actnano Wins 2026 Automotive News PACE Award

Malden, MA (November 18, 2026) – actnano was named a 2026 Automotive News PACE Award winner at the awards ceremony on November 17. The prestigious award recognizes automotive suppliers for superior innovation, technological advancement, and business performance. actnano was honored for its Advanced nanoGUARD coating technology, joining a distinguished group of winners that included Aptiv, ZF, Lear, and Flex.

actnano's Advanced nanoGUARD (ANG) disrupts 75 years of stagnant conformal coating technology as the industry's first fluorine-free, gel-state coating with true connect-through capabilities. For decades, conformal coatings have relied on toxic chemistries and complex masking. ANG changes that, enabling up to 100% coverage—including connectors and antennas—while preserving electrical integrity and delivering robust protection against environmental degradation and corrosion.

Built as a tailored, sustainable platform for everything from high-power electronics to ADAS modules, ANG shows that actnano has moved beyond a single-product solution to become a fundamental enabler for the next generation of software-defined and electrified vehicles.

"Conformal coatings haven't changed in 75 years, and the industry has accepted toxic chemistries and tedious masking as the price of reliability," said Taymur Ahmad, CEO of actnano. "Advanced nanoGUARD was built to change that. To be honored alongside some of the most respected names in automotive is an affirmation of what our team has accomplished, and it energizes us to keep raising the bar for the electronics that modern vehicles depend on."

The 31st annual PACE Awards were presented by Automotive News, with 14 awards given this year. The competition was open to suppliers that contribute products, processes, materials, or services directly to the manufacture of cars or trucks, and the Automotive News PACE Award is accepted around the world as the industry benchmark for innovation. actnano earned its award following an extensive review by an independent panel of judges, including a comprehensive written application and an in-person site visit.

"For more than 30 years, the PACE program has recognized groundbreaking innovations that have helped transform the global automotive industry," said Chrissy Taylor, senior vice president, editorial operations, Automotive News. "This year's winners continue that tradition, delivering technologies and solutions that are advancing the industry and shaping the future of mobility."

For complete details of the Automotive News PACE Award, visit www.autonews.com/awards/pace. MEMA, the primary U.S. trade association representing and advocating for automotive component, system, and aftermarket parts manufacturers, is the exclusive sponsor of this recognition program.

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