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### Würth Group Sees Double-Digit Sales Growth

The **Würth Group**, the global market leader in the sale of fastening and assembly materials, reported sales of €8.4 billion in the first half of 2021, up 20.9% over the same period last year. Adjusted for currencies, sales grew by 22.6%. In Germany, the Würth Group generated sales of €3.4 billion (+16.4%), with the companies abroad achieving total sales of €5.0 billion (+24.3%).

Also, the month of April 2021 has been historic as the Würth Group achieved monthly sales of €1.42 billion, which translates into a year-over-year growth of 50.5% (adjusted growth of 47.6%).

"That our growth in the first half of 2021 came out so strong despite the pandemic has exceeded all our expectations. It is especially great to see that almost all business units are growing," said **Robert Friedmann**, Chairman of the Central Managing Board of the Würth Group. Würth Group currently expects growth in the double-digit range, to a total sales volume of around €16 billion, in fiscal year 2021, up by 11.1% from €14.4 billion in 2020. [news.wuerth.com](http://news.wuerth.com)



**Adolf Würth GmbH & Co. KG plans to build photovoltaic systems on a total surface area of up to 28,000 m<sup>2</sup> in the final construction stage on the campus in Künzelsau and the nearby logistics hub in Gewerbepark Hohenlohe industrial park in 2022.**

### MDM Publishes Annual List of Top Distributors

Based on 2020 revenues, the 2021 Top Distributors directory, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, is **MDM's** annual ranking of the top 150+ North American industrial, construction and commercial product distribution companies by revenue across 16 discrete product category sectors. Rank estimates indicate specific product category standing, but with 2020 total company revenues listed. This free, easy-to-reference report includes the rankings of the 150 largest distribution companies across 16 key categories, including industrial, fasteners, electrical and building/construction. These rankings will serve as an important benchmark while wholesale distribution recovers.

The top fastener distributors listed alphabetically, with 2020 revenue listed when reported, are as follows: **Bisco Industries (Eaco Corp)**, **Boeing Distribution**-formerly **KLX** (US\$1.7B), **Bossard America** (US\$61.5M), **Copper State Nut & Bolt** (US\$120.0M), **EFC International**, **Endries International**, **Fastenal Co.** (US\$5.6B), **Field Fastener** (US\$93.0M), **Incora** (formerly **Wesco Aircraft**), **Kimball Midwest** (US\$302.0M), **Lawson Products** (US\$351.6M), **McMaster-Carr**, **MSC Industrial Supply** (US\$3.1B), **Optimas OE Solutions**, **The Hillman Group** (US\$1.4B), **W.W. Grainger** (US\$11.8B) and **Würth Industry North America**. [www.mdm.com](http://www.mdm.com)



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### Gilchrist Foundation Awards Scholarships

The **Gilchrist Foundation** has recently awarded two scholarships from the 2021 applicants. The Gilchrist Foundation sends congratulations to the scholarship recipients, and says that it wishes them well and is pleased to assist the award winners with their education.

The Gilchrist Foundation scholarships were awarded to the following women listed with their sponsoring companies.

- **Emily Hayman,**  
**EMCO Engineered**  
Plainfield, IL, USA
- **Anna Katelyn Pittman,**  
**ASP&M,** Calera, AL, USA

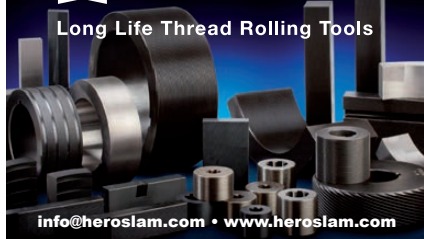
**Robbie** and **Gina Gilchrist** established the Gilchrist Foundation Fastener Scholarship in 2000. Their goal was to return something to an industry that was very good and supportive to them. The Gilchrist Foundation invites any person wanting to further his or her education to apply for the scholarships. Applicants can be full time or part time students working in the industry or children of working fastener people. The Foundation has awarded 72 scholarships since its beginning.

For additional information visit the foundation web site.

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### Kadimi Tool establishes USA subsidiary & hires Larry Bryant as Technical Sales Manager

Kadimi Tool, a premier manufacturer of flat thread rolling dies has setup a wholly owned subsidiary in the USA. And in order to better service fastener manufacturers, Kadimi has hired Larry Bryant as Technical Sales Manager.

Bryant brings more than 40 years of experience in the fastener



industry and is well versed with the issues and concerns of fastener makers. He has vast knowledge of the types of fasteners and experience with rolling critical fasteners. He is responsible for providing technical support and training on thread roll dies.

As a result of its proven and transformational expertise, Kadimi aims to expand its reach and enhance the value offering to fastener manufacturers.

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### All Integrated Solutions wins award from Motus Integrated Technologies

All Integrated Solutions (AIS), Franksville, WI, USA, a division of MSC Industrial Supply Co., announced that it has received an Outstanding Quality Award from Motus Integrated Technologies for a second consecutive year. The award recognizes AIS for shipping more than 10,000,000 pieces with zero defects in 2020 to Motus, a Tier 1 and Tier 2 supplier of automotive interior products to the world's auto makers.

"Although the global pandemic created many challenges for companies in 2020, the entire AIS team was focused and worked hard to

ensure that our customers received best-in-class products and service throughout the year. Being recognized by a leading company like Motus for our efforts is very special and rewarding for our team." stated AIS President, Nick Ruetz.

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### Century Fasteners promotes Nathan Howell & Mark James; hires Joseph P. Brock

Century Fasteners Corp., Elmhurst, NY, USA, has promoted long-time aerospace quality expert Nathan Howell to the position of Director of Quality, and it has promoted promoted sales and inventory management professional Mark James to the position of Branch Manager for the Atlanta, GA, USA and Richmond, VA, USA Operations.



Howell brings over 18 years of quality operations, quality auditing, change management and continuous improvement experience in the aerospace industry to this position. James brings over 20 years of experience primarily in Aerospace, Military and Commercial markets to this position.

Century Fasteners has also hired fastener industry sales professional Joseph P. Brock as the Northeast Regional Sales Manager. Brock brings over 30 years of sales and management experience in the aerospace fastening industry. Experience includes account relationship management, contract negotiations, sales strategies, sup-



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## Optimas Invests in New Chun Zu & Formax Cold Headers

**Optimas Solutions**, Wood Dale, IL, USA, a global industrial manufacturer/distributor and service provider, announced the acquisition of **Chun Zu** and **Formax** four die, four blow cold header manufacturing machines that will increase Optimas' capabilities to deliver larger diameter fasteners and to free up existing cold headers to provide more onshore support for smaller fasteners. The investment is designed to boost Optimas' ability to better meet demand in manufacturing fasteners for distribution and for OEM customers directly.

The Chun Zu machine will increase production by three million additional complex parts per month within the diameter range of 12 to 18 mm. This will allow Optimas to further focus on industries that require large diameter complex parts such as

agricultural equipment, automotive, construction equipment and heavy-duty trucking. These fasteners are commonly used in chassis, engines, suspension systems and water pumps. The Formax cold header will improve Optimas' manufacturing competencies of fasteners up to 18 mm in diameter. The Formax machine adds to production on Optimas' existing large diameter Formax machines, reducing lead times because of the added manufacturing capabilities onshore.

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### Semblem Promotes Breidenbaugh & Wozniak

**Semblem Corporation**, Elmhurst, IL, USA, has announced the following key management promotions, effective immediately.

**Eric Breidenbaugh**, has been promoted to Vice President of Quality and Engineering. Since 2019, Breidenbaugh had been Director of Engineering. Over his 23-year tenure at Semblem, he also served in a variety of operational and engineering management roles.

Breidenbaugh has a mechanical engineering degree from **Purdue University**.



Former Engineering Manager at Semblem, **Mark Wozniak**, has been promoted to Director of Engineering and Technical Services,



succeeding Breidenbaugh in this role. Wozniak has served in several engineering management positions since he came to the company in 1996. Wozniak also has a mechanical engineering degree from Purdue.

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plier relationships and inventory management techniques. As the Northeast Regional Sales Manager, he is responsible for major account development, sales growth and customer relationships within the Century Fasteners northeast region.

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### ISANTA announces 2020-2021 Board of Directors

The International Staple, Nail, and Tool Association (ISANTA) has announced the 2020-2021 Board of Directors:



- Steve Moore  
Illinois Tool Works
- Steve Shennum  
PrimeSource Building Products
- Jorge Silveira

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- Matt Conner  
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### Howmet Aerospace names Lola Lin Chief Legal Officer

Howmet Aerospace, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, has named Lola Lin Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary. Lin will join the Howmet Executive Leadership Team and lead the company's global legal and eth-



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### SPIROL Mexico Certified to IATF 16949:2016

**SPIROL International Corporation**, a global manufacturer of engineered fasteners, shims and installation equipment, reports that a fourth manufacturing facility, **SPIROL Mexico**, has been certified to *IATF 16949:2016*. SPIROL Mexico manufactures threaded inserts and compression limiters for plastic parts.

**David LaFleur**, Divisional President, said, "I'm very proud of the team, their efforts and contributions. Gaining the IATF certification and effectively implementing its values is critical to the long-term success of the organization and the support of our automotive customers. Managing this transition is already difficult and successfully navigating it through the added challenges of COVID-19 demonstrates the competence of this incredible team."



*IATF 16949* supersedes the previous technical specification for automotive quality management systems, *ISO/TS 16949*. The more stringent *IATF 16949* focuses on achieving best practices when designing, developing, manufacturing, installing or servicing automotive products.

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Lin has a distinguished career with more than 20 years of legal expertise over multiple industries. She most recently served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Airgas, Inc., a leading USA supplier of industrial gases, safety products and process chemicals, where she was responsible for corporate governance, compliance matters, strategic transactions, crisis management, regulatory matters and litigation resolution.

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### Specialty Screw awarded Healthy Manufacturer Certificate again for 2021

Specialty Screw Corporation, Rockford, IL, USA, announces that it has been awarded the Illinois Manufacturers' Association Healthy

Manufacturer Certificate again for 2021. The company said it appreciates all of its employees and their help in maintaining a healthy working environment at Specialty Screw.

Specialty Screw Corporation works to be known as the premier provider of innovative products for the fastening and engineered component marketplace. The company provides a clean and safe work environment for its employees and visitors, and conserves resources to minimize waste. Specialty Screw also listens and responds to the diverse opinions of its employees, customers and business partners.

Specialty Screw offers the industry with a wide variety of cold-headed components, supplied as cost-effective solutions to its customers' needs. If it is standard



### Naperville Fastener Association Names Eric Dudas As Its First "Form, Fit and Function Award" Winner

**Bob Baer**, President, **Abbott Interfast LLC** and **Marty Nolan**, Manufacturers Representative, **R.L. English Co.**, report, "The **Naperville Fastener Association**, formed in 2014, is proud to introduce and honor the first ever Naperville Fastener Association's 'Form, Fit and Function Award' and its winner. The honor is awarded to a person from within the industry who possesses integrity, character and a deep passion for the fastener industry. The award selection committee included everyone attending the April 2021 meeting, but largely coordinated by regularly attending members **Bob Baer** and **Narty Nolan** as well as **Rich Cavoto** of **Metric & Multistandard**, **George Hunt III** of **Brighton Best International**, **Kameron Dorsey** of **Beacon Fasteners**, **John Radel** of **Solution**

**Industries**, **Tom Buddenbohn** of **Budd Sales Co.** and **Jim Sullivan** of **COB – Bass & Associates LLC**.

"And this year's winner of the Form, Fit and Function Award is **Eric Dudas** of **Fasteners Clearing House (FCH)**. Eric can be

heard regularly on his podcast, *Fully Threaded Radio*, with sidekick **Brian Musker**, discussing "mostly fastener related" topics with some of our industry's most notable people. On occasion the topics may stray a bit, but they always come back to fasteners. Eric's passion for the industry is unmistakable and if you have not listened to any of his podcasts yet, you're in for some of the best fastener-related entertainment available anywhere.

"Eric is a connector of fastener people. On *Fully Threaded Radio*, he has invited guests from all walks of fastener life and has embodied the camaraderie of the Naperville Fastener Association. Through *Fully Threaded Radio* and the FCH, Eric has brought us many characters we might not have had the opportunity to meet."

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## Aerospace & Defense C-Class Parts Market Revenue to Be Over US\$15.8 Billion by 2027

According to the latest report by **Global Market Insights Inc.**, Delaware City, DE, USA, "Aerospace & Defense C-class Parts Market by Component (Fasteners, Bearings, Electrical, Machined Parts), Application/Work Package (Airframe, System, Engine, Interiors), Distribution Channel (OEM, Aftermarkets), End User (Commercial, Military & Defense, Spacecraft), Regional Outlook, Price Trends, Competitive Market Share & Forecast 2027", the market valuation of aerospace and defense C-class parts will cross US\$15.8 billion by 2027. Commercial and military activities are significantly increasing in the aircraft industry, supporting the market growth during the forecast timeframe.

Major aerospace/defense C-class parts market players include **Amphenol, Arconic, Stanley Black & Decker, Eaton Corp., RCB Bearings Inc., Precision Castparts Corp., Trimas Corp.** and **National Aerospace Fasteners Corp.**

The bearing segment in the aerospace

and defense C-class parts market will witness more than a 5% growth rate through 2027 on account of its increasing utility over a wide range of aerospace applications, such as landing gear, flight controls and engines, passenger seating, and other made-to-measure applications. Long-haul air travel needs a wide-body aircraft, which influences the sales of aerospace bearings. New technologies, including robotics/autonomous systems, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and sensor technologies, will push the industry toward the adoption of digital innovation, leading to an increased demand for c-class parts in aircraft systems, which is expected to reach over USD 2.8 billion by the end of 2027. Military and spacecraft systems are complex. These systems include flight controls, bleed systems, landing gear, hydraulics, and avionics, which are likely to foster the industry growth in the coming years.

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or metric, material waste is eliminated, since cold formed fasteners are upset, extruded or impacted.

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### Ascend wins GM Quality Award

Ascend Performance Materials, Houston, TX, USA, has received

the General Motors 2020 Supplier Quality Excellence Award for its Pensacola, FL, USA, polyamide 66 plant. The award recognizes GM suppliers who meet or exceed the company's rigorous quality performance criteria and support multiple functions across GM's organization.

Ascend Performance Materials,



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### TFI Adds Brent Harris

**Threaded Fasteners, Inc. (TFI)**, Mobile, AL, USA, reports, "We are pleased to announce the addition of **Brent Harris** to our team as the Territory Manager in Tifton, GA, USA. Brent comes to us with over 15 years' experience in the construction and manufacturing industries and is an expert in territory development."



Now with 11 locations in five USA states, TFI was founded in 1979, and the company is now 100% "Employee Owned".

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### Dorman Products to Acquire Dayton Parts

**Dorman Products, Inc.**, Colmar, PA, USA, announced its entry into a definitive agreement to acquire **Dayton Parts**, for total consideration of US\$338 million. The transaction, which is subject to customary closing conditions is expected to close in the second half of 2021.

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### PennEngineering® Opens New Office

**PennEngineering®**, Danboro, PA, USA, has opened a new office in San Jose, CA, USA. In addition to corporate space, the new location features a testing lab for engineering support and testing services for the PennEngineering portfolio of fastening solutions, including PEM®, PROFIL®, ATLAS® and SI® brands. **Greg Swafford** is Vice President of Sales (Americas), and **Travis Moore** is the Western Regional Manager. [www.pemnet.com](http://www.pemnet.com)

### CELO's Multifunction Frame Fixings Guide

**CELO**, Castellar del Vallés, Spain, has created the "Easy guide to choosing your frame plug" guide, which takes the installer step-by-step, going through the decisions that are needed to find the right fixing.



From the different head types of the plug and screw, the installer can choose, the materials and applications that will be worked on and understanding what makes CELO's frame plug MFR the best choice.

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the largest fully integrated producer of polyamide 66 resin, manufactures materials that are used to make parts that improve the safety, performance and fuel efficiency of automobiles. The company's products range from fasteners and electrical connectors to airbags and radiator end tanks.

"Customer-focused is one of our core values at Ascend, and it means that everything we do is in service to our customers," said Phil Jeszke, Automotive Segment Lead at Ascend. "The strength of our relationship with GM is built on partnerships throughout the production chain focused on quality and performance, from the materials to the design and manufacturing."

This year's award marks the second consecutive year Ascend has been recognized by GM.

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### Manufacturing PMI® at 60.6% for June 2021 according to ISM® Report On Business®

Economic activity in the manufacturing sector grew in June, with the overall economy seeing a 13th consecutive month of growth, say the nation's supply executives in the latest Manufacturing Institute for Supply Management® (ISM®) Report On Business®.



According to the report, the June Manufacturing PMI® registered 60.6%, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point from the May 2021 reading of 61.2%. This figure indicates expansion in the overall economy for the 13th month in a row after contraction in April 2020.

The New Orders Index registered

### Fastener Distributor Index (FDI) Decreases to 55.8

The FDI moderated amid supply and inflationary pressures, coming in at 55.8 after its 61.8 reading in May, seasonally adjusted.

The Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) also moderated slightly with a reading of 71.1, the 13th consecutive month of positive outlook.

Click-in to the *Fully Threaded Radio* podcast episode 166 as *Fastener*

[Fastener Distribution Trends: June 2021](#)

*Technology International (FTI)* magazine editor **Mike McNulty** provides additional commentary and analysis.

Please share the FDI with your fellow North American fastener distributors: [www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/fFastenerDistributorIndex](http://www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/fFastenerDistributorIndex)

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FASTENER DISTRIBUTION AT A GLANCE  
June 2021

	Index Values										Direction	Rate of Change
	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct			
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	60.6	61.2	60.7	64.7	60.8	58.7	60.7	57.5	59.3		Growing	Slower
<b>FDI</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>56.5</b>		Growing	Slower
<b>FLI</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>64.5</b>		Growing	Slower

#### (Other Metrics)

Sales	71.4	72.2	65.2	90.6	85.9	59.7	90.0	66.9	65.1		Growing	Slower
Employment	62.9	70.3	66.7	65.6	67.1	64.3	58.8	52.7	58.3		Growing	Slower
Supplier Deliveries	82.3	93.2	93.1	87.5	95.7	82.9	75.0	71.6	63.9		Growing	Slower
Respondent Inventories	33.9	31.1	30.6	31.3	38.6	47.1	55.9	59.5	55.6		Declining	Slower
Customer Inventories	11.3	16.2	11.1	18.8	15.7	24.3	27.9	29.7	33.3		Declining	Faster
Pricing, month-to-month	91.9	86.5	84.7	87.5	80.0	81.4	69.1	60.8	58.3		Growing	Faster
Pricing, year-to-year	91.9	89.2	97.2	92.2	91.4	87.1	86.8	77.0	72.2		Growing	Faster

6-Month Outlook -June	Higher	Same	Lower
		55%	35%

FDI and Pricing are diffusion indexes. At 50, the performance of the category listed met expectations. A reading above 50 suggests the category outperformed expectations, while a reading below 50 suggests the category underperformed expectations.

Source: Baird, FCH Sourcing Network, Institute for Supply Management



## Obituary

### John Longyear 1949 – 2021

John Longyear formally from **Metric & Multistandard** passed away June 2, 2021, after a year and a half battle with pancreatic cancer. John started his career at **Metric & Multistandard Components Corp.**, Elmsford, NY, in May of 1972. His talents and knowhow were



quickly recognized and John was promoted to be the first Assistant Manager in Metric & Multi's history. The ownership of Metric & Multi recognized what they had in John and wife **Chris Longyear** and decided this was a great opportunity to open a branch somewhere

in the southwest, with the obvious choice being Dallas, TX, USA. In 1976, John and Chris drove their Lotus from New York to Texas and opened our Dallas branch.

In March 2019, after 47 years of excellent service at Metric & Multi, John and Chris retired. In his retirement, they enjoyed traveling, going to restaurants, playing golf, spending quality time with his daughter **Serena** and his two grandchildren.

John was heavily involved with the **Southwestern Fastener Association (SFA)** where he was the Treasurer in 1990 and Chairman in 1991. He then returned to be the Treasurer from 2011 to 2013 and was a fixture at all the SFA events until his retirement.



John will be greatly missed not only by his co-workers at Metric & Multi, but anyone who knew him in the fastener industry.

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### B&F Fastener Expands

*Industrial Distribution* reports that **B&F Fastener Supply**, headquartered in Ramsey, MN, USA, has opened a new 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup> facility in Sioux Falls, SD, USA.



The expanded space more than doubles the original SD location.

[www.bffastenersupply.com](http://www.bffastenersupply.com)

### DB Roberts Announces Leadership Changes

Specialty fastener/hardware distributor, **DB Roberts**, reports that GM, **Charles Gerry**, has announced his retirement. He will continue with DB Roberts in a consulting capacity.



**Sandra Solis**, Western Regional Sales Manager, will assume DB Roberts leadership responsibilities **Kelly Loeb** has accepted the role of VP of Sales for all DB Roberts North American locations. DB Roberts also welcomes new Field Sales Manager, **Jim Antinozzi**, to the team. He will support Field Sales Reps and customer accounts in and surrounding the upper midwest.

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### Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Net Income (Net Loss)	%Δ
Fastenal Company	2925	1.7	450	2.0
MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.	886	3.8	94	21.5

Latest Quarterly Sales/Net Income data in US\$ millions. % Δ relative to 2020 quarterly data.

66%, decreasing one percentage point from the May reading of 67%. The Production Index registered 60.8%, an increase of 2.3 percentage points versus May's 58.5%.

The Prices Index registered 92.1%, up 4.1 percentage points compared to the May figure of 88% and the index's highest reading since July 1979 (93.1%). The Backlog of Orders Index registered 64.5%, 6.1 percentage points lower than the May reading of 70.6%.

The Employment Index registered 49.9%; one percentage point lower compared to May's 50.9%.

The Supplier Deliveries Index registered 75.1%, down 3.7 percentage points from the May figure of 78.8%.

The Inventories Index registered 51.1%, 0.3 percentage point higher than May's 50.8%.

[www.ismworld.org](http://www.ismworld.org)

### Quarterly Dividends Report...

- **Fastenal Company**, Winona, MN, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.28 per share to be paid in cash on August 24, 2021 to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 27, 2021. [www.fastenal.com](http://www.fastenal.com)
- **MSC Industrial Supply Co.**, Melville, NY, USA and Davidson, NC, USA, declared a cash dividend of US\$0.75/share, payable July 27, 2021 to holders of record at the close of business on July 13, 2021. [cdn.mscldirect.com](http://cdn.mscldirect.com)

### Conference Calls & Webcasts...

- **Illinois Tool Works Inc.**, Glenview, IL, USA, will issue its Q2 2021 results on July 30, 2021, at 7 AM CT. ITW will hold its Q2 earnings webcast at 9 AM CT. [investor.itw.com](http://investor.itw.com)
- **Lawson Products, Inc.**, Chicago, IL, USA, will report Q2 2021 results, July 29, 2021, pre-market and hold a conference call at 9 AM ET. [investor.lawsonproducts.com](http://investor.lawsonproducts.com)

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## Fastener Fair CONNECT: Worldwide Digital Event

Fastener Fair CONNECT is a new on-line marketplace and digital business platform unifying Fastener Fair shows worldwide. Fastener Fair Stuttgart, Fastener Fair Italy, Fastener Fair Mexico, Fastener Fair USA and Fastener Fair India are joining forces to provide a unique networking event targeting the global fastener and fixing industry.



The digital event, scheduled to take place from November 17 to 18, 2021, will offer a comprehensive program for trade professionals, including virtual product showcases, expert webinars and interactive match-making opportunities.

[www.mackbrooks.co.uk](http://www.mackbrooks.co.uk)

## ZAGO Associates Earn Degrees During Pandemic

ZAGO Manufacturing Co., a sustainable sealing fasteners manufacturer in Newark, NJ, USA, announces that **Jonathan Cruz**, Lead Machinist and Robot Specialist, and **Aly Damacela**, Marketing Coordinator, Training and Development Manager, have earned degrees while working full-time and during the pandemic.



Jonathan earned his degree in Manufacturing Technology, Spring 2021, from **Bergen Community College**. He is using his degree to optimize manufacturing, product development and inspection. Jonathan's degree is particularly special to him because as it gave me an opportunity to learn the latest manufacturing techniques and put them into practice while working at ZAGO.

Aly Damacela earned her Bachelor of Science, Marketing, Spring 2021, from **Kean University** while working full-time and raising a family. Aly has been applying her marketing knowledge throughout her career at ZAGO. Aly's degree is particularly important to her because it was a long-term goal that she achieved during COVID-19.

[www.zago.com](http://www.zago.com)

## Solution Industries & NCF A Events Well Attended

On July 8, 2021, **Solution Industries**, Strongsville, OH, USA, sponsored a "Hands-On Hydrogen Embrittlement Workshop" at the Solution Industries Training Center in Strongsville. Solution Industries also held a well attended open house and plant tour. Attendees visited the company's new facility, had lunch, visited with "Team Solution" and had great conversation opportunities.



The day concluded with the **North Coast Fastener Association (NCF A)** "Distributor Social 2021", also held in Strongsville. This networking event saw hundreds of top fastener industry distributors and suppliers, all gathered in one room.



[www.solutionind.com](http://www.solutionind.com)

[www.ncfaonline.com](http://www.ncfaonline.com)



[www.ndindustries.com](http://www.ndindustries.com)

# EVENTS

### August 16 – 20, 2021

MWFA FSTNR Week & Fastener Show  
Elk Grove, IL, USA  
[www.mwfa.net](http://www.mwfa.net)

### September 1 – 3, 2021

Fastener Taiwan 2021  
Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
[www.fastenertaiwan.com.tw](http://www.fastenertaiwan.com.tw)

### September 21 – 23, 2021

International Fastener Expo (IFE 2021)  
Las Vegas, NV, USA  
[www.fastenershows.com](http://www.fastenershows.com)

### October 5 – 7, 2021

parts2clean 2021  
Stuttgart, Germany  
[www.parts2clean.de](http://www.parts2clean.de)

### October 13 – 14, 2021

Fastener Fair Mexico,  
Mexico City, Mexico  
[www.fastenerfair.com/mexico](http://www.fastenerfair.com/mexico)

### October 20 – 23, 2021

Pac-West Joint Conference with SFA  
San Antonio, TX, USA  
[www.pac-west.org](http://www.pac-west.org)

### October 24 – 26, 2021

STAFDA Annual Convention  
& Trade Show  
Orlando, FL, USA  
[www.stafda.org](http://www.stafda.org)

### November 8 – 10, 2021

Fastener Fair USA  
Cleveland, OH, USA  
[www.fastenerfairusa.com](http://www.fastenerfairusa.com)

### November 9 – 11, 2021

Fastener Fair Stuttgart  
Stuttgart, Germany  
[www.fastenerfair.com/stuttgart](http://www.fastenerfair.com/stuttgart)

### November 14 – 16, 2021

International Fastener Show China 2021  
Shanghai, China  
[en.afastener.com](http://en.afastener.com)

### November 17 – 18, 2021

Fastener Fair CONNECT Digital Event  
[www.mackbrooks.co.uk](http://www.mackbrooks.co.uk)

### November 26 – 27, 2021

Fastener Fair India  
Mumbai, India  
[www.fastenerfairindia.com](http://www.fastenerfairindia.com)

### May 9 – 13, 2022

wire 2020  
Düsseldorf, Germany  
[www.wire-tradefair.com](http://www.wire-tradefair.com)  
[www.mdna.com](http://www.mdna.com)

### June 21 – 23, 2022

SurfaceTechnology, Stuttgart, Germany  
[www.surface-technology-germany.de](http://www.surface-technology-germany.de)

### November 30 – December 1, 2022

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Fiera Milano City, Italy  
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