

Wegu Manufacturing – Paper Edit

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At Wegu, we manufacture products for the industrial sector and the automotive sector.

The company originated as a rubber manufacturer, and the oldest processes of that kind deal with compression moulding. It then evolved into rubber injection moulding. We also have highly sophisticated, multi-shot plastic injection moulding where rubber and other products are injection moulded at the same time.

The majority of our development, research and development, is related to product development – testing the product and developing it for our customers. Research and development is multi fold here. We develop the materials that go into our product, so the rubbers are proprietary to Wegu. So we design products for Ford Motor Company that involve air management systems in vehicles and pressure relief valves, some of which are very sophisticated, and control the amount of air actually going in the vehicle at various points in the performance of that vehicle.

Local labour is well trained and very mature. We're able to get people here that have manufacturing experience because there are a lot of companies in the area, and have good knowledge of manufacturing processes and require little training when they're hired.

We engage employees that are, have, been trained by Durham College. And as well we utilize the research and development facilities that Durham College has.

The close proximity to the 401 makes transportation very easy for our business. Most of product is shipped by truck, and we are within a kilometre of the 401, and the access to the entirety of North America by road through our access makes this a very viable location.

Wegu is situated in an area here in Whitby that is south of the communities that lie directly north of the 401. Those communities make an excellent haven for families. They enjoy many schools, many churches, many community centres and a very relaxed atmosphere, shopping centres are as good as any in Ontario. It's an excellent place to raise a family.

The Town's Economic Division has supported the businesses of many companies here in Whitby by providing information, by holding seminars, by introducing us to other businesses in Whitby, by making us known to the Ontario government, and the federal government. You couldn't ask for a more supportive government.