

## Update on Work Leaving Grand Rapids

The following is a list of part numbers and common stable part codes that Grand Rapids will be shipping, or has already shipped, over the next few weeks. We will keep you posted as more moves are announced.

GR Press Line	Part Code	Part Number	Part Name	Die Ship Date	Receiving Plant
W	A0040	20762149	Pnl-H/Plr Inr R	1/26/2009	MARION
CO6	A5324-6	25632659 25632660	Rnf-RR Door Inr L Rnf-RR Door Inr R	1/26/2009	MARION
BB1	A0089	15283472	Pnl-Blp	1/27/2009	MARION
SHEAR	A0089B	B5283472	Pnl-Blp	1/27/2009	MARION
CO6	A2588-9	25632167 25632168	Rnf-E/Cmpt Rail Otr RR	1/27/2009	INDY
OO3	B3314	15915710	Frm-Frt&RR Door Opg R	1/28/2009	MANSFIELD
CC1	B3324	15829330	Pnl-Bdy Si Otr R	1/28/2009	FLINT
CO6	A0763-A0802	10406987 10406988	Ext-RR Cmpt Pan Xbar RR R Ext-RR Cmpt Pan Xbar RR L	1/29/2009	INDY

### New Colors for Lifting Devices, Equipment

It's that time of year again to trade in our lifting devices and equipment. We have begun to place bins in our work areas to put last year's equipment with a white band in the appropriate container and replace it with certified equipment. Colors for 2009 are **yellow bands** for **English** style and **blue and yellow bands** for **metric** style. Chains, steps, ladders, and other equipment will be rebanded with a **yellow** re-inspected tag. Please help us get through this annual project quickly and thoroughly.

### Child Care Office Closing

The Child Care/Elder Care Resource and Referral Program that has been part of the Grand Rapids Metal Plant for many years has eliminated on-site representatives as of January 31. Thus, **Ann Kluting**, who's been serving our plant for 15 years, will no longer be coming here or be available to us after that time. The agency through which she worked (Kent 4C) found her another position within the company. UAW employees can now access these services through 888-REFER02. We'd like to thank Ann for her many years of great service.

### Mandatory Fall Hazard Harness and Lanyard Annual Inspection

#### Dates and Times:

January 26, 2009 through January 30, 2009  
from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Location:

Safety Equipment Inspection Crib located on the north side of #3 crib



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### Progress Continues on Transitional Center

**A** Grand Rapids Metal Plant Transitional Self-Help Center is scheduled to open Monday, February 2. The center will be located in the former Distance Learning Room, which is in the first-floor hallway between the Plant Manager's Conference Room and the front lobby.

The joint organizing team met again last week, with representatives from Michigan Works and the State of Michigan also attending. The purpose of the center is to help employees identify employment alternatives. Services the center will provide to GRMP employees include help with resume and cover letter writing, career exploration, job searching, training, and much more.

As they're finalized, we'll communicate details to you through the *AutoKnow*, on *AutoView*, and on the UAW Local 730 website: <http://www.uawlocal730.com/>.

### GM Announces 2008 Global Sales of 8.35 Million Vehicles

**G**eneral Motors sold more than 8.35 million vehicles globally in 2008. GM's nearly 3% growth in both the Asia Pacific and LAAM regions partially offset North America sales that declined 21%, and growing pressure in Europe that resulted in 7% fewer sales. Compared with 2007, GM's total sales were down 11%, reflecting continuing global economic pressures that include tightening credit, falling commodities prices and lack of GDP growth.

### Indefinite Layoffs Coming to GRMP

**R**oughly 500 Grand Rapids Metal Plant employees will be placed on indefinite layoff no earlier than March 31, 2009. The layoffs are the result of a continued decline in vehicle sales, which, of course, reduces production volumes here in Grand Rapids. Also factoring into the layoffs is the fact that work continues to be moved to other GM locations in preparation for the plant to cease operations at the end of this year.

Because the layoff impacts more than one-third of the Grand Rapids workforce, Worker Adjustment Retraining and Notification Act (WARN) letters of notification are being provided to the UAW and appropriate state and local government officials. This is in accordance with a law that requires a minimum of 60 days advance notice of such indefinite layoffs.

### Cadillac Converj Concept Collects Design Honors at NAIAS

The Cadillac Converj concept car collected several important design awards at the North International American Auto Show (NAIAS), including the announcement of "Best Concept" by *AutoWeek*. Additional awards for Converj include Eyes on Design of NAIAS - Best Concept Car; and *The Detroit News* - Best Concept Car.

