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Midwest Tool and Cutlery Company Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Sturgis Michigan, May 5, 2005 - 2005 marks the 60th anniversary of Midwest Tool And Cutlery Company. Founded in 1945 as an OEM manufacturer of snips and shears, the company now produces a full line of aviation snips, tinner snips, specialty snips and HVAC/R hand tools. The made in the USA Midwest Snips® national brand is a leading high-quality hand tool brand used worldwide by contractors, tradesmen, and tool user professionals.

"We take pride in our manufacturing history, product innovation, and U.S. workforce. Our revolutionary new Upright Snips™ are just the latest example of our commitment to continuous improvement in product performance and benefits as we constantly strive to offer high-quality products that help the end-user get the job done easier," notes Stephen Deter, President & CEO.

As part of its 60th anniversary, the company is sponsoring a sweepstakes giveaway to promote its revolutionary new Upright Snips™ aviation snips. The sweepstakes, which runs through year-end 2005, will award the grand prize winner a new Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle.

Upright Snips significantly improve cutting sheet metal and other materials for the contractor, tradesman and do-it-yourself user. Available in both right and left cutting models, the Upright Snips incorporate a patent pending right angle 90 handle to blade design.

About Midwest Tool & Cutlery

Midwest Tool And Cutlery Company produces the made in the USA Midwest Snips® brand of aviation and tinner snips at manufacturing operations in Sturgis and Kalkaska, Michigan. The company also produces a full line of tinner snips, folding tools, cable cutters and other specialty tools for the HVAC/R, construction, siding, roofing and sheet metal industries. Midwest Snips are available at HVAC/R and industrial wholesale distributors in North America and worldwide and at selected retail outlets.

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