

Issue	Editorial Summary	Highlights
JANUARY <i>Materials Due: 12/10/2025</i>	Outlook for 2026: 5 Key Strategies for Success Explore strategic priorities in automation, supply chain resilience, workforce upskilling, digital transformation, and capital investments that will shape manufacturing success in 2026.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CNC Operations• Assembly• Safety• Maintenance• CAD/CAM & CIM• Cutting Systems
FEBRUARY <i>Materials Due: 1/10/2026</i>	Technology Advances & Productivity Challenges From CNC innovation to robotics, we examine the balance between tech-driven productivity and workforce adaptation. Features on machine learning, AI-based optimization, and digital integration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fabricating / Forming / Finishing• Punching & Stamping• Bending• Welding• Press Breaks & Shears
Q1 IMD Quarterly Automation & Robotics Edition		
MARCH <i>Materials Due: 2/10/2026</i>	Safety & Maintenance Spotlight on proactive maintenance strategies and workplace safety. Includes coverage of predictive systems, filtration and air quality, facility retrofitting, and operator-focused safety tools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance• Safety• Filtration• Retrofitting / Rebuilding• Hoists / Cranes / Forklifts
APRIL <i>Materials Due: 3/10/2026</i>	Reshoring Manufacturing & Supply Chain Assess the realignment of supply chains, labor shortages, and domestic manufacturing advantages. Includes logistics tools, ERP insights, and U.S.-based contract manufacturing advantages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly• Material Handling• Contract Manufacturing• Marking Systems
MAY <i>Materials Due: 4/10/2026</i>	The Rise of AI in CNC Machining and Robotics A deep dive into how artificial intelligence is driving performance in CNC operations and robotic automation. Includes cobot innovation, vision systems, and AI-assisted tooling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CNC Operations• Robotics• Cutting Systems• Tooling
Q2 IMD Quarterly Automation & Robotics Edition		
JUNE <i>Materials Due: 5/10/2026</i>	Annual Buyer & Supplier Guide Featuring 2,000+ companies and 500+ categories. A vital tool for sourcing, solution discovery, and showcasing suppliers in tooling, workholding, software, Safety, Maintenance, Fabrication, Metalworking, Robotics, Material Handling and Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tooling• Workholding• Cutting• Deburring• Measurement & Inspection

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JULY <i>Materials Due: 6/10/2026</i>	Manufacturing in North America Highlighting manufacturing excellence across regions. Includes case studies, workforce development initiatives, and technologies reinforcing U.S. industrial competitiveness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welding• Heat Treating• Grinding• Milling• Tooling & Workholding• Finishing & Deburring
AUGUST <i>Materials Due: 7/10/2026</i>	The Future of Industrial Software, ERP Systems & Supply Chain Strains Dual focus on digital infrastructure and procurement instability. Features on cloud ERP, MES platforms, cybersecurity, and solutions for parts sourcing, lead times, and logistics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAD/CAM & CIM• Material Handling• Measurement & Inspection
Q3 IMD Quarterly Automation & Robotics Edition		
SEPTEMBER <i>Materials Due: 8/10/2026</i>	IMTS 2026 Show Issue (Sept 14–19) Focus on machining, additive manufacturing, and automation innovations presented at IMTS. Preview product launches and connect buyers to solution providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Machining• CNC Operations• EDM• Turning• Additive Manufacturing
OCTOBER <i>Materials Due: 9/10/2026</i>	FABTECH 2026 Show Issue (Oct 21–23) Live from Las Vegas. Spotlight on metal fabrication, welding, and finishing equipment. Includes coverage of forming systems, dust extraction, and software controls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fabricating• Sawing• Bending• Welding• Finishing
NOVEMBER <i>Materials Due: 10/10/2026</i>	Aerospace & Defense in Manufacturing Precision, traceability, and certification in high-stakes manufacturing. Features on composite machining, QA tools, advanced materials, and military/aerospace CNC requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gear Cutting / Inserts / Thread Mills• Carbide Cutting Tools• Drilling & Tapping• Inspection• Marking Systems• Workholding
Q4 IMD Quarterly Automation & Robotics Edition		
DECEMBER <i>Materials Due: 11/10/2026</i>	Capital Equipment Investments & Tax Savings End-of-year focus on ROI from equipment purchases. Includes Section 179 tax strategies, investment planning, forklifts, sawing, and software purchasing insights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sawing• Power Tools• Maintenance• Material Handling• Safety