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KARMANN USA WINS FORD Q1 AWARD

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, Mich. – Karmann USA has received Ford Motor Company’s Q1 award -- Ford’s top award for quality.

The award recognizes outstanding performance in product quality and service. Since May 2007, Karmann USA has produced convertible tops for the Ford Mustang at its Keel Street manufacturing facility in Plymouth Township, Michigan.

“Our employees take a tremendous amount of pride in their work and this award from Ford confirms our dedication to the manufacture of quality products,” says Erik Roeren, president & CEO of Karmann USA. “With more than 100 years of experience working with convertible top systems, Karmann has a deep and long-lasting commitment to quality in all facets of its business.”

Karmann USA’s Plymouth Township facilities also have earned ISO/TS 16949 certification -- the industry’s highest international quality standard.

About Karmann USA

Founded in 1996, Karmann USA is based in Plymouth Township, Mich., and is a subsidiary of the Karmann Group. As the world’s leading Tier-1 supplier of convertible tops, the Karmann Group also has been the contract manufacturer of several complete vehicles, including the VW Karmann Ghia, the VW Beetle convertible and most recently the Mercedes-Benz CLK convertible. Karmann USA supplies many of the world’s major automakers, including Chrysler, Ford, General Motors and VW. With a 2008 sales volume of \$1.8 billion (€1.3 billion), the Karmann Group also operates facilities in Germany, Poland, Portugal, the U.K., Mexico and Japan.

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At its Plymouth Township campus, Karmann USA employs more than 300 people. In addition to the manufacture of convertible roof-top systems, Karmann USA provides OEMs with world class engineering solutions and recently launched a new aftermarket unit -- Karmann Classics.

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