

MSC Industrial Supply Co. Names Stanley Black & Decker 'Supplier of the Year'

M.A. Ford, Master Fluid Solutions, SCHUNK and Walter Receive Supplier Excellence Awards

MELVILLE, N.Y. and DAVIDSON, N.C., May 6, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- MSC Industrial Supply Co. has named **Stanley Black & Decker** its "Supplier of the Year." Stanley Black & Decker, a diversified, global provider of hand tools, power tools and engineered fastening systems based in New Britain, Connecticut, was selected from more than 3,000 top companies that work in partnership with MSC to solve mission-critical challenges for manufacturers.

MSC, a premier distributor of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) supplies to industrial customers throughout North America, introduced its annual Supplier of the Year awards program in 2017. Award selection is based on a rigorous set of criteria, including a strategic approach to customer service, technology innovation, new product introductions, breadth and quality of brand portfolios, operational excellence, sales training and engagement, and sales and marketing materials.

"As a strategic supplier to MSC, Stanley Black & Decker continues to be one of our strongest partners and a leader in the supplier community, making a strong investment in people and solutions to help our mutual customers identify and deliver costs savings in their operations," said Greg Polli, Senior Vice President of Category Management for MSC.

In addition to the Supplier of the Year award, MSC recognized each of the following companies with a "Supplier Excellence" award: **M.A. Ford Manufacturing Co.**, a manufacturer of advanced cutting technologies; **Master Fluid Solutions**, a manufacturer of a broad line of industrial fluid systems; **SCHUNK**, a manufacturer of autonomous clamping and gripping systems; and **Walter AG**, a leading metalworking company.

"Stanley Black & Decker and our four Supplier Excellence Award winners represent the best of the best of our suppliers in helping us deliver on our commitment to making our customers' businesses better," Polli said. "On behalf of our customers and associates, I'd like to congratulate them on their achievements."

About MSC Industrial Supply Co.

MSC Industrial Supply Co. (NYSE:MSM) is a leading North American distributor of metalworking and maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) products and services. We help our customers drive greater productivity, profitability and growth with more than 1.6 million products, inventory management and other supply chain solutions, and deep expertise from over 75 years of working with customers across industries. Our experienced team of over 6,500 associates is dedicated to working side by side with our customers to help drive results for their businesses — from keeping operations running efficiently today to continuously rethinking, retooling, and optimizing for a more productive tomorrow. For more information on MSC, please visit www.mscdirect.com.

About Stanley Black & Decker

Stanley Black & Decker, an S&P 500 company, is a diversified global provider of hand tools, power tools and related accessories, electronic security solutions, healthcare solutions, engineered fastening systems and more. Learn more at www.stanleyblackanddecker.com.

About M.A. Ford

Centrally located in Davenport, Iowa, M.A. Ford is a leading manufacturer of Round Cutting Tools with global manufacturing and distribution facilities in the UK, China and India. M.A. Ford offers a wide range of Standard, High Performance and Custom precision tools for Milling and Holmaking applications. The company demonstrates a commitment to provide innovative and high-quality solutions and services to meet customers manufacturing needs. For more information visit: www.maford.com.

About Master Fluid Solutions — Master Fluid Solutions, founded by Clyde A. Sluhan in 1951, as a company dedicated to the improvement of manufacturing productivity and to benefit mankind with a higher standard of living at an ever-lower cost. Master continues to receive many awards and certificates for extraordinary performance in the metalworking industry. The company's commitment to environmental responsibility and product stewardship is supported by extensive training of its associates, distributors and end-users. Working closely with the worldwide metalworking community, Master develops and markets a full line of environmentally sound, extremely durable and stable cutting and grinding fluids, straight oils, parts cleaners, and rust preventives under the TRIM® and Master STAGES™ brands. Master's XYBEX® fluid management systems lower their customers' total cost of operations. Master is committed to the safety of the people who use their products, the protection of the planet, and the overall impact on their customers' profitability. Master is proud to have been named in the "Top Workplaces" in the Toledo, OH area for 7 consecutive years. For further information about Master Fluid Solutions or their products, visit their website at

<https://www.masterfluidsolutions.com>.

About SCHUNK

Founded in 1945 by Friedrich Schunk as a mechanical workshop, SCHUNK has developed into a world leader in clamping technology and gripping systems. With more than 3400 employees in nine plants and distribution partners in more than 50 countries, SCHUNK ensures an extensive market presence. With 11,000 standard components SCHUNK offers the world's largest range of clamping technology and gripping systems from one source. For more information visit: [schunk.com](https://www.schunk.com).

About Walter

Walter AG is one of the world's leading metalworking companies. As provider of specialized machining solutions, Walter offers a wide range of precision tools for milling, turning, drilling and threading applications. Walter works together with its customers to develop custom solutions for fully machining components for use in the aviation and aerospace industries, as well as automotive, energy and general engineering. The company demonstrates its Engineering Kompetenz at every stage of the machining process. As an innovative partner capable of creating digital process solutions for optimal efficiency, Walter is pioneering Industry 4.0 throughout the machining industry. With around 3500 employees worldwide, together with its numerous subsidiaries and sales partners, Walter AG serves customers in over 80 different countries. For more information visit: www.walter-tools.com.

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