



### What is SP?

The Suppliers Partnership for the Environment (SP) is an innovative collaboration between automobile original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and their suppliers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). SP's members work together to improve environmental performance while providing value throughout the automobile supply chain. SP provides a forum for small, mid-sized and large automotive and vehicle suppliers to learn from each other and share environmental best practices.

### How Does SP Provide Value?

1. Provides a common auto sector approach to greening the supply chain.
2. Provides a forum for companies to work together to share "good practices" through work groups to address specific issues identified by SP members.
3. Supports four member led workgroups that address issues identified by the membership.
4. Quarterly meetings of SP provide opportunities for members to network, to learn about issues and activities impacting the environment and the automobile supply chain and identify areas for action by SP.
5. SP is constantly working to identify new, innovative and more environmentally sustainable ways to enhance the viability and competitiveness of the automobile industry through the supply chain.

### SP's Work Groups

**Chemical Issues Management** - Creating Materials Health & Environmental Assessment Strategy (MAS) to develop a common screening process for OEMs and their suppliers. Addressing global chemical regulations that are impacting product/material engineering and manufacturing.

**Energy and Water** - Sponsoring and supporting ongoing collection and dissemination of information, discussions and action between automobile OEMs, their suppliers, and government entities, on energy and water issues affecting the operations of companies in the automobile supply chain.

**Materials Efficiency** - Developing and deploying environmental technologies and programs in order to reduce environmental impacts, gain financial value, as well as promote environmental sustainability.

**Technology and Networking** - Connecting small suppliers that have unique, environmentally responsible technologies with OEMs and Tier 1 Suppliers. Supporting a forum for Tier 2 and Tier 3 suppliers to the industry so that their issues and ideas can be addressed by OEMs and Tier 1 supplier companies.

### Who May Become a Member of SP?

Membership is open to any company that supplies goods or services to an automotive manufacturer or parts supplier. Also, a non-profit organization having an established commercial relationship with the automotive industry may be considered for an "associate" membership.

### What is EPA's Role in SP?

A truly unique aspect of SP is its partnership with the EPA, which helps provide SP with topics for special projects, information, approaches and tools. More importantly, SP provides a forum for member companies and the EPA to work in collaboration to achieve common environmental goals.

### Savings

**SP creates opportunities for members to improve the environment and save and make money.**

- **Aevitas Specialty Services:** Based on knowledge gained from the SP Energy Work Group reduced water consumption by 40% and identified \$250,000 of associated savings.
- **Federal-Mogul:** Developed Quiet Shield G Project, a process, with other SP members, to convert Asian/U.S. cardboard and recycled fibers into a non-woven substrate for use as an acoustic material in a 2010/2011 commercially available automobile.
- **ChemicoMays:** Reduced lead by 51% and saved a large sum of money through SP initiated business opportunities.