

# High Technology

## Ing. Gerold Pankl

Gerold Pankl was born in Bruck/Mur Austria and began his career at a Mechanical Engineering College. In 1984 he founded his first company, Pankl Precision Technics, which was later called Pankl Racing Systems, the world's largest supplier of racing components and helicopter drivetrains. Pankl Racing Systems has approximately 1,000 employees and over 100 M Euro in revenue. Currently, Mr. Pankl serves on the Supervisory Board of Pankl Racing Systems. From 2003-2006, Mr. Pankl was the Speaker for The Supplier Excellence Alliance, a Joint Program Office for the aerospace, defense, and space supply chain conversion effort. During his time with SEA, Mr. Pankl developed new management systems that accelerated the supply chain performance across the country.



Mr. Pankl holds numerous patents for engine and transmission components for racing applications. He owns companies in both Europe and the US, as well as sits on the boards of various companies. His vision is to design and manufacture the world's best technical crank mechanism in terms of performance for factory racing applications. Mr. Pankl resides in Huntington Beach, CA. and is Chairman of Superior Crankshaft.

### Milestones of Mr. Gerold Pankl

**1985:** Pankl Precision Technics, leader in titanium and lightweight connecting rods was founded in Bruck/Mur Austria.

**1992:** Developed and manufactured the world's first super critical helicopter tail rotor drive line system for Eurocopter.

**1995:** Designed and manufactured the first racing driveline for the F1 and DTM markets.

**1996:** Founded Pankl North America, the first Pankl company in the USA and distributor for all Pankl products.

**1996:** Introduced titanium suspension components to the global factory racing programs.

**1997:** Released the first high-end racing piston to market in Bruck/Mur, Austria.

**1998:** Purchased LAE Crankshaft in Orange California and founded CP Pistons in Irvine California.

Mr. Pankl went public on the ESDAQ with Pankl Engine Systems.

**1999:** First Formula 1 suspension assembly designed and manufactured in Bruck/Mur, Austria.

**2000:** Purchase of Clark and Wheeler, US leader in helicopter main rotor shafts, (known today as Pankl Aerospace Systems). 1<sup>st</sup> crank mechanism created - crank, rod, and piston for Formula 1 in design and manufacture.

**2003:** Elected Speaker for the Supplier Excellence Alliance.

**2004:** First Formula 3 gearbox delivered.

Founded Superior Crankshaft in Irvine, California With the founding of Superior Crankshaft in 2004, Mr. Pankl achieved his lifelong vision a reality by supplying the world's best full crank mechanism from design to calculation to manufacture and complete customer support.