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Midwest Snips® Introduces Two Made in USA 14-in. Bent Handle Tinner Snip Models

Sturgis, Michigan, August 1, 2006 -- Midwest Tool and Cutlery Company has introduced two Made in USA 14-in. tinner snip models featuring bent handles which position the users hand safely above the material being cut. Model P147CBP features a full polish finish and Kush-N-Kote plastisol grips to cushion the users hand. Model 147CBT has a burnished finish without plastisol grips and is designed for industrial applications. The two models further expand the Midwest Snips® line of tinner snips, the only full line of Made in USA tinner snips on the market today.

Both 14-in. bent handle tinner snip models are rated to cut 18 gauge cold rolled sheet metal and 22 gauge stainless sheet metal and feature a full 3-7/8 in. length of cut per cutting stroke to facilitate long cuts in a variety of materials. A combination blade pattern cuts wide curves to the right and left. Midwest Snips® tinner snips are hot drop-forged from molybdenum alloy steel and specially heat treated to produce the longest lasting, toughest 14-in. tinner snips on the market today.

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 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.

Visit www.midwestsnips.com for more information.

Application Notes for Editors:

Midwest Snips® aviation snips and associated specialty tools are widely used in the following trades/applications:

- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC/R) and refrigeration installation and repair
- Exterior remodeling industry (roofing, siding, gutter and down spout installation and repair)
- Floor covering installation
- Metal building construction and maintenance

- RV/Motor home/trailer manufacturing
- General construction, maintenance and repair
- Auto body repair
- General sheet metal cutting
- Industrial /MRO applications

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