

## Best Manufacturer Award for Brose North America

Best Manufacturer Award for Brose North America: Jan Kowal, President of Brose NA Inc., Detroit (right) receiving the award from David Brown, President of the German American Chamber of Commerce, in Chicago.

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The German American Chamber of Commerce (GACC) has presented its Best Manufacturer Award to Brose North America Inc., the North American headquarters of the Brose Group, citing its outstanding business performance in the North American market and its innovative organization principles "The New Brose Organizational Model."

This award is the highest honor bestowed by the German American Chamber of Commerce: each year the Chamber honors companies in commerce and industry that are based in the U.S. Midwest and offer a unique product, innovative service or breakthrough technology or can boast other exemplary achievements.

At the Merlin Awards Gala in Chicago David Brown, President of the GACC, presented the prize to Jan Kowal, President of Brose North America Inc. The GACC gave the following reasons for its decision: "In 1993, Brose North America began as a single-man sales office. They have grown into a \$500 million supplier in 2007 with a total of 1,550 employees in North America. Through continued expansion, strong employee development programs and a commitment to offering the highest quality products available, Brose has proven itself worthy of the 2008 Best Manufacturer Award."

"We are proud to accept this prestigious award," said Jan Kowal in his acceptance speech at the ceremony in Chicago. "It will motivate US TO CONTINUE our efforts to turn in top-class performances and is recognition of the successful cooperation between the teams at our American and German headquarters," he added.

The Brose Group currently runs eight production plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico for supplying the North American market with door systems, locks, seat adjusters and electric motors. Its customers include the big three in the American automotive industry, Chrysler, General Motors and Ford, as well as the assembly plants of all leading European and Asian vehicle manufacturers on the North American continent.