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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 9.6 Percent In April

April U.S. cutting tool consumption totaled \$203.68 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 down 1.6 percent from March's \$207.08 million and up 21.2 percent when compared with the \$168.03 million reported for April 2017. With a year-to-date total of \$784.69 million, 2018 is up 9.6 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.

"April results trended down slightly, but that does not indicate the cutting tool market is softening. The year-over-year and year-to-date results reflect a very healthy market. Metal cutting shops have strong backlog that will carry well into the future and the need for cutting tools will follow. Taking those much-needed summer vacations may be a challenge, but being busy is a good problem to have," said Philip Kurtz, President of USCTI.

"After a solid start in 2018, year-to-date cutting tool shipments are nearly 10 percent above their 2017 levels. Growth in cutting tools is outpacing the solid momentum from the broader durable goods category, which

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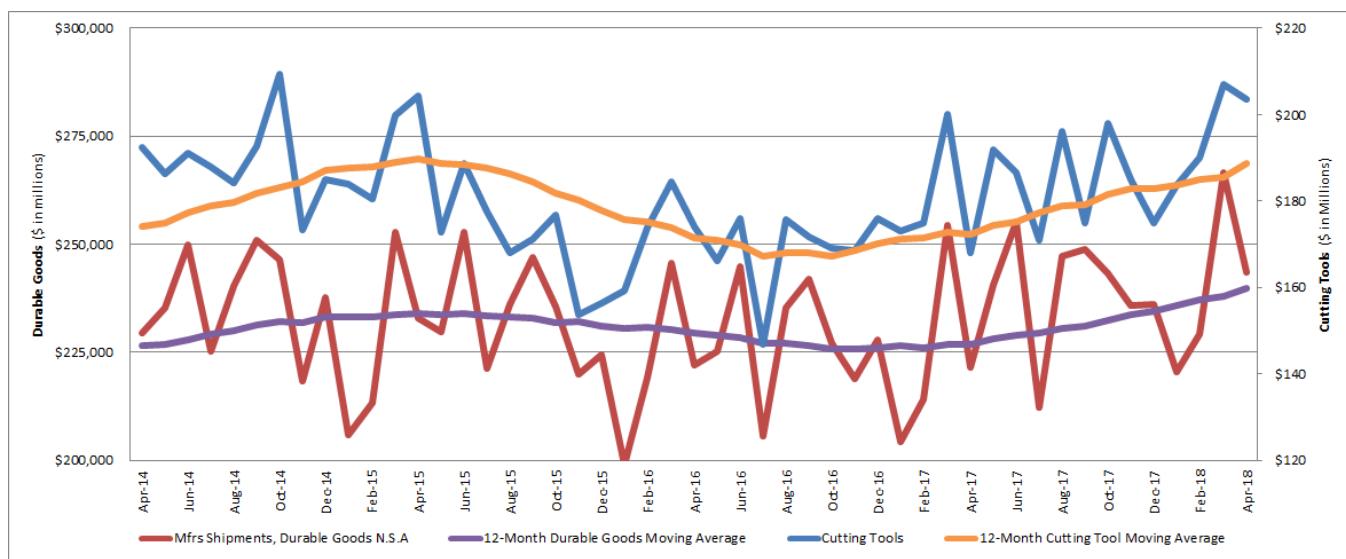
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has seen shipments rise 7 percent year to date. A 9 percent gain in year-to-date durable goods orders points to solid momentum in the second half of 2018.” said Gregory Daco, Chief U.S. Economist at Oxford Economics.

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.

We have updated the graph below to include 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.