

## **TACONY RECOGNIZED FOR QUALITY STANDARDS**

ST. LOUIS — Tacony Corporation, the manufacturer of Riccar and Simplicity vacuum cleaners, recently received 9001:2000 approval from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to become officially registered.

To receive ISO 9001:2000 approval, Tacony had to meet 20 sets of quality systems requirements. This quality assurance model applies to organizations that design, develop, produce, install and service products.

“For a manufacturing facility, receiving ISO registration is the equivalent of passing the bar exam,” said Ken Tacony, president and chief executive officer at Tacony. “It took every person in the Tacony manufacturing organization to ensure compliance. We are very proud of our staff and equally as proud to now carry the ISO certification.”

Complimenting Tacony on the completeness of its quality management system, the ISO audit team’s final report concluded that the company’s system is effective while pointing to several Tacony strengths including:

- An exceptionally cohesive and well understood quality management system.
- Employees who are very competent in their assigned job skills.
- A leadership and management commitment which is very evident at all levels.

“The adoption of this quality management system was a strategic decision by Tacony and will enable us to better control cost, product quality and drive our continuous improvement processes,” said Tacony. “The strengths listed in the ISO report are a direct result of all the hard work everyone put into becoming successfully compliant with the ISO standard.”

A non-governmental organization, the ISO helps both product and service oriented organizations achieve standards of quality that are recognized and respected throughout the world.

The ISO audit was conducted at Tacony's facility in St. James, Mo., where the company manufactures its two lines of vacuum cleaners: Riccar and Simplicity. Tacony also distributes and develops a variety of other consumer products, including sewing machines and software, ceiling fans, floor care parts and equipment, commercial carpet care equipment, and commercial floor care equipment. Tacony has six distribution centers nationwide, including St. James, Mo.; St. Louis; Fullerton, Calif.; Carlstadt, N.J.; Fort Worth, Texas; and Jacksonville, Fla. For more information, visit [www.tacony.com](http://www.tacony.com).

Tacony Corporation is a 57-year, family owned company headquartered in St. Louis, Mo. Tacony is a major import, export, manufacturing and marketing company offering a wide range of consumer products.