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The Cutting Tool Market Report



a joint statistical program
AMT and USCTI

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U.S. Cutting Tool YTD Consumption down 7.5% in September

September U.S. cutting tool consumption totaled \$171.09 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 (CTMR) collaboration, was down 2.3% from August's \$175.21 million and down 0.1% when compared with the total of \$171.34 million reported for September 2015. With a year-to-date total of \$1.524 billion, 2016 is down 7.5% when compared with 2015.

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.

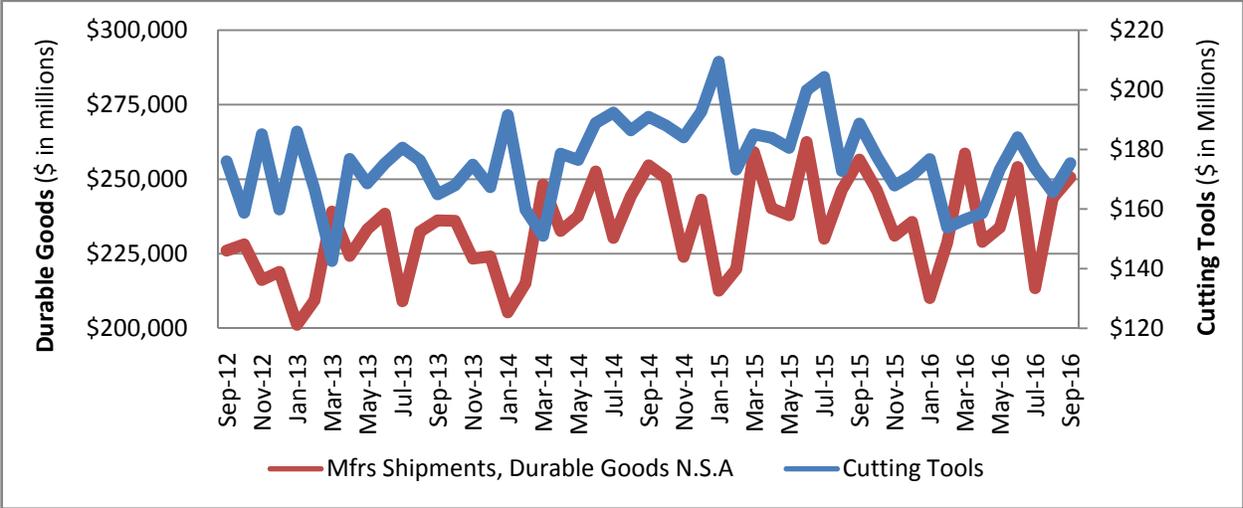
“With the slight improvement in the year over year numbers, it could be that market anxiety is improving and the Cutting Tool Industry can push towards focused improvements in productivity to better serve the global markets,” says Brad Lawton, Chairman of AMT’s Cutting Tool Product Group.

Steve Kline, Jr., Director of Market Intelligence at Gardner Business Media, adds to the positive outlook of the market saying “My two favorite leading indicators for cutting tool orders – the Gardner Business Index and durable goods new orders – have moved in a positive direction for at least the last six months. That is the typical lead of these two metrics compared with cutting tool orders. So, while cutting tool orders remained weak in September, I expect the momentum in cutting tool orders to improve for the remainder of 2016 and into 2017.”

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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.



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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.