
SME – March 2009 Factory Tour
Society of Manufacturing Engineers
Chapter 051 – North Texas
Tension Envelope – Fort Worth, Texas

This month the north Texas chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers will tour Tension Envelope in Fort Worth. Tension Envelope is one of the country's leading manufacturers of envelope products, selling directly to companies and organizations across the country. Tension makes many of the envelopes you see and handle day-to-day, including direct mail envelopes, billing and banking envelopes, and photo packaging envelopes. Products range from standard styles and sizes to specialty envelopes, some created for one-of-a-kind mailing or packaging purposes. Tension produces over 11 billion envelopes a year, with plants from coast to coast and nationwide distribution. We service our customers from over 30 sales/service offices located in major market areas. Tension got its name because in the 1880s, a New York envelope manufacturer invented the string and button envelope closure which consists of two round disks riveted to the seal flap and body of the envelope. The envelope is closed by twisting a string attached to the flap button around the lower button, thus holding the contents under "tension." The envelope was called the Tension Tie. Postal regulations at the time did not permit third or fourth class mail to be sealed, making the Tension Tie envelope an immensely popular product. In fact, the company became so well known for this envelope, its name was changed to Tension Envelope Company.

Please no photography.

Date: Friday March 6th, 2009

Location: 5900 Tension Drive
Ft. Worth, TX 76112-6936
Phone number: 817-451-5811

Cost: **Free!**

Time: 3:00 pm

Please RSVP by Wednesday March 4.

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Chapter Website: <http://www.chapters.sme.org/051/>

Chapter Statistics:

- # of Members: 238 (+4 since January!)
- # of Life Life Members: 40
- # of Certified Manufacturing Engineers: 25
- # Members with Lean Certification: 14.7%
- # of Members Without E-Mail: 65

Please volunteer to help us call our membership!
