

Recent Announcements

Nypro Carolina expanded its plastics manufacturing operations in the Piedmont Triad, creating 60 jobs and investing \$6.5 million in Alamance County. Nypro Carolina, a division of Nypro Inc., is a supplier of plastic components for the consumer electronics, healthcare, packaging and automotive industries. The company will relocate to a larger facility in Mebane, transferring existing workers.



Nypro Carolina produces its products in a Class 100,000 cleanroom environment.

Austin Foam Plastics, Inc. (AFP) expanded its Piedmont Triad manufacturing hub to serve Dell and other North Carolina clients. The company outgrew its previous 50,000-square-foot location and has added 70 new jobs bringing its local employment total to over 100 permanent and temporary employees. Located in Forsyth County, AFP has been in business for more than 28 years and has become an industry leader in innovative packaging design and customer service for the corrugated box and cushion packaging needs of manufacturers. The company has received multiple industry awards for its outstanding service.



Carolina Precision Plastics expanded its Piedmont Triad operations, creating 150 jobs and investing \$4.5 million. Carolina Precision Plastics specializes in injection molded plastics for consumer products, cosmetics, healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. Headquartered in Randolph County, the company opened its new facility in Greensboro.

Carolina Precision Plastics' advanced equipment has the capability for high-cavitation molding, bar-coding, automated and manual assembly and prototyping.

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Major Plastics Industry Employers in North Carolina's Piedmont Triad Region

Company	Employment
Technimark Inc. <i>Injection molding products manufacturer</i>	530
Engineered Polymer Solutions <i>Coating & colorant manufacturer</i>	350
Tyco Plastics/Armin Products <i>Polyethylene film and packaging products manufacturer</i>	350
Lydall Thermal Acoustical Inc. <i>Plastics automotive components manufacturer</i>	352
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company <i>Retread rubber manufacturer</i>	300
Prestige Fabricators Inc. <i>Foam & cushion manufacturer</i>	332
Dart Container <i>Single-use food service packaging products processing</i>	255
North State Flexibles <i>Plastic packaging manufacturer</i>	190
Sonoco Corrflex <i>Corrugated packaging manufacturer</i>	172
NCFI Polyurethanes <i>Plastic foam products manufacturer</i>	165



Current Plastics Related Employment & Wages



Occupation	Estimated Employment	Est. Avg. Wage
Team Assemblers	14,120	\$12.92
Managers of Production Workers	6,360	\$22.15
Machinists	2,630	\$15.36
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters	2,120	\$13.41
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters	1,860	\$13.69
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators & Tenders	1,210	\$15.57
Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators	1,200	\$12.75
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators	800	\$15.48
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators	790	\$13.00
Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators	750	\$13.35
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	600	\$12.82
Extruding and Forming Machine Setters, Operators	360	\$12.39
Rolling Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	330	\$12.26
Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators	310	\$13.73
Heat Treating Equipment Setters, Operators, and Tenders	80	\$14.71

Source: NC Employment Security Commission, Occupational & Wage Data, 2008