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**RETIRED INSTRON® PRESIDENT HONORED WITH
THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM ASTM**

Instron, a leading provider of testing equipment solutions designed to evaluate mechanical properties of materials and components, is pleased to announce that Joseph Amaral, Instron's retired President, was awarded The John M. "Tim" Holt Lifetime Achievement Award from the ASTM Committee E28.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to those members in recognition of consistent, longstanding service and exemplary contributions to the standardization of mechanical testing, to the promotion of knowledge, and to leadership in these pursuits. With more than 28 years of involvement in ASTM, mainly with E28 – The Mechanical Testing Committee, Amaral participated in countless subcommittees and chaired numerous task groups in the development of ASTMs internationally recognized standards for material testing.



“Amaral’s outstanding technical knowledge and standards writing skills were instrumental in development of many of the standards used by the material testing industry every day,” said Ed Tobolski, the current chairman of E28.

Just before his retirement, Amaral served for three years on the Committee on Standards (COS), which oversees all of the standards developed by ASTM.

Amaral worked at Instron for 28 years in various positions, including Corporate Technology Manager; Corporate Product Planning Manager; Vice President, Corporate Technical Director; Vice President/General Manager (worldwide); and President of Instron Materials Testing.

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