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## February 2022 US Cutting Tool Orders Up 12.1% From February 2021

McLean, Va. (April 26, 2022) – February 2022 U.S. cutting tool consumption totaled \$167.6 million, according to the U.S. Cutting Tool Institute (USCTI) and AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology. This total, as reported by companies participating in the Cutting Tool Market Report collaboration, was up 4.8% from January's \$159.9 million and up 12.1% when compared with the \$149.5 million reported for February 2021. With a year-to-date total of \$327.5 million, 2022 is up 11.3 % when compared to the same time period in 2021.

These numbers and all data in this report are based on the totals reported by the companies participating in the CTMR program. The totals here represent the majority of the U.S. market for cutting tools.

“Monthly data since March 2021 has been averaging approximately \$166 million per month with limited monthly variation,” commented Costikyan Jarvis, president of Jarvis Cutting Tools. “This contrasts with the overall economy, which experienced constant GDP growth over the same period. Of special concern is that during this period, the economy saw significant inflationary pressure, which would suggest actual output is even lower relative to 2019. The two main users of cutting tools, automotive and aerospace, continue to have challenges.”

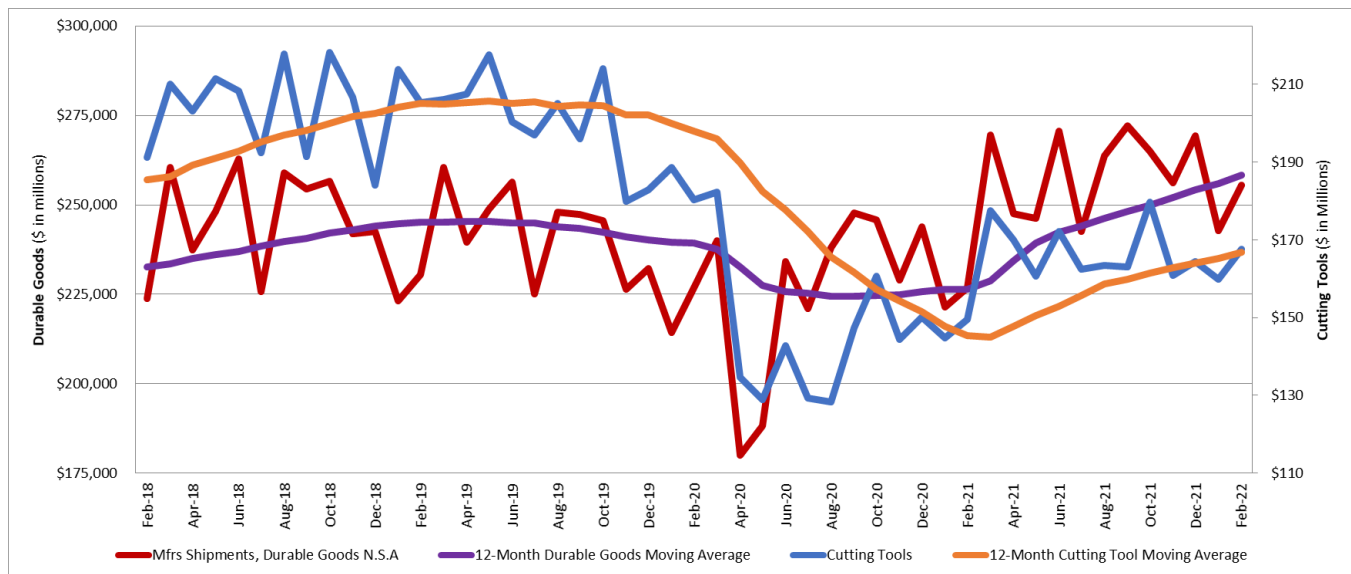
Despite the numerous headwinds, Jeff Major, president of USCTI had a more optimistic outlook, saying, “The cutting tool market started sluggishly in January but rebounded in February. The indices for durable goods and cutting tools continue to run parallel in an upward trend. With the supply chain challenges and volatility overseas, many companies are looking at re-shoring, which should bode well for our industry in the future.”

The Cutting Tool Market Report is jointly compiled by AMT and USCTI, two trade associations representing the development, production, and distribution of cutting tool technology and products. It provides a monthly statement on U.S. manufacturers’ consumption of the primary consumable in the manufacturing process – the cutting tool. Analysis of cutting tool consumption is a leading indicator of both upturns and downturns in U.S. manufacturing activity, as it is a true measure of actual production levels.

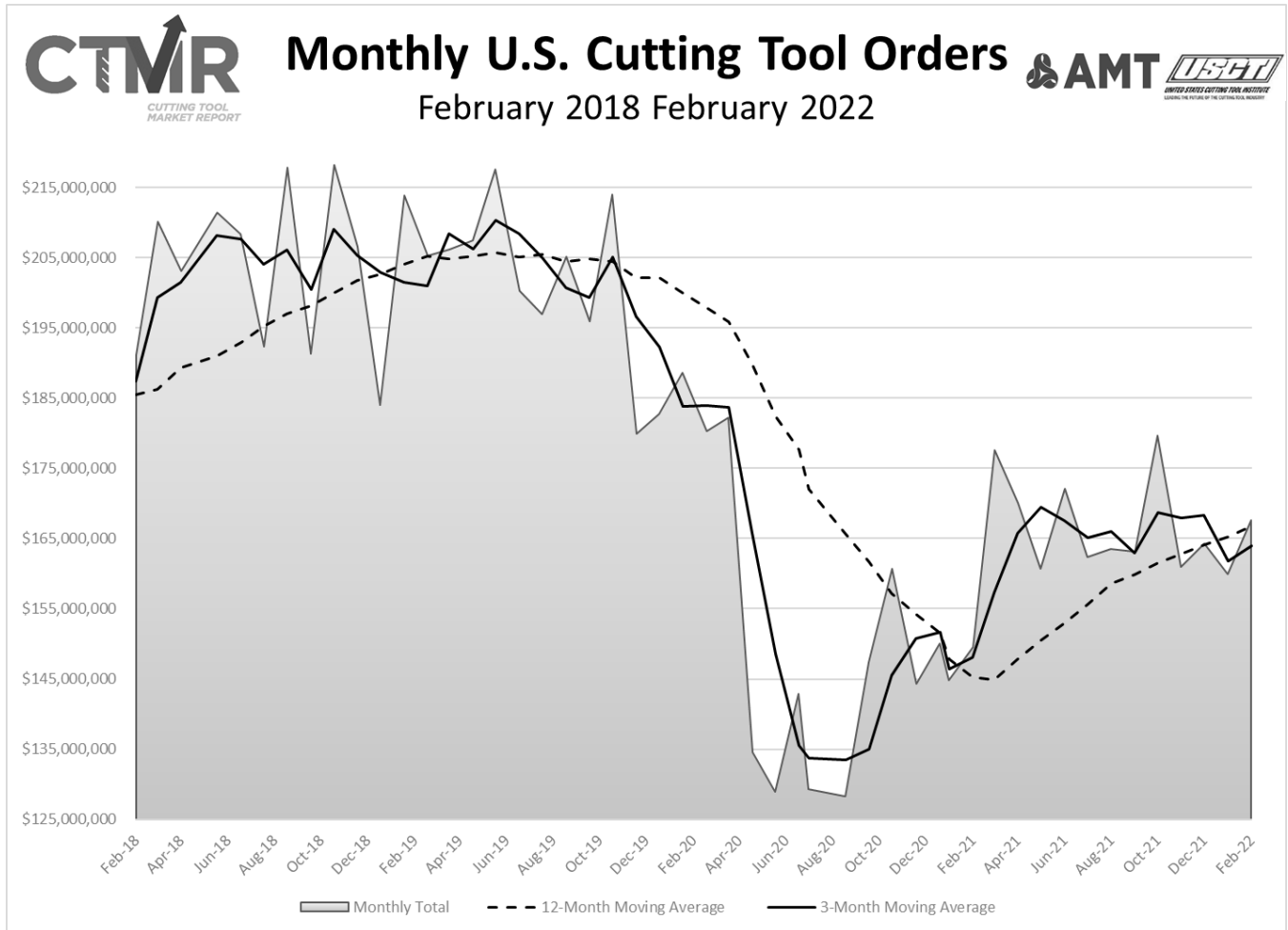
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Historical data for the Cutting Tool Market Report is available dating back to January 2012. This collaboration of AMT and USCTI is the first step in the two associations working together to promote and support U.S.-based manufacturers of cutting tool technology.

The graph below includes the 12-month moving average for the durable goods shipments and cutting tool orders. These values are calculated by taking the average of the most recent 12 months and plotting them over time.



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**AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology** represents and promotes U.S.-based manufacturing technology and its members – those who design, build, sell, and service the continuously evolving technology that lies at the heart of manufacturing.



**The United States Cutting Tool Institute (USCTI)** was formed in 1988 and resulted from a merger of the two national associations representing the cutting tool manufacturing industry. USCTI works to represent, promote, and expand the U.S. cutting tool industry and to promote the benefits of buying American-made cutting tools manufactured by its members. The Institute recently expanded its by-laws to include any North American manufacturer and/or remanufacturer of cutting tools, as well as post-fabrication tool surface treatment providers. Members, which number over 80, belong to seven product divisions: Carbide Tooling, Drill & Reamer, Milling Cutter, PCD & PCBN, Tap & Die, Tool Holder and All Other Tooling. A wide range of activities includes a comprehensive statistics program, human resources surveys and forums, development of product specifications and standards, and semi-annual meetings to share ideas and receive information on key industry trends

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