



## **INDUSTRY AWARD OF MERIT**

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### **RECIPIENTS:**

1967	Nester J. MacDonald, Chairman of the Board, Thomas & Betts, Co.
1968	Joseph A. Bussmann, Jr., President, Bussmann Mfg. Div., McGraw-Edison Co., St. Louis, MO
1969 – 1971	No Award Given
1972	Kristian H. Christiansen, Vice President, General Electric Co., ADSD, Harrison, NY
1972	Walter H. Bieringer, Plymouth Rubber Co.
1973	Marvin V. Schylling, Vice President, Marketing Lighting Products Group, Industrial-Commercial Division, GTE Sylvania, Danvers, MA
1974	Mitchell P. Kartalia, President, Square D Co., Park Ridge, IL
1975	J.M. Lime, General Manager, Lamp Marketing Dept., General Electric Co., Nela Park, Cleveland, OH
1976	No Award Given
1977	Reginald H. Jones, Chairman of the Board, General Electric Co., Fairfield, CT
1978 – 1979	No Award Given
1980	Robert H. Murphy, Vice Chairman, The Wiremold Co., West Hartford, CT John D. Murphy, Chairman of the Board, The Wiremold Co., West Hartford, CT
1981	A.H. Gudie, Trade Service Publications, Los Angeles, CA
1982	I.A. Rader, Allen-Bradley Company, Milwaukee, WI
1983	J. David Parkinson, Thomas & Betts Co., Raritan, NJ
1984	Vincent J. Ruane, 3M Company, St. Paul, MN
1985	T.R. Fuller, Thomas Industries, Inc., Louisville, KY
1986	Donald M. Canfield, Vice President – Marketing, Industrial/Commercial Lighting, GTE Sylvania – US Lighting Division, Danvers, MA
1987	L.R. Anderson, General Electric Co., Lighting Business Group, Cleveland, OH (Retired)
1988	James E. Fenn, Plymouth Rubber Co., Inc., Canton, MA (Retired)
1989	Neil I. Wolfson, Vice President, Red Dot Division, L.E. Mason Co., Boston, MA
1990	David M. Engelman, Electrical Distribution & Control Sales Division, GE Company, Plainville, CT
1991	Thomas A. Blumberg, Leviton Mfg., Co., Inc., Little Neck, NY
1992	H. John Riley, Cooper Industrials, Houston, TX
1993	M. Thomas Latanision, Thomas & Betts Co., Memphis, TN
1994	Thomas A. Twehues, Essex Group, Ft. Wayne, IN
1995	John D. Opie, GE Lighting, East Cleveland, OH
1996	William A. Trotman, Gould Shawmut, Newburyport, MA
1997	Vincent Petrecca, Hubbell Incorporated, Orange, CT



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1998	Alexander M. Cutler, Eaton Corporation, Cleveland, OH
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2000	Panduit Corporation, Jack Caveney – CEO
2001	Jack Briody, Advance Transformer Co.
2002	Scott Harris, Schneider Electric/Square D
2003	No Award Given
2004	Robert Smith, Pass & Seymour/Legrand
2005	Edwin B. Kanner, American Insulated Wire Corporation
2006	Timothy H. Powers, Hubbell Incorporated
2007	Square D/Schneider Electric
2008	ILSCO Corp.
2009	Lutron Electronics Co., Inc.
2010	Alexander M. Cutler, Eaton Corporation, Cleveland, OH
2011	RAB Lighting, Northvale, NJ
2012	Legrand/John Selldorff, West Hartford, CT
2013	Leviton/Don Hendler, Steve Sokolow, Melville, NY
2014	Encore Wire Corporation, Daniel Jones, McKinney, TX
2015	Southwire Company, Stuart Thorn, Carrollton, GA
2016	Omni Cable Corporation, Jeff Siegfried, Westchester, PA
2017	Acuity Brands, Vernon Nagel, Conyers, GA
2018	Rockwell Automation, Inc., Blake Moret, Milwaukee, WI
2019	ABB, Greg Scheu, President Americas Region
2020	Atkore International, Bill Waltz, President & CEO