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## **News Release**

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### **SMITHERS NAMES GENERAL MANAGER FOR INDOOR TIRE, WHEEL TESTING**

AKRON, Ohio (Feb. 9, 2001) – James A. Popio, Ph.D., has joined Smithers Scientific Services Inc. as general manager of its indoor tire and wheel testing operations at the firm’s Tire & Automotive Testing Division in Ravenna, Ohio.

Dr. Popio brings to Smithers an extensive background in tire and vehicle dynamics, tire testing, material performance, and development and design of new test methods and equipment.

Prior to joining Smithers, he was a staff development engineer at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., and before that, a senior engineer in test technology at Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering degree, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, all from the University of Akron.

Smithers is a leading independent testing, research and consulting firm serving an international client base of designers and manufacturers of automotive, aerospace, tire, elastomeric, plastic, steel, chemical, medical and transportation products. For further information, access the company’s Web site at [www.smithersscientific.com](http://www.smithersscientific.com).

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