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# Contractor Supply

THE VOICE OF DISTRIBUTION



Proof Positive:  
Distributors Rely on  
**Contractor Supply**

**2025 MEDIA KIT**

» THE NUMBER ONE RESOURCE IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY MARKET

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## FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THE INDUSTRY

21,000

average  
press run

6x

per year  
frequency

\$25+  
Billion

per year in  
STAFDA distributor  
member sales

1+  
Million

website visits  
in 2023

36.25%

average open rate  
for CS Weekly  
newsletter

## How reliably can you deliver your products to market?

The primary drivers of today's construction market are **new products** that promise to improve contractor efficiencies and **available existing products** to keep projects moving. Communicating this news to distributors is essential. This is why the channel relies on **Contractor Supply** for new product and best practice information. Our print publication is vital to our distributor subscribers and our website continues to grow, from **838,451** page views in calendar year 2022 to **1,075,118** in 2023!

Advertising in **Contractor Supply** magazine, on our website, in our e-newsletters and custom e-blasts gives you a direct link to distributors starving for your products. **The smart money works with us.**



*"Our business appreciates the pulse on the industry we get from Contractor Supply in print and email. It's nice to get to know other small businesses like ours and learn from the successes they are having around the country."*



Erika Scherman, president and owner  
MC Tool and Safety Sales  
Blaine, Minnesota





**Contractor Supply Website**  
**1,075,118** page views, 2023  
**926,512** site visits, 2023  
**477,581** unique visitors, 2023  
**232,327** ad impressions per month, 2023

Traffic to [www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com](http://www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com) grew by 236,667 page views in 2023, to **1,075,118**. [ContractorSupplyMagazine.com](http://ContractorSupplyMagazine.com) posts new product and industry news every day and our product sourcing and news archives are thousands of pages deep!

**CS Weekly Email Newsletter**  
 Frequency: 52 weeks a year  
**36.25%** average open rate\*  
**68.33%** average click through rate\*\*

CS Weekly is the industry's only e-newsletter specifically targeting independent construction tool and supply distributors and their suppliers.

**CS Weekly emails to 10,140 subscribers.**

\* Based on total number of emails received  
 \*\* Based on total number of email opens  
 Sample: 12 weeks: Sept. 7 to Nov. 22, 2023



**V-Log Video & Blog Roundup**  
 Frequency: Every 2 weeks  
**30.14%** average open rate\*  
**67.98%** average click through rate\*\*

V-Log compiles new and noteworthy manufacturer videos and expert blog posts in one convenient place for our busy distributor readers.

**V-Log sends to an average 9,299 subscribers.**

\* Based on total number of total emails received  
 \*\* Based on total number of emails opened  
 Sample: 9 Weeks — Sept. 12, 2023 to Jan. 2, 2024

**Custom E-Blasts**  
 Frequency: As ordered by client  
**30.47%** average open rate\*  
**52.80%** average click through rate\*\*

CS Custom E-Blasts are single-client emails. **The average E-Blast sends to 9,761 subscribers.**

\* Based on number of total emails received  
 \*\* Based on total number of emails opened  
 Sample size: 12 blasts, Sept. 8 to Oct. 24, 2023

## » FOCUSED FEATURES



### INSIGHTFUL COVER STORIES

**Contractor Supply's** mission is to give distributors "Critical to Quality" tools and strategies that can help them improve their business operations and profitability.

Our cover stories present real-world examples of how distributors are meeting today's critical issues by:

- Addressing competitive threats from local, regional and global entities — including COVID-19, the supply chain and labor shortages
- Forging long-term partnerships with customers and key suppliers
- Developing value-added services that create competitive advantage in their markets
- Building market share and long-term growth
- Adapting business systems to an online world
- Managing generational and succession challenges

### THE SMARTEST PROS IN THE BIZ

**Contractor Supply** partners with STAFDA, The Evergreen Marketing Group, Sphere 1, NetPlus Alliance and other leading trade organizations on departments and guest articles that deliver the information and knowledge that distributors need today.

From business technology, inventory control, leadership, cash flow and collections to marketing and sales training,

we cover the gamut of business operations. Our guest contributors are all recognized experts in their fields — including designated STAFDA consultants.

### TOMORROW'S TRENDS TODAY

In each issue, **Industry Updates** survey the latest products, technologies and trends across the construction industry. These updates bring **Contractor Supply** readers unprecedented access to and insights from the world's top manufacturers. We help you share your news on what's here now and what's coming next.

### "NEW" MANUFACTURERS ARE DISCOVERING OUR CHANNEL

More manufacturers are discovering **Contractor Supply** every day as they seek to grow their distribution networks. As a result, our print magazine and website at [www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com](http://www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com) is bringing these "new" manufacturers to our distributors readers like never before — and in the case of our website, often within minutes of receiving their news. **Contractor Supply** readers can search **nearly 7,000 pages** of news and articles and **more than 4,000 products** online.

### A-LIST CREDIBILITY

Advertising in **Contractor Supply** magazine and on [www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com](http://www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com) positions your company among the industry's premier brands and lends your products an instant credibility that only the industry's best known, most respected team can deliver. Distributors know they can trust **Contractor Supply** and the products in it.

*"The industry updates from Contractor Supply magazine are indispensable. They enhance my business strategy."*

Chris Urban, vice president  
Express Fasteners Inc.  
Rancho Cucamonga, California



### ON-TARGET VALUE-ADDED SERVICES

From high-impact print options such as inserts, feature article reprints, sponsored covers and bands to laser-focused digital services such as surveys and email blasts, we will work with you to maximize the return on your media investment and cut through the cluttered market to reach the buyers who really matter.

# » 2025 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

## TODAY'S TOP MARKET FAQ'S

**Number One: Contractors buy from Distributors, both for their products and their expertise.**

As the pandemic churned through the ranks of contractors across every trade, the industry lost a vast wealth of knowledge which will take time to rebuild. Distributor expertise is more crucial than ever in helping contractors find the right products and explain their proper applications so jobs can proceed quickly, correctly, profitably and safely.

**Number Two: You can't sell from an empty warehouse.**

Today, the ability to fulfill contractor orders is the **number one challenge to the channel**. At **Contractor Supply**, we work every day to help keep distributors informed about your newest products and their availability. Across North America, distributors count on **Contractor Supply** for this vital new product and business management information.

**Number Three: Suppliers and Distributors know they can trust Contractor Supply.**

With more than a decade of loyal service to the construction supply channel, **Contractor Supply** has proven itself to be the most reliable source of product and best practice information in the industry, period.



ISSUE	Dec 2024/Jan 2025	Feb/Mar 2025	Apr/May 2025	Jun/Jul 2025	Aug/Sep 2025	Oct/Nov 2025	Dec 2025/Jan 2026
<b>Ad Close</b>	11/15/2024	1/8/2025	2/26/2025	4/30/2025	7/2/2025	8/21/2025	11/7/2025
<b>Materials</b>	11/25/2024	1/16/2025	3/6/2025	5/8/2025	7/10/2025	8/29/2025	11/17/2025
<b>Issue Focus</b>	Grinders, Sanders & Abrasives	Concrete Working & Cutting Equipment	Safety & PPE	Fastening Systems	Corded Tools	STAFDA Convention Preview	Grinders & Sanders
<b>Industry Updates</b>	Grinders & Sanders Abrasives Job Site Lighting & Power Distribution Cold Weather Safety & Heaters Ladders, Scaffolds & Lifts	Concrete Equipment Compaction Equipment Diamond Blades & Bits Gas Engine Equipment Hydraulic Tools	Anchoring Systems Stationary Tools: Table, Miter & Chop Saws Rotary Hammers Adhesives, Sealants & Coatings Safety Equipment & Gloves	Power Nailers & Staplers Bulk & Collated Fasteners Air Compressors & Accessories Cable Installation & Testing	Corded Electric Power Tools Vacuums & Dust Collection Systems Generators Wood, Metal & Concrete Saws & Blades	Lasers, Levels, Meters & Professional Measurement Hand Tools Tool Storage, Bags & Boxes Material Handling Cordless Tools Drill Bits Pipe & Rebar Tools	Grinders & Sanders Abrasives Job Site Lighting & Power Distribution Cold Weather Safety & Heaters Ladders, Scaffolds & Lifts
<b>Shows and Reviews</b>	<b>2025 World of Concrete</b> Jan. 21-23; Las Vegas <b>2025 International Builders Show/ Hardware Show</b> Feb. 25-27; Las Vegas		<b>ISA25</b> March 31-April 2, Nashville, TN			<b>2025 STAFDA Convention &amp; Trade Show Special Issue!</b> Nov. 9-11; Phoenix, AZ	<b>2026 World of Concrete</b> Jan. 20-22; Las Vegas <b>2026 International Builders Show</b> Feb. 17-19; Las Vegas

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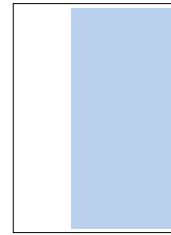


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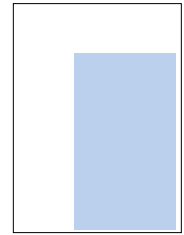
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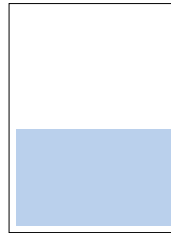
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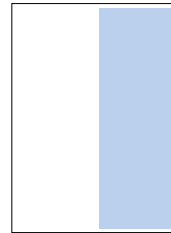
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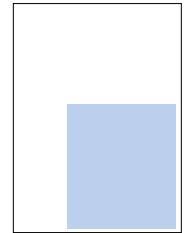
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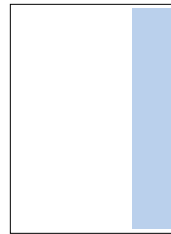
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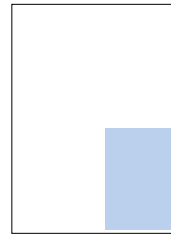
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**1/3 Page Vert.**  
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**1/4 Page**  
3.375" x 4.875"

**Two Page Spread**  
Trim: 16.75" x 10.875"  
Bleed: 17" x 11.125"

## 2025 AD RATES

FREQUENCY	1x	3x	6x
Spread	\$7,300	\$6,575	\$6,035
FP	\$5,165	\$4,660	\$4,270
2/3	\$3,885	\$3,495	\$3,205
1/2	\$3,075	\$2,775	\$2,545
1/3	\$2,420	\$2,180	\$2,000
1/4	\$1,785	\$1,610	\$1,475

# » MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS

## A. SWOP STANDARDS APPLY

(Specifications for Web Offset Publications)

## B. PREFERRED MATERIALS

Digital file complete with layout, fonts and supporting graphics files in a hi-res PDF format.

## C. PDF FILES

PDF files are encouraged and should be created with the following specifications.

1. All fonts should be embedded.
2. Convert spot colors to CMYK. No RGB or lab images should be used; make sure all images are 300 dpi CMYK.
3. **Density of tones 300% or less.** Densities higher have potential of blistering on press causing additional charges for down-time.
4. A rich black color should be used to avoid a washed-out appearance whenever large lettering, graphics, boxes or backgrounds are to print as black (*small text should remain 100% black to avoid registration issues on press*). **A rich black should also be used if the color overlaps any other graphic element to avoid ghosting of the overlap.** Use values of 40C/40M/30Y/100K to create a rich black.
5. **Full page ads must be provided with 1/8" (0.125") bleeds on all 4 sides.** Bleed size is 8.625" x 11.125" and the ad will be trimmed to 8.375" x 10.875".
6. Zip compression with down sampling set no less than 300 dpi.
7. Color management set to "none".
8. The "press" preset in the standard Acrobat will usually create an acceptable PDF for both Macintosh or PC.
9. After creating a PDF, **view the file with "Overprint Preview" to verify actual output.**

## D. NATIVE FILES

1. Macintosh and Windows-based files are usable. **High resolution files placed by the customer must have all color corrections/alterations done prior to releasing the digital file to Direct Business Media LLC.**
2. All images need to be saved in CMYK mode. EPS or TIFF files are preferred. Do not compress images using JPEG or LZW.
3. Provide all supports related to the digital file (i.e., entire font families, hi-res images and logos). Any third party extension (i.e., Pasteboard) must accompany digital files. We cannot accept native Corel, Microsoft Publisher or PowerPoint files. These programs are not compatible with high-resolution output equipment. If you create files using one of these programs, please recreate in a program listed above, convert the file to a print-ready PDF.

## E. DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Spread copy should be laid out to avoid reading matter or any important part of an illustration running into the gutter. Please do not break type on gutter.
2. In preparing copy, restrict thin lines and small lettering to one color. Reproduce all reverse lettering with a minimum of colors. Avoid small letters with fine serifs when using reverse lettering.

## DIGITAL PRINT AD FILES

Adobe Acrobat PDF (high-resolution), InDesignCC\*, Adobe Illustrator CC\*, Adobe Photoshop CC\*

\*or earlier versions

## MEDIA STORAGE | TRANSPORT

Send your high-resolution PDF in one of the following ways:

- Upload your file to the web-based FTP ([www.hightail.com](http://www.hightail.com)) using the following address:  
<https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/DirectBusinessMedia>
- Email [pegghuckabee@directbusinessmedia.com](mailto:pegghuckabee@directbusinessmedia.com)

## PRODUCTION CONTACT

### MATERIALS

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When emailing photos, graphics or page layout files, please send them as source (not text) files. Any files containing graphics should be saved as a stuffed, self-extracting file that is bin-hex encoded.

## TERMS

Payment: net 30 days. Agencies and advertisers are jointly and severally liable. Discount of 15% applies for agency work if paid within 30 days. The publisher reserves the right to reject any advertising deemed inappropriate for the publication's standards.

## » DIGITAL ADVERTISING OPTIONS

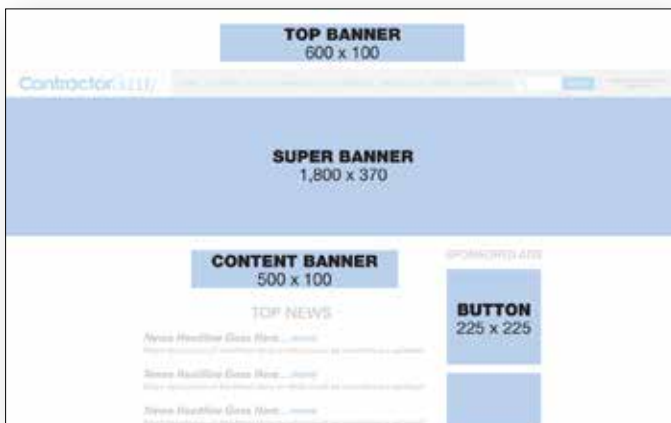
Our website will increase your company's visibility whether visitors are viewing the site from their computer, their phone or a tablet. Choose from more ad options including Super Banners, Top Banners, Content Banners and Button ads.

**Contractor Supply's** digital advertising platforms reinforce your print message and give it the immediacy, speed and adaptability of the internet. Our website at **ContractorSupplyMagazine.com** and our weekly email newsletter, **CS Weekly**, should be key components of your media strategy. We also offer custom email opportunities, our **Contractor Supply Video Library** and our **CS V-Log** blog and video newsletter.

### ONLINE ADVERTISING HELPS YOU:

- Reach the supply chain's critical decision makers
- Increase traffic to your own website
- Increase your brand awareness
- Increase your market share
- Reinforce your print advertising campaigns

In 2023, 12-month traffic at **www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com** reached **1,075,118 page views!** Decision makers in the construction distribution industry visit often for breaking industry news, analysis, articles on distribution management, sales, industry links and more.



### SPECIFICATIONS

**File type:** animated or static .JPG or .GIF

**EXCEPTION:** *Animated ads may not work in some email systems, such as Outlook. Please submit only static ads for custom emails (e-blasts) and CS Weekly.*

**Resolution:** 72 dpi

**File size:** Maximum size allowed 800 KB (the smaller the file size, the faster the ad will load)

**Link:** Please provide the URL where visitors will be redirected after they click on your ad

**Flash:** Flash is no longer recommended because major browsers are ending support of that technology. Instead, we accept animated GIF files as well as HTML5 content and animations.

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### DIGITAL AD SIZES & RATES

Website	Size	Cost
Super banner ad*	1,800 x 370 pixels	\$2,995/month
Homepage overlay	900 x 600 pixels	\$2,400/month
Top banner ad	600 x 100 pixels	\$925/month
Content banner ad	500 x 100 pixels	\$660/month
Button ad	225 x 225 pixels	\$405/month

\*Super banner ads limited to two per month in rotation

#### CS Weekly email newsletter

Top banner ad	600 x 100 pixels	\$825/issue
Content banner ad	500 x 100 pixels	\$665/issue
Newsletter button	225 x 225 pixels	\$540/issue
Third Party/Custom e-Blasts		\$2,055/blast

#### Video Uploads

Per Video	5 minutes or less	\$410/6 months
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# » E-BLASTS

## V-LOG BIMONTHLY VIDEO E-BLAST

The bimonthly **CS V-Log** is a great way to generate more clicks for your videos and more sales for your products. Each edition of this blog and video roundup includes a screen shot from your video, a brief description and a link to the video on your YouTube page or website.

Once a video runs in **CS V-Log**, it then resides in **Contractor Supply's** Online Video Library for ongoing reference.

- Videos increase people's understanding of your product or service
- 90% of users say that seeing a video about a product is helpful in the decision process\*
- 75% of executives watch work-related videos on business websites at least once a week\*
- Click-thru links provide immediate feedback and results
- Leads/contact information shared with advertisers

\*Source: Digital Sherpa



## V-LOG VIDEO E-NEWSLETTER RATES

### CS First-Run Videos e-newsletter

Top banner ad	600 x 100 pixels	\$810/issue
Content banner ad	500 x 100 pixels	\$675/issue
Button ad	225 x 225 pixels	\$540/issue
Featured video placements		\$875/issue

## CUSTOM E-BLASTS

**Third party/custom e-blasts** \$2,055/blast

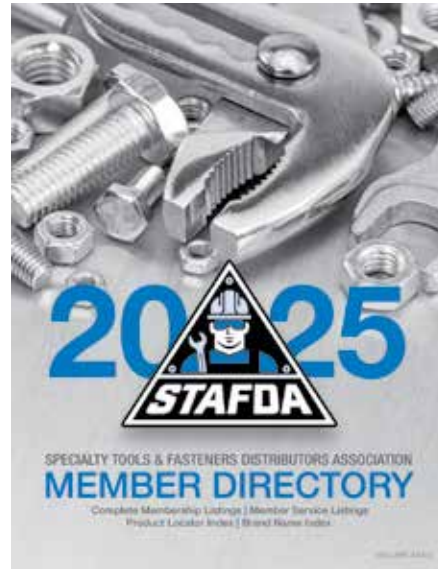
Our ultimate fast-response marketing tools, custom e-blasts deliver your message in its purest form to our subscribers — with no clutter, no competition and no waste.

- Custom e-blasts can be sent to your choice of **Contractor Supply's** distributor subscribers or manufacturer subscribers, depending on your intended target audience.
- Plus, our custom e-blasts are well received. The average blast has an average open rate of 30.47% and an average click-through rate of 52.8%, based on the number of opens.

And, **Contractor Supply** subscribers are 100% distribution channel professionals; we do not reach out to contractors, DIYers or hobbyists. So each response to your e-blast represents a potential long-term commercial customer for your products or services.



FAMILY OF PUBLICATIONS INCLUDES



**ABOUT DIRECT BUSINESS MEDIA LLC**

Direct Business Media LLC is a specialty niche media services provider covering the industrial and construction markets. DBM publishes **Contractor Supply** magazine, the **Specialty Tool and Fasteners Distributors Association (STAFDA) Member Directory**, and **Industrial Supply** magazine.

DBM is dedicated to providing our customers with the highest levels of service, professionalism, and integrity in the industry.