

## Freudenberg Components Help Drive 2017 Industry Best Powertrain Winners

**PLYMOUTH, Mich., Jan. 19, 2017 – When it comes to advance powertrain technologies, Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies – which runs the business operations for Freudenberg Sealing Technologies in the Americas – has proven it runs with the best. The company’s sealing solutions are found on seven of the 10 industry engines recently selected by WardsAuto.com as the 10 best engines available to consumers in 2017.**

WardsAuto.com 10 Best Engines competition, an automotive tradition since 1995, ranks vehicle powertrains based on multiple criteria including horsepower, torque, drivability, noise and harshness mitigation, flexibility, observed fuel economy and onboard technology. Among the 2017 winners were several high-output turbocharged 6-cyl. engines and three electrified drivetrains.

Freudenberg-NOK, a global supplier of seals, gaskets and accumulators for the automotive and other industries, is a leader in helping vehicle manufacturers successfully seal internal combustion and alternate fuel powertrain systems against complex technical challenges including higher pressures, hotter temperatures, lower viscosity fluids, aggressive exhaust gas recirculation mixtures, and longer service life demands. This year’s WardsAuto.com winners incorporate a variety of Freudenberg components including radial shaft seals, valve stem seals, gaskets, encoders, O-Rings and special seals.

“Freudenberg-NOK congratulates the winners of the WardsAuto.com 2017 10 Best Engines competition and is proud to be a part of their success,” said Matthew Chapman, Vice President, Automotive Marketing for Freudenberg-NOK. “As engine technology evolves, we remain focused on offering our customers materials and component designs that handle increasingly aggressive vehicle environments and performance demands. We are committed to constant innovation on behalf of the industry.”

Chapman added that Freudenberg-NOK is typically well-represented when it comes to products used by winners on the WardsAuto.com 10 Best Engines list.

Forty engines, ranging from diesel to hybrids to forced induction engines, were originally nominated this year before 10 were named to the final 10 Best Engines list. Engines available for purchase by March 2017 in vehicles priced under \$62,000 were eligible for consideration in the WardsAuto.com ranking. For a complete list of winning engines go to: <http://wardsauto.com/engines/10-best-engines>.

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Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies runs the business operations for Freudenberg Sealing Technologies (FST) in the Americas. Being part of the global Freudenberg Group, the company is a leading producer of advanced sealing technologies for a variety of markets including: aerospace; agriculture; appliance; automotive; construction; commercial vehicles; energy; food and beverage; heavy industry; and pharmaceutical. Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies is a joint venture between FST and NOK Corp. in Japan, is headquartered in Plymouth, Mich. and operates more than 20 facilities across the Americas. For additional information, please visit [www.fst.com](http://www.fst.com).