



Hall of Fame

First Polycarbonate Instrument Panel

OEM/Vehicle

**Ford Motor Co.
1977 Econoline Van**

System Supplier

Ford Saline / Faurecia Interior Systems

Material Processor

Ford Saline / Faurecia Interior Systems

Material Supplier

GE Plastics / SABIC

Resin

Lexan PC



The first use of polycarbonate (PC) to injection mold a hard (painted) instrument panel (IP) featured on the 1977 Econoline van is the 2016 Hall of Fame winner. PC and PC blends have been used to mold IP retainers, uppers, upper trim, lowers, and lower trim for both hard (painted) and soft (skin & foam) IP systems for the last 39 years. The application proliferated from commercial vans to pickups, passenger cars, and SUVs. To date an estimated 200-million IPs using 2-billion pounds/907,185 tonnes of PC or PC blends have been produced globally in the passenger vehicle market.