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## **IndustryWeek Magazine Names Snap-on Milwaukee Manufacturing Facility “Best Plant” Finalist**

**KENOSHA, Wis. – December 15, 2009** – *IndustryWeek* magazine has chosen Snap-on’s Milwaukee hand tools manufacturing plant as one of the top 20 plants in North America.

“We are honored that Industry Week has chosen Snap-on’s Milwaukee manufacturing facility as one of its ‘Best Plant’ finalists,” said Nick Pinchuk, chairman, president and CEO for Snap-on Incorporated. “Since 2004, when Snap-on invested in three new lines of business at the Milwaukee plant, we have made a concerted effort to improve efficiency and productivity throughout the facility. This honor is a great affirmation that the team is succeeding in pursuing those goals. My thanks and my congratulations to our Milwaukee associates who have truly driven this success.”

*IndustryWeek’s* annual “Best Plants” competition salutes manufacturing excellence and applauds efforts to continuously improve. Now in its 20th year, the search identifies winning manufacturing facilities from across North America. Referring to the 2009 Finalists, *IndustryWeek* stated that “despite possibly the roughest economic conditions many have faced, these manufacturing facilities still pursued process and people improvements and achieved enviable performance metrics in numerous operational areas.”

Snap-on’s Milwaukee plant is a 114,440 square-foot facility built in 1980. It employs approximately 300 Snap-on associates and runs a three-shift operation. It manufactures a mix of more than 4,000 legendary Snap-on hand tools.

### **About Snap-on**

Snap-on Incorporated is a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools, diagnostics, equipment, software and service solutions for professional users. Products and services include hand and power tools, tool storage, diagnostics software, information and management systems, shop equipment and other solutions for vehicle dealerships and repair centers, as well as customers in industry, government, agriculture, aviation and natural resources. Products and services are sold through the company’s franchisee, company-direct, distributor and Internet channels. Founded in 1920, Snap-on is a \$2.9 billion, S&P 500 company headquartered in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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