

Condolences

We were sad to learn of the recent passing of Robert Smykal, Sr., founder of Durox, now Mechanical Rubber Ohio.

“My Smykal was very accommodating to me when I acquired Durox from Wabtec, providing insight and history that helped me bring the company back to its roots,” said Cedric Glasper. “My deepest condolences to his family.”



Read more about Mr. Smykal and the history of Durox Extrusions [here](#).

In continuing efforts to ensure Mechanical Rubber’s cybersecurity compliance, Lisa Rice recently completed the CyberReady MBE program offered through the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

What’s New

Welcome to Strongsville

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Recognizing Community Service



Innovation & Flexibility: Key to Workforce

Warwick, NY: Cedric Glasper was a guest speaker at the HV TechFest 2022 Symposium held December 8th at the Newburgh Free Library. A member of the Orange County Workforce Investment Board, Cedric discussed how jobs in technology have become global in nature, stating that an IT person can work in Texas and live in the Hudson Valley. “You have to be innovative and flexible. Innovative and flexible. Innovative and flexible. These two things are necessary for yesterday, today and definitely tomorrow,” Glasper said. The Workforce Investment Board focuses on disadvantaged youth and displaced workers, offering job placement, job training and apprenticeship opportunities.

Celebrating Business in Strongsville

Strongsville, Ohio: Cedric was recently a featured speaker in the Celebrating Business in Ohio video produced by the City of Strongsville, Ohio. He described the services that Mechanical Rubber offers and the industries we support. In describing how Mechanical Rubber Ohio makes seals for GE Appliances, he joked “so if yours fail, it wasn’t mine, it was Whirlpool.” See the entire video, and get a peek at our Strongsville location (Cedric starts at 7:34) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPzgzcDFcSI>

From Everyone at Mechanical Rubber, our best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2023.

Wayne Patterson, Inside Sales Mechanical Rubber Ohio, was recently awarded the Robert J. Uplinger Award for his outstanding community service efforts, the highest recognition from the Warwick Lions Club. Please join us in congratulating Wayne on his amazing achievement.

AS9100D Recertification

Warwick, NY: Mechanical Rubber is pleased to announce that following a successful annual audit, its AS9100D certification has been successfully renewed.

“Mechanical Rubber is committed to meeting, and whenever possible, exceeding the rigorous Quality Management standard required by SGS, the certifying authority,” said Cedric Glasper, President & CEO. “We received our initial AS9100 certification exactly ten years ago and are proud to be renewed again.”

“Ensuring our procedures and controls meet the standard is an on-going process that we take very seriously,” said Alisa Sherow, who is in charge of compliance and is the central audit liaison between Mechanical Rubber and SGS. “We not only focus on maintaining our processes, but are constantly seeking opportunities for continuous improvement. This certification identifies Mechanical Rubber as a company who takes the safety of the Aerospace Industry very seriously.”