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## 3M Hosts 2012 Transportation Summit in Detroit

Featured tech sessions, speakers and product showcase focused on industry solutions

**DETROIT** – Oct. 2, 2012 – <u>3M</u> demonstrated today its expertise and full range of solutions designed to address industry challenges at its 2012 Transportation Summit, held for automotive, RV, commercial vehicle, military and aerospace manufacturers and their suppliers at the 3M Automotive Market Center in Detroit.

The Summit brought together some of the top technical experts from 3M's global organization and showcased products and technologies from across 3M divisions that speak to industry megatrends such as alternative energy, weight reduction, safety, sustainability, passenger comfort and productivity. The event also featured keynote speakers and technical seminars.

"This Summit was designed to underscore the fact that developing solutions for the challenges OEMs and suppliers face is of utmost importance today," said Greg Piserchia, U.S. sales and marketing director, 3M Automotive Market Center, Livonia, Mich. "With the increased demands placed on the industry, collaborating with our customers by identifying their issues and leveraging 3M's technology platforms to help deliver products that are safe, affordable and sustainable is our top goal."

"3M is uniquely qualified to meet the needs of transportation customers. We were excited to host this event and begin the journey of continuing innovation with our valued customers," said Jim Fall, U.S. sales and marketing director, 3M Industrial Adhesives and Tapes Division.

Attendees from OEMs, suppliers, industry groups, other interested parties and media had the opportunity to hear remarks and keynote speeches from 3M executives and leading industry experts on topics such as alternative energy, the impact of urbanization on vehicle planning and transportation market trends.

In addition, seminars on topics such as weight reduction, sustainability best practices, productivity improvements, and defense market trends were offered.

The Summit also included the 3M Innovation Fair, which allowed attendees to view a wide array of solutions and experience specific product demonstrations. In addition, industry seminars on technologies spanning lightweighting, fuel cells, Li-ion battery and electrification, natural gas, emissions control, energy efficiency, life cycle management, noise reduction, vehicle personalization, warranty reduction, assembly aid, worker and passenger safety, and more were given.

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