

Press Release  
AAP St. Marys Corporation  
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RE: 20 millionth wheel

AAP St. Marys Corporation has reached another milestone, with the shipment of their 20 millionth aluminum wheel on October 13, 2004.

AAP began production in St. Marys, Ohio in 1988, and reached 10 million wheels in May 1999. AAP Vice President/COO Randy Wendel said, "Our first 10 million took about 11 years to achieve, but our second 10 million took less than half of that time. This indicates the tremendous growth and improvement that AAP has experienced over the past 5 years."

The 20 millionth wheel was a 2005 Honda Accord model, shipped to the Honda assembly plant in nearby Marysville, Ohio. Wendel said it was appropriate that the 20 millionth wheel turned out to be a Honda model. "Although Ford was our main customer for our first 10 million wheels, and continues to be a major customer, we also began to supply Honda in 1997, and since then, our Honda business has been a big factor for our growth. We are very fortunate to have Honda as both a good customer and a good neighbor, and we look forward to continuing this growing relationship."

Manager, Associate and Community Relations, Dan Hosek, credited AAP's associates, and the support of the St. Marys community, as major factors that allowed the company to achieve the 20 million milestone. Hosek added, "We really need to thank our associates for the way that they've stepped up to the challenges of our recent growth. It takes a lot of teamwork and cooperation to succeed in today's business environment. At the same time, we want to recognize the City of St. Marys and the local community for the fine support provided to AAP over the years."

AAP St. Marys currently employs 430 associates, and produces 200,000 aluminum wheels/month for such vehicles as Ford Escape, Five Hundred and Freestyle, and Honda Accord, Civic, and Element. More information about AAP's history, products, and employment opportunities can be found on its website, [www.aapstmarys.com](http://www.aapstmarys.com).