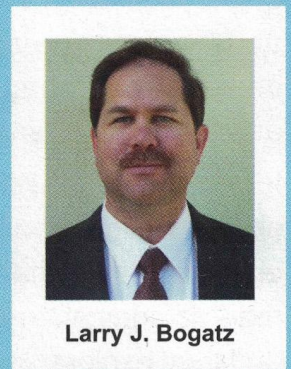


## Larry J. Bogatz

Nominated for his design, invention and patenting of self-sealing fasteners, **Larry J. Bogatz** began his fascination for sealing and locking things together as a child when he and his dad built model airplanes. His handiness served him well in the Navy Seabees stationed in Japan, where he and his crew were called upon to “hold” together the aging pieces of a large Navy base.

Over the years, he says he’s never lost his enthusiasm for attaching a part, sealing it, locking it, snapping it and forgetting it. While working for a large fastener maker in California, Larry would go home at night to grind and stamp fastener heads with his primitive machinery. As his ideas evolved into a better design for existing fastener heads, he left the California company to start **B&B Hardware**.

After hours, he continued to develop his ideas on improving existing self-sealing fasteners. In 2000, the U.S. Patent Office granted him the first of three patents for technology to insure a 100% fail-seal seal for high-tech applications.



Larry J. Bogatz

Today, Larry Bogatz is Chief Design Engineer and CEO of **Sealtight® Technology**. He has designed thousands of fastener products and is the only holder of multiple current patents for specialty self-sealing fasteners. His designs have been used in the Mars rovers, **Alvin & Jason** submersibles, **Medtronic** insulin injectors and **NASA** applications.

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nomination, consulted outside advisors when necessary and made the final decisions. Also, there is no time limit on when a nominee’s technical development was made—it could have been in the last year, several decades ago or anywhere in between. Also, there is not a minimum or maximum number of awards granted each year. The nominations for the *Class of 2010* awards should be submitted by email by November 1, 2010 to [mcnulty@fastenertech.com](mailto:mcnulty@fastenertech.com).