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Ridewell Hits 100,000 Hour Safety Goal

SPRINGFIELD, MO - Ridewell Suspensions is pleased to announce it reached its 100,000 hours worked safety goal on May 24, 2004. In recognition of this accomplishment, the Ridewell management team will provide (and cook) a steak and potatoes meal for all Ridewell employees on June 10, 2004. In reaching the 100,000 hours worked safety goal, Ridewell has reduced its accident rate by 80% over the previous year.

Recognizing the need for increased emphasis on safety and accident reduction, Ridewell developed a comprehensive safety program. Working with the Missouri Division of Labor & Standards and Plant Manager Tom Baker, a program was developed and implemented in January 2003. The program includes:

- A plant structured safety committee composed of cross-departmental members
- Safety incentives
- Addition of more lifting devices
- Increased training on sprain & strain prevention
- Modifying the manufacturing flow to reduce material handling
- Flex & Stretch program

Ridewell Suspensions is a manufacturer of suspensions for the truck, trailer, bus and R.V. industries. They employ 124 people full-time at their Springfield location.

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