



FORM **MA-3000**
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**MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES,
AND ORDERS (M3) SUPPLEMENT: 2006-2007
UNFILLED ORDERS BENCHMARK SURVEY**

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PURPOSE OF SURVEY: This data collected in this survey will be used to benchmark the new and unfilled orders information published in the monthly Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders Survey, which is based on a small panel of domestic manufacturers. Annual sales data will be used to analyze differences in reporting between the company-based survey and plant level data from the Annual Survey of Manufactures, the source of benchmark data for the monthly shipments and inventory data.

IMPORTANT - Please read the instruction on the reverse side of this form, then complete all items below.

CFN:

Line No.	Selected Major Manufacturing Activities (See Instructions) (a)	Annual Sales 2006 (In thousands of dollars) (b)	Unfilled Orders as of Dec. 31, 2006 (In thousands of dollars) (c)	Annual Sales 2007 (In thousands of dollars) (d)	Unfilled Orders as of Dec. 31, 2007 (In thousands of dollars) (e)
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2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
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8					

Period covered by data (If other than calendar year)
FROM TO
(Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)

Name of person to be contacted regarding this report
(Please print or type)

Telephone

Area Code Number Ext.

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Signature of authorized person

Title

Date

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

General Information:

The basic reporting unit in this survey is the manufacturing division/segment or plant as defined by your company for financial reporting. The division/segment or plant should be a domestic operating unit within the company for which separate financial records are maintained. Domestic subsidiaries should be considered as divisions for purposes of this survey. **Foreign subsidiaries should be excluded.**

Only those manufacturing industries, which record unfilled orders levels, are included in this survey. The industries within scope of the survey are listed in the enclosed Major Manufacturing Activities List. Review the list of industry activities to determine which of your manufacturing units to report. If the manufacturing shipments or sales of a division/segment or plant are attributable to the selected manufacturing activity printed on the form, report all sales or shipments for the reported units in column (a).

All data reported should be calendar year 2006 and 2007. If actual data are unavailable, reasonable estimates are acceptable. If data are available only on the fiscal year basis used by your company, indicate the time period covered by the data submitted.

Annual sales (Report sales net of discounts and allowances):

Include –

- Sales to other companies, individuals, government agencies, and customers in foreign countries.
- Transfers to other divisions of your company, including sales to foreign subsidiaries.

Exclude –

- Sales by foreign subsidiaries or divisions.
- Value of orders which remain unfilled at the end of the year.
- Transfers within divisions.
- Resales.

Unfilled Orders:

Include –

- All goods on orders which have not been shipped as of December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007, including any contract adjustments.
- Commitments to deliver under long-standing agreements or other formal or informal agreements.
- Interdivisional unfilled orders.

Exclude –

- Contract options or extensions to existing contracts which have not been exercised by the customer.
- Intradivisional unfilled orders.

In **column (a)** review the selected major manufacturing activities; if incorrect, list the correct industry category, in the Remarks Section, for example, 1-31A, etc.

In **columns (b) and (d)** report annual sales for 2006 (b) and 2007 (d) for the major manufacturing activity.

NOTE: To report one hundred thousand (100,000) – **Report 100.**

In **columns (c) and (e)** report the total value of unfilled orders held by the division or company as of December 31, 2006 (**c**), and December 31, 2007 (**e**). **NOTE:** To report one hundred thousand (100,000) – **Report 100.**

Special Instructions for Companies with Long-Term Contracts:

For fixed price contracts, unfilled orders should reflect the full value of the contract less actual shipments. Sales should be based on deliveries during calendar year 2006 and 2007 only.

For cost plus contracts, such as for shipbuilding, unfilled orders should reflect the full contract value less the accumulated value of work done for which progress payments have been received. Value of work done during 2006 and 2007 should be included in your annual sales and may be based on (a) multiplying the estimated percentage of work completed during the year by the contract price or (b) net billings for work done during the year.

For defense contracts, unfilled orders should include only those orders which have been authorized or funded.

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