

Ball Aerospace Hires Richard A. Auerbach to Lead Antenna & Video Technologies Group

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Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. has named Rich Auerbach as director of antenna and video technologies. He will spearhead the company's development and production activities for advanced antennas, RF communication subsystems and specialty cameras. Ball Aerospace technology is deployed on a wide variety of platforms -- aircraft, spacecraft, ships, missiles, helicopters and land vehicles. Auerbach replaces Jeff Osterkamp, who has accepted the position of vice president of program management for the company.

"Rich Auerbach is a seasoned aerospace leader, with a wealth of experience in radar technologies," said Mike Cerneck, vice president of defense operations for Ball Aerospace. "His expertise will prove invaluable as we advance our market-leading position in providing antenna, video and camera products for our nation's military and space priorities."

Auerbach joins Ball Aerospace from Raytheon Company where he served as the director of B-2 radar programs. During the initial B-2 radar development, he was instrumental in the development, integration and test of the multi-mode radar employing low observable and low probability of intercept techniques. Most recently, he managed the B-2 Radar Modernization Program, developing an active electronically scanned antenna to be integrated into the legacy B-2 radar. He has additional experience in advanced RF concept development, radar signal processing techniques and precision GPS navigation. Other professional assignments include development work in navigation systems at Rockwell Collins and the U.S. Air Force.

Auerbach holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Iowa State University, a master's in business administration from the Krannert Business School, Purdue University, and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California.

Ball Corporation is a supplier of high-quality metal and plastic packaging products to the beverage and food industries. The company also owns Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp., which develops sensors, spacecraft, systems and components for government and commercial markets. Ball employs more than 13,200 people worldwide and reported 2004 sales of \$5.4 billion.

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