Manufacturing & Industrial Brief: Machinery Orders Rise 36.3% as Automation Drives Higher Equipment Spending - U.S.

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U.S. metalworking machinery orders reached $732.9 million in August 2026, up 36.3% from a year earlier, according to AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology. The monthly total was the third highest recorded by its U.S. Manufacturing Technology Orders (USMTO) program. Manufacturers have now placed orders exceeding 500 million dollars for six consecutive months, the longest such period in the program’s history.

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