 1973 graduate of the University of Kansas. He and his wife Judy live in Bay Village, Ohio and have three children: Ryan, Rory, and Madalyn.