

# Golden Trowel® Awards for the 2015 Contest

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**TWO WORLD RECORDS SET IN 2015 GOLDEN TROWEL®  
COMPETITION BY FIRST-TIME GOLDEN TROWEL WINNERS**

**ACE/AVANT TIES BIRDWELL & FRICKS FOR  
MOST GOLDEN TROWELS WON BY A SINGLE CONTRACTOR**

**FIRST GOLDEN TROWELS AWARDED IN ASIA**

(LAS VEGAS) Thirteen Golden Trowels were awarded to 11 different contractors from three continents at the annual Golden Trowel® ceremony held today at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas. Two first-time Golden Trowel® Winners produced world record F-Numbers in their respective categories.

Presented by The Face® Companies of Norfolk, Virginia, Golden Trowels are given annually in recognition of the flattest and most level floor slabs produced in the world.

The **Jacobsen Construction Company** of Salt Lake City, UT, broke into the ranks of Golden Trowel® winners in a big way, with a World Record FF in the unshored elevated slab category. It is worthy of note that since the inception of the Golden Trowel® Contest in 1989, the winning F-numbers in every category have nearly doubled. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time this particular record has been broken since 2009.

**Fernandes Engenharia**, of Itatiba, Brazil, was also a first-time Golden Trowel® winner, and also broke a World Record FF in the Laser Screed 74 ft. wide bay Large Project category. This is always one of the most hotly-contested categories in the Golden Trowel® Contest, so this first-time achievement is particularly notable.

**Ace/Avant Concrete Construction**, of Archdale, NC, won its 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowels, moving into a tie with Birdwell & Associates of Lakeland, FL and The Fricks Company of Ft. Worth, TX, for the greatest number of Golden Trowels won by any contractor in the 28 years since the Awards were initiated in 1989. Ace/Avant won both a Gold and a Silver trowel in the Defined Traffic Laser Screed Large project category. One of these projects had the second-highest total F-Numbers ever in that category.

**Eldridge Concrete Construction**, of Newton Grove, NC, won its first Golden Trowel® in the Narrow Strip Laser Screed Defined Traffic category with 21 pours, done in 95 degree temperatures. Only one contractor has ever gotten higher Fmin Numbers with a project this large.

Another first-time Golden Trowel® winner, **Thompson Concrete** of Carroll OH, produced an ice rink over Styrofoam insulation which had the second-highest total F-Numbers ever for an ice-rink.

**Concrete Services** of Sacramento, CA, won their first Golden Trowel® impressively, with one of the largest Golden Trowel® projects ever – three buildings in the Laser Screed category with 110 ft. wide bays totaling over 1.3 million ft.<sup>2</sup>. They had to keep producing near-record F-Numbers day after day and week after week, and the final results were an amazing FF 100.7 / FL 74.1.

**AlphaPiso Servicos Tecnicos** of São Paulo, Brazil, won its 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel® Awards. This makes 6 awards in three years for AlphaPiso, which is extremely rare.

**Zacklim-SR**, from Sarawak, Malaysia, was the third international winner this year, following up on its award of the first-ever Golden Trowel® Asia in November. The Golden Trowel® Asia is similar to the Golden Trowel® Contest but is strictly regional, limited only to contractors in Asia. The Zacklim Company was awarded its Golden Trowel® Asia trophy in November, and has now shown that they can compete on the world stage by being the first ever construction company in Asia to win a Golden Trowel® in the international contest.

To date, 306 Golden Trowels have been presented to 119 different contractors since the first Golden Trowels were awarded in 1989. Golden Trowel® Gold Plates are awarded to the winner in each category; Golden Trowel® Silver Plates recognize outstanding entries that did not win their category.

Details of all the winning entries follow.

## 2015 Golden Trowel® Awards – Gold Plates

*First-Time Winner*

**Golden  
Trowel**®

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**2015**

**Fernandes Engenharia**

**15,556 m<sup>2</sup> • F<sub>F</sub> 110.5 / F<sub>L</sub> 70.3 (World Record FF)**

**FACE**®

**Somero Laser Screed 22.5 m wide • TRX Piracicaba • Piracicaba, Brasil**

*First-Time Winner*

**Golden  
Trowel**®

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**2015**

**Jacobsen Construction Company**

**Unshored Elevated Slab • F<sub>F</sub> 69.6 (World Record)**

**FACE**®

**18,000 ft<sup>2</sup> • Thanksgiving Station #4 • Lehi, UT**

*24<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel Award*

*The second-highest total F-Numbers ever in this category.*

**Golden  
Trowel**®

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**2015**

**Ace/Avant Concrete Construction Co.**

**Laser Screed Defined Traffic <30 ft Wide • F<sub>min</sub> L 142.5 / F<sub>min</sub> T 128.2**

**FACE**®

**172,000 ft<sup>2</sup> • Gildan Phase VI • Eden, NC**

*First-Time Winner*

**Golden  
Trowel**®

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**2015**

**Concrete Services**

**Somero Laser Screed 110 ft wide • F<sub>F</sub> 100.7 / F<sub>L</sub> 74.1**

**FACE**®

**1.3 million ft<sup>2</sup> • Oaks Business Park • Livermore, CA**

## 2015 Golden Trowel® Awards – Gold Plates

*5<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel Award*

<b>Golden Trowel</b> <sup>®</sup>	<i>In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat &amp; Level Concrete Floors</i>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Alhaphiso Serviços Técnicos LTDA</b>	
<b>Somero Laser Screed 11 m wide • F<sub>F</sub> 107.7 / F<sub>L</sub> 124.7</b>		<b>FACE</b> <sup>®</sup>
<b>5310 m<sup>2</sup> • Plasmodia • Guarulhos, Brasil</b>		

*6<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel Award*

<b>Golden Trowel</b> <sup>®</sup>	<i>In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat &amp; Level Concrete Floors</i>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Alhaphiso Serviços Técnicos LTDA</b>	
<b>Somero Laser Screed 22 m wide • F<sub>F</sub> 103.5 / F<sub>L</sub> 72.2</b>		<b>FACE</b> <sup>®</sup>
<b>26,750 m<sup>2</sup> • Sanca GTIS Embu II • Embu das Artes, Brasil</b>		

*First-Time Winner*

<b>Golden Trowel</b> <sup>®</sup>	<i>In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat &amp; Level Concrete Floors</i>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Zacklim-SR</b>	
<b>Wet screed/Magic Screed, 3016 m<sup>2</sup> • F<sub>F</sub> 80.4 / F<sub>L</sub> 66.7</b>		<b>FACE</b> <sup>®</sup>
<b>4.5 kg dry shake per m<sup>2</sup> • Giant • Sarawak, Malaysia</b>		

*4<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel Award*

*With 7.5lb macrosynthetic fibers per cubic yard. The best FF-Numbers ever recorded for a drag strip*

<b>Golden Trowel</b> <sup>®</sup>	<i>In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat &amp; Level Concrete Floors</i>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>American Concrete Construction, Inc.</b>	
<b>Somero Laser Screed Drag Strip • F<sub>F</sub> 108.9 / F<sub>L</sub> 57.7</b>		<b>FACE</b> <sup>®</sup>
<b>50,400 ft<sup>2</sup> • GALOT Motorsports Park • Benson, NC</b>		

## 2015 Golden Trowel® Awards – Gold Plates

*First-Time Winner*

*21 pours, done in 95 degree F temperatures.*

*Only one contractor has ever gotten higher Fmin Numbers with a project this large.*

**Golden  
Trowel**

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**Eldridge Concrete Construction**

**Laser Screed Defined Traffic <30 ft Wide • F<sub>min</sub> L 171 / F<sub>min</sub> T 136.8  
80,000 ft<sup>2</sup> • Ashley Furniture • Ft. Mill, SC**

**2015**

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*First-Time Winner*

*The second-highest total F-Numbers ever for an ice rink*

**Golden  
Trowel**

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**Thompson Concrete**

**Copperhead Ice Rink • F<sub>F</sub> 81.4 / F<sub>L</sub> 71.1  
16,150 ft<sup>2</sup> • Chiller Ice Rink • Columbus, OH**

**2015**

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*9<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel Award*

*The elevated sloping floor made this very difficult. This was the base for a Disney ride.*

**Golden  
Trowel**

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**S&S Concrete Floors, Inc.**

**Hand Screed Very Narrow Strip Sloped Topping Slab • 8,450 ft<sup>2</sup>  
F<sub>F</sub> 110.4 / F<sub>L</sub> 87.4 • DCI Luigi's Festival of Dance • Anaheim, CA**

**2015**

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## 2015 Golden Trowel® Awards – Silver Plates

*7<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel Award*

*This project would have won a Golden Trowel as late as 2010.*

**Golden  
Trowel**

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**2015**

**Keystone Concrete Placement**

Narrow Strip Defined Traffic • F<sub>min</sub> L 148.9 / F<sub>min</sub> T 144.4

16,700 ft<sup>2</sup> • CFISD Food Center • Houston, TX

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*25<sup>th</sup> Golden Trowel Award  
5<sup>th</sup> best ever in this category.*

**Golden  
Trowel**

*In Recognition of Excellence in Construction of Flat & Level Concrete Floors*

**2015**

**Ace/Avant Concrete Construction Co.**

Laser Screed Defined 30' wide • F<sub>min</sub> L 115.1 / F<sub>min</sub> T 101.5

342,000 ft<sup>2</sup> • Southern Wine DC Exp • Lakeland, FL

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