



PROGRESSIVE RELEASES NEW v18 CATALOG

From the beginning, Progressive has focused on simplifying design, accelerating mold builds, and minimizing unscheduled mold stoppages by developing innovative products that have become global industry standards.

Today, we are pleased to introduce our v18 catalog, featuring new precision-standard pins and mold base components, exclusive innovations now available off the

shelf, an enhanced Mold Cylinder line with improved performance, pricing, and delivery, and new mold-monitoring tools for OEMs, Molders, and Mold Builders.

Whether you build, purchase, or operate molds, our catalog offers solutions that will benefit your tooling programs ahead.

To request a new v18 catalog, call 1-800-269-6653 or 1-847-487-1000, or visit procomps.com/v18.



PROGRESSIVE COMPONENTS NOW A 100% EMPLOYEE-OWNED COMPANY

This past March, Progressive Components announced that it has transitioned to 100% employee ownership through the establishment of an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). This transaction ensures that the company remains American-owned and independently operated while creating a meaningful ownership opportunity for employees.

Under the ESOP structure, employees received company shares through a retirement trust at no upfront cost. Over time, employees accumulate ownership in the company as a benefit of their employment.

Both Donald Starkey (Chairman) and Glenn Starkey (President) remain in their roles at this time, as leadership and daily operations will remain unchanged. Customers and suppliers should expect the same relationships, service levels, and long-term commitment that have defined the company for decades.

“Employee ownership aligns everyone around long-term growth and performance,” said Peter Friddle, Progressive’s COO. “This structure, along with deliberate, well-executed succession planning, will allow Progressive to operate with continued strength well into the future.”

The announcement was made at the podium of the



Glenn Starkey (left) and Don Starkey (right) accept the 2026 Plastics News Best Places to Work Award at the PN Executive Forum.

Plastics News Executive Forum in Clearwater Beach, FL, on March 25, where Progressive received the conference organizer’s Best Places to Work recognition.

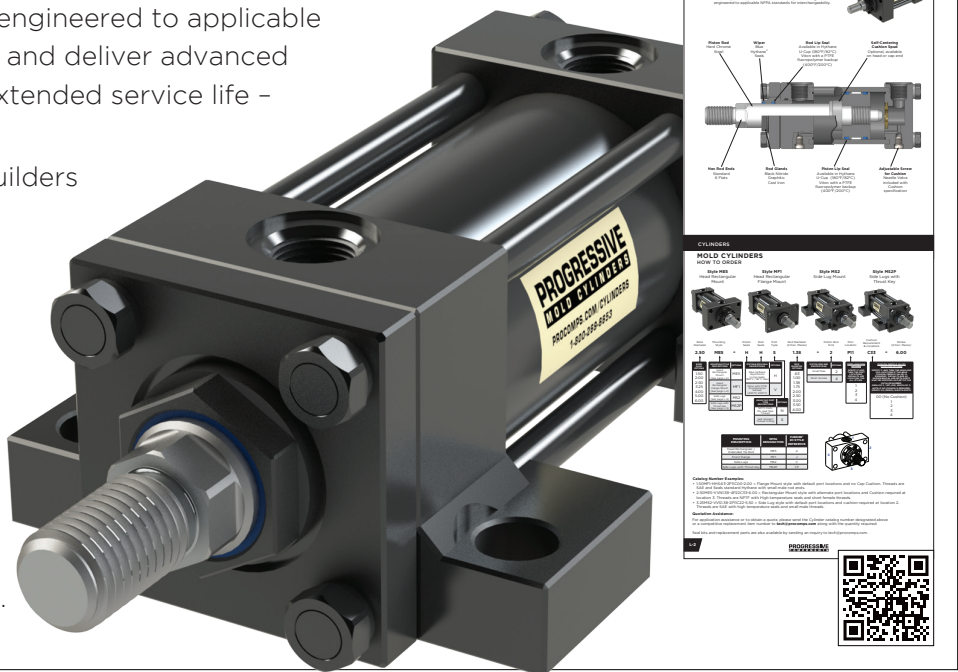
The company expressed gratitude to its customers, suppliers, and team members for their support throughout the years, and now looks forward to the new chapters ahead.

MOLD CYLINDERS

Progressive's new **Mold Cylinders** are engineered to applicable NFPA standards for interchangeability and deliver advanced performance, reliable operation, and extended service life – all at a competitive price and delivery.

Key advantages for mold designers, builders and molders include:

- Black-Nitride graphitic steel glands increase surface hardness, improve wear resistance, and provide better sealing performance.
- Improved seals and increased contact surface area enhances performance over the cylinder's life.
- Easier and faster installation with standard wrench.
- Full industry-standard compatibility.
- Cylinders are made in the USA.



STAINLESS STEEL EJECTOR PINS

Made from 440C Stainless Steel and heat-treated to 55-60 HRC, Pro's **Stainless Steel Ejector Pins** are designed for the strict requirements of medical, cleanroom, and corrosive PVC molding applications. Available in a straight style with diameters from 1/8" to 3/4" and lengths from 3" to 18", and an industry-exclusive shoulder style in diameters from 1/32" to 7/64", with 1/2", 2", or 3" shoulders, and 6" or 10" lengths. Keyed, cut-to-length, and custom options are also available.



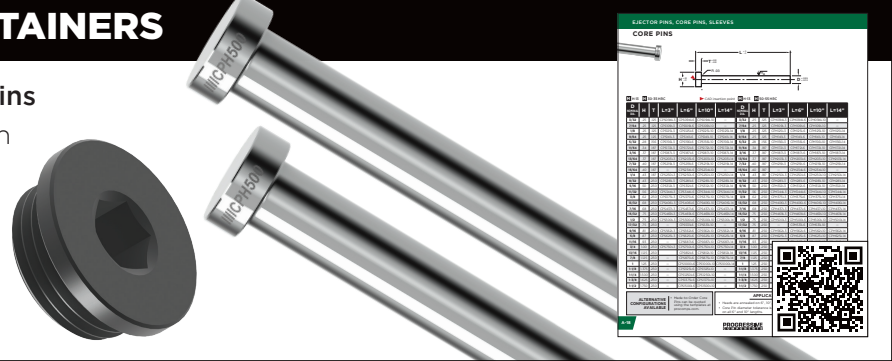
VENTED EJECTOR PINS

New Mold-Ready™ **Vented Ejector Pins**, available in both straight and shoulder styles, feature a self-cleaning, virtually maintenance-free vent design and are engineered with pre-configured details, making them adaptable for a wide range of molding materials. Each pin features a precisely ground ring vent and vent relief, with additional custom options available. Pin material options are H-13 and M-2.



CORE PINS AND CORE PIN RETAINERS

Progressive has expanded its line of **Core Pins** and **Core Pin Retainers**. This includes eleven new larger diameter sizes in 3", 6" and 10" lengths, for the Standard (CPS) and Hard (CPH) Core Pins. To round out this offering, new sizes of Core Pin Retainers have also been added.

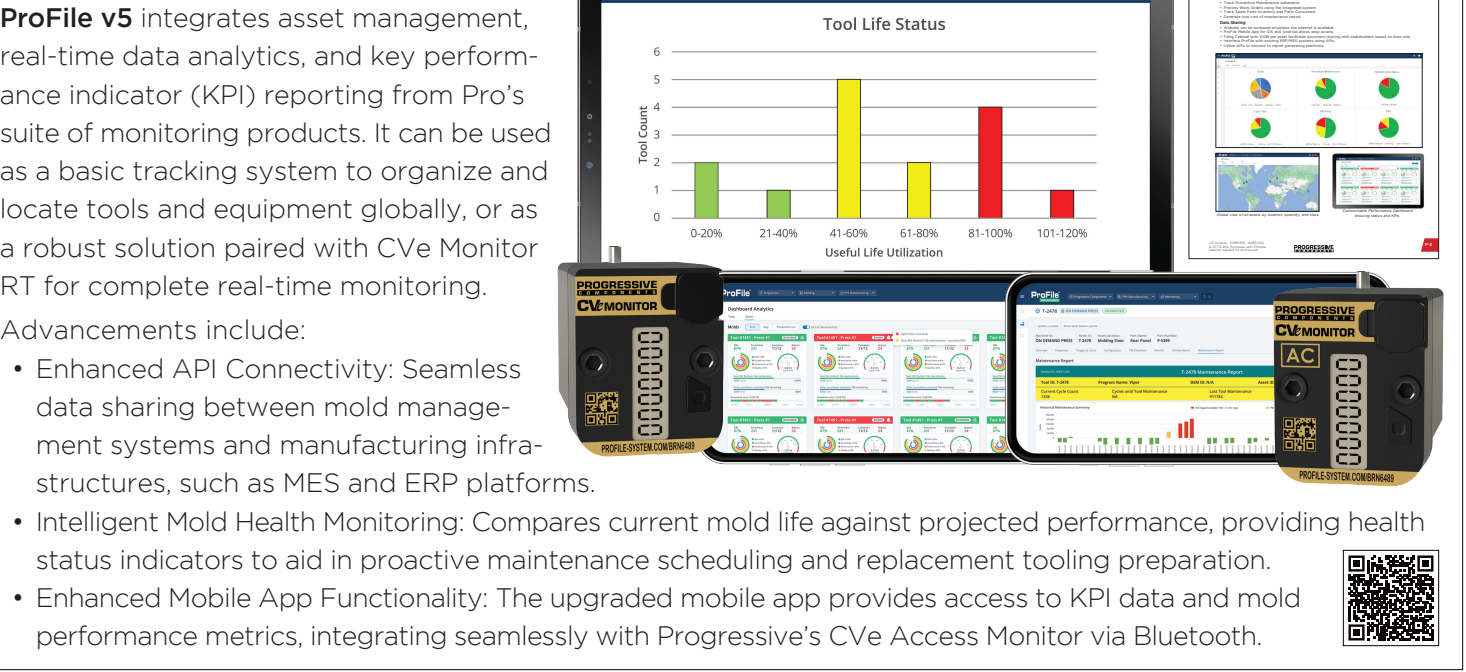


PROFILE® v5

ProFile v5 integrates asset management, real-time data analytics, and key performance indicator (KPI) reporting from Pro's suite of monitoring products. It can be used as a basic tracking system to organize and locate tools and equipment globally, or as a robust solution paired with CVE Monitor RT for complete real-time monitoring.

Advancements include:

- Enhanced API Connectivity: Seamless data sharing between mold management systems and manufacturing infrastructures, such as MES and ERP platforms.
- Intelligent Mold Health Monitoring: Compares current mold life against projected performance, providing health status indicators to aid in proactive maintenance scheduling and replacement tooling preparation.
- Enhanced Mobile App Functionality: The upgraded mobile app provides access to KPI data and mold performance metrics, integrating seamlessly with Progressive's CVE Access Monitor via Bluetooth.



SYSTEM COOLING CONNECT

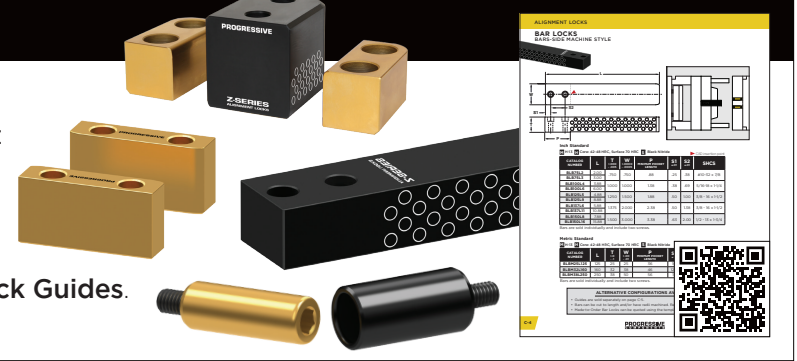
A controller designed for seamless integration with injection molding machines, **System Cooling Connect** links System Cooling cloud-enabled Manifolds, supporting 2 to 12 zones, to the machine and provides secure, real-time data acquisition. Additional options include Faceplates for port identification on Connect Manifolds, four Test Rig Connect configurations with an 8-zone manifold and various pump sizes, and an optional Portable Cart.



ALIGNMENT LOCK EXPANSION

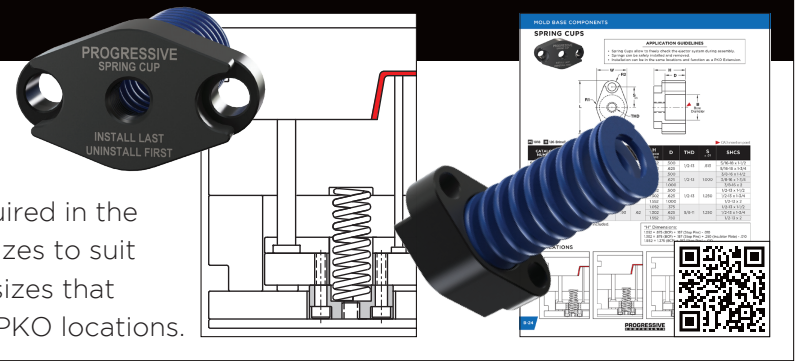
Progressive has expanded its line of Z-Series Alignment Locks with the addition of the following:

- Two new **Guide Lock** sizes - GL75X112 and GL150X225.
- Two smaller length Side Machine **Bar Lock Bars** (2" and 3"), and three new corresponding **Bar Lock Guides**.
- New .625" diameter **Round Cavity Interlock**.



SPRING CUPS

Pro's new **Spring Cups** make spring-loaded ejector systems safer and easier to assemble, allow for ejection verification to ensure no system binding, and accept longer springs with less machining required in the Support Plate. Spring Cups are available in seven sizes to suit standard plate thickness and now four new 1.302" sizes that allow for a .25" insulator plate when being used at PKO locations.



TOOLING FOR TOMORROW



The Progressive team proudly sponsored and exhibited at the 2026 AMBA Conference, held May 12-14, in Grand Rapids, MI.

We also sponsored and presented the AMBA awards for Mold Builder and Tooling Trailblazer of the Year, which includes a \$5,000 grant to support a technical program of the winner's choice.

This year, David LaGrow, president of Maximum Mold Group (St.

Joseph, MI), was named the 2026 AMBA Mold Builder of the Year, and the 2026 AMBA Tooling Trailblazer of the Year was presented to Bob Yarber and Jeff Cooper from R/D Leverage (Lee's Summit, MO).

In addition to the AMBA awards, Pro also sponsors the SPE's Mold Designer of the Year award, which comes with a \$1,000 check. This year, Rob Doorakkers, CTO of



AMBA 2026 Mold Builder of the Year.



AMBA 2026 Tooling Trailblazer of the Year.

IGS GeboJagama, was named the 2026 Mold Designer of the Year.



SPE 2026 Mold Designer of the Year.

Recently, IGS invited future mold makers, designers, and innovators from Avans Academy of Technology and Innovation to its Eindhoven facility to gain a firsthand look at the technology, craftsmanship, and teamwork that drive success in the design and production of high-quality injection molds.



i-WARRIORS EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

Now is the time to mark your calendars for the Alliance Specialties and Laser Sales and United Tool & Mold Golf Outings, and the M.R. Mold and Engineering Bowling Party, all of which help support the iWarriors program.



Golf Outing - September 25, 2026



Golf Outing - October 23, 2026



Bowling Party - February 10, 2027

With continued support from sponsors, donors, online store purchases, and events, we will continue to give back to those who have given their all.

For more information on the iWarriors program, to donate, become a sponsor, purchase branded merchandise, or view testimonials, please visit www.iwarriors.org and take action today.

Thank you iWarriors so much for the iPad. As a combat veteran OEF/OIF, I use it daily to help heal my invisible wounds.

It's helped so much for telehealth appointments, therapy, fitness apps, self-care podcasts and even meditation. I can't thank you all enough for this incredible gift.

Thank you all for all you do for veterans!

Amanda Montejano
iWarriors Recipient

Over one thousand brave men and women, like Amanda Montejano (pictured above), have been technology recipients due to the generosity and assistance from members of the American Mold Builders Association, the team at MoldMaking Technology, event hosts, and countless friends and colleagues throughout the country.