



## Press Release

German Packaging Award 2017

### **ebm-papst again at the forefront in packaging**

Mulfingen, Germany

Along with its supplier, Mondi Group, ebm-papst won the German Packaging Award in the economic efficiency category. For his idea of transport stacking corners for industrial fans, ebm-papst employee and packaging engineer Sebastian Gruber accepted the prize at the official awards ceremony in Berlin.

“My basic idea was to improve the two-part packaging previously used for axial fans mounted in housings – making one part out of two. That would enable us to substantially reduce the amount of cardboard used and the time required for setup,” explains Gruber. Regarding the origin of his new idea, he says “I told our packaging supplier about my idea, and their developers worked out a solution that was ready for series production.”

The economic benefits of the change include an impressive 30% reduction in material and a 48% reduction in setup time.

The German Packaging Award is not Sebastian Gruber’s first win this year. In May he won the WorldStar Packaging Award, the highest international award for packaging, for the “BCT Powerecke” that he developed. “Winning two prizes in a year was unexpected, but I’m very pleased,” says Gruber.

The German Packaging Award is an international contest involving multiple sectors and materials. It is sponsored by Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. With the award, the Deutsche Verpackungsinstitut (dvi) honors innovative and creative packaging ideas every year.

**Captions 1 + 2:** Sebastian Gruber, packaging engineer at ebm-papst, had the idea of improving the packaging for axial fans mounted in housings and making a single piece of packaging out of two. For his idea, he was awarded the German Packaging Award in Berlin. Photo: Bernhard Frei.

**Caption 3:** Making two out of one: The change to single-piece packaging results in an impressive reduction of material and setup time. Photo: Bernhard Frei.

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#### **About ebm-papst**

The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors. Since it was founded, the technology company has continuously set global industry standards. Its developments range from electronically controlled EC fans and aerodynamic improvements for fan blades to the use of resource-conserving materials, including renewable materials.

In fiscal year 2015/16, the company achieved sales of almost €1.7 billion. ebm-papst employs over 13,000 people at 25 production sites (in Germany, China, the US and elsewhere) and in 49 sales offices worldwide. Fans and motors from the world market leader are used in many sectors, including ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, household appliances, heating, automotive and drive engineering.

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