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Issue: With capital funding ever harder to come by in the current economic climate, many manufacturers are looking for ways to grow with minimal upfront investment. New products that incorporate cast polyurethane—a tough, versatile elastomer that can take the place of plastic, metal or rubber in a wide range of applications—present such an opportunity because they can be brought to market quickly with low tooling costs relative to other materials. For example, compared to plastic, polyurethane comes in at about one-fifth the total cost of tooling and setup.

Providing media commentary on cast polyurethane topics including:

- Applications
- Physical properties
- Prototyping
- Processing
- Tooling
- Attributes vs. plastic, metal and rubber

Mike Katz, Secretary and Treasurer of the Polyurethane Manufacturers Association (PMA), is an expert source on the applications of cast polyurethane elastomers. As president of Molded Dimensions Inc., a Port Washington, Wis.-based supplier of custom molded rubber and polyurethane parts, Katz has worked with numerous customers on incorporating cast polyurethanes into their products. For manufacturing trade media, he's available to share his valuable insights on cast polyurethane processing as well as PMA's role in the manufacturing industry.

Education:

- Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Master of Business Administration, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Affiliations:

- Member, Young Presidents' Organization
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About the Polyurethane Manufacturers Association: PMA is a trusted resource for the latest technology, practices and expertise about cast polyurethane—one of the most versatile, durable manufacturing materials in the world. Bringing together the best companies and the most comprehensive knowledge in the industry, PMA provides networking, research and advocacy that accelerate the success of individual members while advancing the industry as a whole.