



Evonik Cyro Donates \$2,000 Of Acrylite® Abrasion Resistant Sheets To UMass Product's Superior Properties Will Preserve Plastics Hall Of Fame Exhibits

PARSIPPANY, N.J., April 11, 2012 – Evonik Cyro has donated 12 [Acrylite® Abrasion Resistant](#) acrylic sheets, valued at over \$2,000, to the University of Massachusetts at Lowell (UMass) to help preserve the Plastics Hall of Fame exhibits in the new Emerging Technology building lobby.

The display will honor major contributors and innovators in the plastics industry. The Acrylite® Abrasion Resistant sheets will be used to protect approximately 44 plaques from harm and deterioration caused by daily public contact, dirt and dust.

“We are very grateful to Evonik Cyro for donating this product to better preserve and protect the photographs and biographies on the plaques,” said Robert Malloy, professor at UMass’ Plastics Engineering Department. “These acrylic sheets offer great optical clarity and are a safer and superior choice compared to glass. Their high impact strength makes them shatter resistant and their abrasion and chemical resistant properties prevent marring and scratching.”

Sixteen additional innovators, including Malloy, were inducted into UMass’ Plastics Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the [National Plastics Expo](#) (NPE) on April 2, 2012. A portion of the UMass Hall of Fame exhibit will be on display at the NPE.

“It is a great honor to help recognize contributors to the plastics industry. As a leading global specialty chemical company, plastics are a major component of our business,” said Antoinette Spages, Product Manager for Specialty Acrylics. “This is also a great opportunity to showcase the superior properties of Acrylite® Abrasion Resistant sheets and demonstrate how they can prevent damage.”

Installation of the acrylic sheets in the Plastics Hall of Fame will be done by [Altec Plastics](#), a business offering full-service custom fabrication.

For additional information about Evonik in North America, please visit our website: www.evonik.com/north-america.

For additional information on acrylic sheet, please visit www.acrylite.net.

Company information

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2011 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €14.5 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about €2.8 billion.

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