

Teamwork & Drive = Innovision Award!

In 2013, the Project Team for Large Diameter Molded Fittings broke more new ground in the plastics industry by launching the first 10" and 12" molded C907 fittings ever made. These impressive new fittings have truly cemented our company's leading position as the most innovative in the industry, as well as the most technically accomplished.

It was a project that many said could never be done – the molds were too complicated and expensive, the technical challenges of molding these huge fittings too difficult, and the market too small. However with dogged determination



the team persisted and in mid-2013 launched a truly impressive line of products that went on to exceed all expectations. Very few customers are able to look at a huge 12" x 12" tee without saying "Wow".

However, there were many challenges during this project.

The 2500 tonne molding machine was the biggest ever installed in an IPEX plant, and the new QA/QC facility required to test these massive new fittings required a reorganization of the plant and office space. Molded fittings of this size had never been certified before, and sales was faced with the task of changing specifications even before there was product available.

The combined efforts of the project team made this project an unqualified success, with the first half year of sales fully meeting expectations. Without the excellent teamwork, and the drive to overcome all obstacles, this achievement would not have come to pass. As a result, the Team has been chosen to receive the 2013 Innovation Award for New Product of the Year.

