

Klein[®] Tools Opens Nominations for the 2017 Electrician of the Year

Grand prize: a trip to an iconic American destination and \$1,500 in Klein Tools products

July 10, 2017 (Lincolnshire, IL) – Klein Tools (<u>http://www.kleintools.com</u>), for professionals since 1857, is accepting nominations for its annual <u>Electrician of the Year</u> award starting July 10, 2017. The award recognizes U.S.-based electricians who exemplify professional achievement, safety excellence and community dedication. The grand prize winner will receive his or her choice of a one-time trip to one of four iconic American destinations, including Charlotte, North Carolina; New York, New York; Las Vegas, Nevada; or Sturgis, South Dakota, to experience the best each city has to offer. The grand prize winner will also receive \$1,500 of premium-quality, professional-grade Klein Tools products. Entries, including self-nominations, will be accepted online at <u>www.kleintools.com/eoy</u> from July 10 to Aug. 6, 2017.

Klein Tools will announce six regional winners on Aug. 16, 2017. Each regional winner will receive the Ultimate Garage Package, which includes a 41-piece Journeyman[™] Tool Set, \$500 to \$1,000 in additional Klein Tools products^{*} and a trip to Klein Tools' manufacturing headquarters in Mansfield, Texas, to experience how the premium-quality tools are made.

Fans will have a chance to vote online for their favorite regional winner from Sept. 11-15, 2017. The grand prize winner will be announced on Sept. 27, 2017, via <u>Klein Tools' Facebook</u> Live.

Following the results of the fan vote, a select group of Klein family members will review the submissions to calculate the grand prize winner. As descendants of Klein Tools' founder, Mathias Klein, each member takes into account the company's 160-year heritage to help determine who should represent the electrical industry as the next Klein Tools Electrician of the Year.

"Over the last 160 years, we have heard amazing stories of how electricians dedicate time to their communities, take ownership of difficult work and strive for professional achievement. They do all this while powering the destinations and events that embody the American spirit, like the lights of the Las Vegas Strip, NASCAR® races, music venues and other entertainment that Americans look forward to every year," says Greg Palese, vice president of marketing at Klein Tools. "We want to celebrate these electricians for their hard work and for powering America's passions. Through the Electrician of the Year contest, Klein Tools showcases the finest U.S. electricians who do just that."

Applications are available July 10, 2017, at <u>http://www.kleintools.com/eoy</u>. Nominations will be accepted online only through Aug. 6, 2017, and are open to U.S. residents only.

*Prize amount will depend on each winner's standing in the awards. Value based on Klein Tools' published list price.

About Klein Tools

Since 1857, Klein Tools, a family-owned and operated company, has been designing, developing and manufacturing premium-quality, professional-grade tools. Celebrating its 160th anniversary in 2017, Klein Tools remains committed to investing in U.S. manufacturing and maintaining its place as the No. 1 choice among electricians. For more information, visit www.kleintools.com.



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