

JOHN C. WAINWRIGHT, ASSOCIATE

EXPERIENCE

- Peter R. Thom and Associates Inc., Associate. 2003 - Present
- Bestop, Inc., 1996 – 1997, Vice President of Engineering. Bestop is the dominant supplier of OE and aftermarket soft tops and accessories for SUVs.
- Lear Seating Corporation, Southfield, MI, 1985 – 1995. started as a Senior Engineer then promoted to Manager – Advanced Engineering. While there, awarded six patents on seat innovations. Moved on to become Director of Product Engineering for European Operations and following that, the Business Unit Manager for Ford Truck and then Director of Product Development with responsibility for the Advanced Engineering Group. Other responsibilities included: the management of seat system engineering, development and testing; and research of advanced technologies including seat mounted airbags and restraint systems.
- Ford Motor Corporation, Dearborn, MI, 1971 – 1985, Design Engineer. Designed body structure, closures, seals, airbags, passenger restraints, seats, instrument panels, and conducted FMVSS crash testing for injury criteria, windshield retention and fuel system integrity.

EDUCATION

- New Jersey Institute of Technology, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, 1971.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Automotive Engineers. Published and presented a SAE Paper on Integrated Restraint Seating.

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