

**Hybrid Plastics' Named A Finalist In Small Times Magazine's
Best Of Small Tech Award**

Fountain Valley, CA: Hybrid Plastics was recognized as one of five finalists for the Small Times Magazine Best of Small Tech award in the Product category for its POSS® Nanostructured® materials. The 2002 Small Times Magazine Best of Small Tech Awards recognize the best people, products and companies in nanotechnology, MEMS and microsystems. A complete list of winners and finalists can be found in the November/December issue of *Small Times*® magazine and online at www.smalltimes.com.

"Small tech will make our lives easier by making products smaller, faster, cheaper and more efficient," said Steve Crosby, vice president and managing editor of Small Times Media. "We expect this year's Small Times Magazine Best of Small Tech Award winners and finalists to have a tremendous impact on the future."

POSS® Nanostructured® materials are a revolutionary new Nanotechnology based on silicon-derived building blocks that provide nanometer-scale control to dramatically improve the thermal and mechanical properties of traditional polymers while offering easy incorporation using existing manufacturing protocols. These compounds have an average diameter of just 1.5 nanometers, or billionth of a meter. POSS® nanomaterials can be used both as direct replacements for hydrocarbon based materials or as low-density performance additives to traditional plastics. They release no VOCs, and, thereby, produce no odor or air pollution. They are biocompatible, recyclable, non-flammable, and competitively priced with traditional polymer feedstocks. POSS® Nanostructured® materials can be readily incorporated into virtually any existing polymer system through blending, grafting or copolymerization.

The recipients of the Small Times Magazine Best of Small Tech Awards, along with the finalists, were selected by nominations and applications submitted by companies and individuals. Small Times Media news staff and an industry panel of experts reviewed the applicants and selected one winner and four finalists in each category, except lifetime achievement in which a winner was selected. The team considered accomplishments between October 1st, 2001 and October 1st, 2002.

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