



Press release
Prize for Industrial Innovation 2013
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COVAL wins the « LAUREAT FOR INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION » for the Rhone alpes region (France).

COVAL, a French company located in the Drome, specializing in vacuum automation, won the trophy of industrial innovation for the **Rhône Alpes REGION**.

This prize awarded collectively by **OSEO** and the **Ministry of Productivity improvement** is an encouragement for a company committed to technological innovation.

The vacuum pumps and suction cups conceived, manufactured and commercialized by COVAL are utilized around the world for automated handling of a wide range of objects from different materials and various sizes/shapes/weights in diverse industrial sectors.

‘INNOVATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS’

The technologies introduced by COVAL simplify the installations, reduce the energy consumption and improve the productivity. Thus they contribute to the return on the investment of the industrial installations.

COVAL's latest innovation **LEMAY**, mini vacuum module integrates all functions in a compact format and offers intelligent feature **ASC** allowing for energy savings from **60 to 97%**



Mini vacuum pump LEMAY

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This innovation similar to the previous ones' has been accomplished thanks to the partnership with University Lab (INSA Toulouse) and the support of OSEO for the past 10 years. Focused on mechatronics, the **R&D of COVAL** explored the Micro & Nanotechnologies with the cooperation of MINALOGIC, the Technical Center of Microelectronic.

Innovation is the key factor to leadership in these emerging markets, not only in France but also in the export through its subsidiaries based in: Spain, Brazil, Germany, Italy and USA which represent 40% of COVAL's turnover in the overseas markets.

From the IRCAM to TGV

Michel Cecchin, CEO of COVAL, participated in the IRCAM the National ceremony of awards presentation in the presence of the **Minister for the Productivity Improvement Mr. Arnaud MONTERBOURG** and **Ms. HAIGNERE Caludie** president for the public establishment 'palais de la découverte et de la Cité des sciences et de l'industrie' (EPPDCSI) and the president of OSEO Mr. François Drouin.

COVAL was awarded the prize for industrial innovation for the Rhone Alpes region on March 27th during a ceremony at the Train Industry and Innovation Expo in Lyon.

"This award is an encouragement for all the employees of COVAL. This also recognizes our customers in France and all over the world for their confidence in COVAL. This reinforces our determination to pursue a continuous strategic innovation with the support of our industrial economic partners, explains Mr. Michel CECCHIN"

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COVAL, vacuum where it's needed, when it's needed

Based in the south of France, COVAL SAS conceives, manufactures and commercializes worldwide high performance components and vacuum systems for the industrial applications in all the sectors.

ISO 9001 V2008 certified company, COVAL innovates worldwide in the domain of vacuum handling optimized vacuum components, integrating reliable and intelligent functions. They are adaptable to all industrial contexts with a principal objective to improve the productivity in complete security.

Fact & figures:

French manufacturer

Headquarters founded in 1986 and based in Montelie(26), France

Staff: 45 people with an average age of 34 years

CA 2012: 6.7 Million EUROS

30 distributors in France, worldwide distribution network and subsidiaries in EUROPE, North America and South America.

Production site: Montelie (France)

Products:

Venturis, suction pads, vacuum switches, vacuum grippers, accessories, Suction pad vacuum lifters, tube lifters



Vacuum pump



Suction cups



Vacuum grippers

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