



SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500®

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Dallas, TX Area Holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

DALLAS, TX —The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Texas was held at Acme Brick / Featherlite, in Dallas, TX on October 22, 2015. Thirteen teams of brick masons and tenders vied for a competition spot in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship Competition held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There, they will compete for over \$100,000 in cash and prizes including a new 2016 Ford F-250 XLT 4x4 Crew Cab truck.



Jacobo Ramirez, a mason with Ranch Masonry, Inc., Houston, TX, and his mason tender Jesus Zepeda, edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place. His net count of 578 brick got the job done earning him a spot in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship in Las Vegas, \$1,000 cash, mason tool bag, level, trowel, mason ruler and barrel jointer. Runner up and the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award went to Javier Flores of TST Construction Services, Dallas, TX, taking home \$750 cash, mason tool bag, level, trowel, mason ruler and barrel jointer. Third place went to mason Lupe Marquez of Dee Brown Inc., Garland, TX, who received \$500 cash, mason too bag, level, trowel, mason ruler and barrel jointer.



The 2nd annual Texas Regional SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 was a huge success. There were approximately 175 in attendance, along with 6 vendors booths and displays. Our host, Acme Brick / Featherlite, was also our lunch supplier which provided a gourmet EZ Sliders for everyone. Rain was in the forecast and everyone was worried, but it held off just long enough for us to complete the contest and get everything cleaned up before the bottom fell out and left the Dallas area with over 12 inches of rain in 48 hours!



First Place Winner Jacobo Ramirez (right) and his tender Jesus Zepeda (left).



SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Winner Javier Flores (right) and his tender Jesus Nuno (left).

Final

First

Mason

Tender

Ranch

SPEC

Mason

Tender

TST Construction Services, Dallas, TX

2nd Place

Mason - Javier Flores - 537 Brick

Tender - Jesus Nuno

TST Construction, Dallas, TX

3rd Place

Mason - Lupe Marquez – 502 Brick

Tender - Santos Gorrostieta

Dee Brown Inc., Garland, TX

The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional and World Championship series of events are widely considered the masonry industry's strongest promotional program to showcase the skill, speed and craftsmanship of professional masons around the world. Established by SPEC MIX, Inc. in 2003, the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 is the trade's annual campaign that answers the question: "Who is the World's Best Bricklayer?" The winners of each regional qualifying competition earn free trip to Las Vegas to compete against 20 or more bricklayers in the World Championship held during the World of Concrete tradeshow on February 3rd, 2016.

The regional and championship contests consist of a two-person team; one mason and mason tender, that are given 60 minutes to construct a 26 foot 8 inch, double wythe brick wall that must be constructed to meet strict quality standards. The walls are judged by highly qualified, experienced industry experts that carefully follow a 10-point criteria system. The winning masons are ranked and awarded prizes based on the highest brick count while meeting the quality requirements and competition rules. The competition has four awards; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place which are based on the highest net brick count meeting the quality standards. The 4th award, and arguably considered the most coveted prize (prize), the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN is judged the most sellable wall. The walls are closely evaluated by carefully selected masonry officials carrying several years of bricklaying experience.

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