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The Cutting Tool Market Report



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AMT and USCTI

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U.S. Cutting Tool Consumption Up 12.9 Percent In October

October 2018 U.S. cutting tool consumption totaled \$223.46 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 6.1 percent from September’s \$210.58 million and up 12.9 percent when compared with the \$197.99 million reported for October 2017. With a year-to-date total of \$2.07 billion, 2018 is up 12.8 percent when compared with 2017.

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.

“October results continue the trend we have seen all year. There are some monthly fluctuations but the year over year and year to date remain over 12% ahead of last year. The market buzz continues to be positive and it appears 2018 will be the best year in over 6 years,” said Phil Kurtz, President of USCTI.

According to Scott Hazelton, Managing Director of Economics & Country Risk at IHS Markit, “Higher oil prices, fiscal stimulus, particularly for investment goods, and consumer demand for durable goods will make 2018 a strong year for manufacturing in general, and cutting tools in particular. Business confidence ebbed towards the end of 2018, with uncertainty over trade and the duration of strong economic growth

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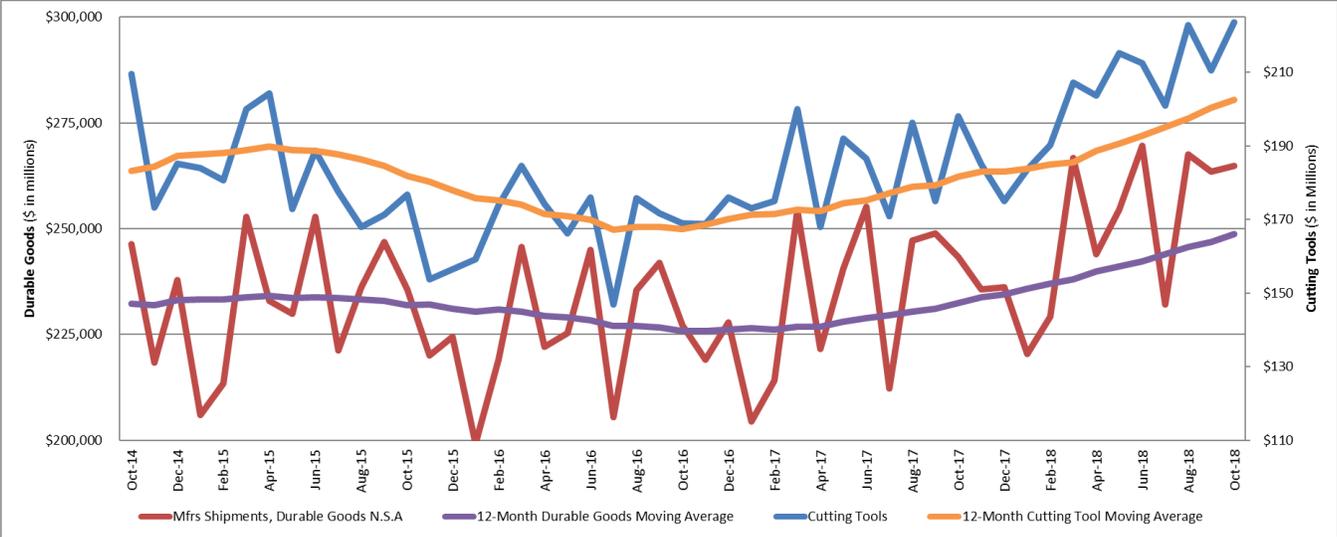
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increasing. Combined with a declining tailwind from tax reform, and increasing wages in a tight labor market, we expect some slowing of manufacturing growth next year, with cutting tool demand growth likely downshifting from over 13% in 2018 to just under 7% in 2019. This still suggests another strong year in 2019, but growth will moderate further in 2020 as the broad economy slows.”

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.

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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The United States Cutting Tool Institute (USCTI) was formed in 1988 and resulted from a merger of two national associations representing the cutting tool manufacturing industry. The Institute 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. Membership includes North American manufacturers and/or remanufacturers of cutting tools, as well as tool surface treatment providers. Members, which number over 70, belong to ten product divisions: Carbide Tooling, Drill & Reamer, Metal Cutting Saw Blades, Milling Cutter, Polycrystalline Diamond & Polycrystalline Cubic Born Nitride, Substrate Materials, Surface Coating, Tap & Die, Tool Holder and All Other Tooling. A wide range of activities include a comprehensive statistics program, human resources surveys, development of product specifications and standards, and semi-annual meetings to share ideas and receive information on key industry trends.