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Come See IMDA at PTXPO, March 29-31



PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY EXPO 2022

IMDA will be exhibiting March 29-31 at PTXPO 2022 in Rosemont, Illinois. Join us with a FREE exhibit hall pass! The brand-new Plastics Technology Expo (PTXPO) will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Chicago.

PTXPO connects the entire North American plastics market under one roof featuring an exhibit hall with pavilions showcasing injection molders, mold makers, 3D printing auxiliary equipment manufacturers, extruders, materials producers and recycling specialists. The event will also feature equipment demonstrations and complimentary expert-led Tech Talks – all on the PTXPO show floor.

Be sure to stop by and visit IMDA in **booth #318!** Register for a free pass here:
<https://www.xpressreg.net/register/ptxp0322/start.asp?sc=2120>.

IMDA Launches Video Academy



The IMDA has launched a new video education section on its website – the IMDA Video Academy – that features short two- to five-minute videos by IMDA member companies that describe the in-mold process or answer common questions. These videos will promote the technology, educate brand owners and others on the benefits of in-mold processes and offer marketing opportunities for members.

Expanded full-length videos of 30-45 minutes are available in the Members Only section of the IMDA website.

Additional videos will be offered throughout the year, and members are encouraged to contact Dianna Brodine at dianna@imdassociation.com to participate. To view the Video Academy, visit www.imdassociation.com/education/video-academy-public/.



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Members simply need to log into the Grainger website using their Grainger member number to see reduced pricing on commonly ordered items. In addition, IMDA members receive free shipping on most Grainger purchases. If you do not know your Grainger number, contact the IMDA offices at (785) 215-8635 or dianna@imdassociation.com.

IMDA Awards Let Your Work Shine: Competition Opens May 15



The 2022 IMDA Awards Competition will recognize outstanding IML, IMD and IME submissions produced in 2021 or slated for release in 2022. The competition opens on May 15, so gather your entries now!

Entries received from around the world will showcase the best in in-mold design and technical achievement, and this year's competition will include categories to recognize innovations related to sustainability and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Winners of the competition will be revealed at the 2022 IMDA Symposium in Ypsilanti, Michigan. In addition, watch for the winners to be prominently publicized in a variety of

media and during events:

- Winners will be featured in the October/November issue of *Plastics Decorating* magazine.
- Winning entries will be displayed at the PMMI Showcase of Packaging Innovations during PACK EXPO International.
- 2021 Award Winners also were featured by *Plastics Today*, *Converting Quarterly* and *Label & Narrow Web* magazines.

For more information, go to <https://imdassociation.com/imda-awards/>.

Save the Date: 2022 IMDA Symposium Has Been Scheduled



Make plans now to attend the 2022 IMDA Symposium, scheduled for **September 27-29** in the Ypsilanti, Michigan, area. In addition to technical programs, a supplier trade fair and the IMDA Awards reception, this year's event will feature a Member Facility Tour on September 27.

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IMDA is an organization of molders, printers, material suppliers, equipment suppliers and others committed to the development and growth of in-mold decorating products, technologies and markets.

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