



## Press Release

WorldStar Packaging Awards 2018

### **ebm-papst wins second straight international packaging prize**

Mulfingen, Surfers Paradise/Australia:

Sebastian Gruber, packaging engineer at ebm-papst in Mulfingen, has won the WorldStar Packaging Award in the transport category for the second time in a row. Along with Mario Kurz, packaging consultant at ebm-papst's supplier Mondi, he traveled all the way to Australia, where this year's awards ceremony was held, to receive the award.

This time the internationally recognized award honored Gruber's idea of improving the two-part packaging for housing-mounted axial fans; now only a single part is needed, substantially reducing the amount of packaging material (cardboard) and the setup time. Specifically, the change results in an impressive 30% reduction in material and a 48% reduction in setup time.

For his idea of transport stacking corners for industrial fans, Gruber had already won the German Packaging Award in the economic efficiency category last fall, qualifying him again for the WorldStar Packaging Award.

Gruber said, "I'm very pleased to win the world's most important prize in the packaging sector again. This award is an outstanding confirmation of our work, and it also gave me a great opportunity to talk shop with fellow packaging experts from all over the world at the 2018 awards ceremony. That was very interesting and helpful."

More about the prize and the awards ceremony:

<https://www.worldstar.org/>

#### **Caption**

**Fig. 1:** 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. (Photo: Bernhard Frei).

**Fig. 2:** Awards ceremony for the WorldStar Packaging Awards in Australia: Sebastian Gruber of ebm-papst (right) with Mario Kurz of Mondi Wellpappe Ansbach, which refined the solution for series production. (O'Neill Photographics).

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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: from interconnected, electronically controlled EC fans and aerodynamic improvements for fan blades to the use of materials that conserve resources.

In fiscal year 2016/17, the company achieved sales of over €1.9 billion. ebm-papst employs over 14,000 people at 26 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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