The stand-alone leader in construction supply

2019 MEDIA KIT
Always on, always spot on

21,000 average press run
6x per year frequency
$18+ per year in STAFDA distributor sales alone

In print and online — an unbeatable combination. Online marketing and purchasing continues to grow in consumer goods, but the construction industry remains an amalgam of online product research and face-to-face selling on the job site, at distributor sales counters and over the phone.

Recent trade studies show that B2B print magazines and websites tie for first place as sources for industry related content, with 96 percent engagement in both. Contractor Supply exemplifies this trend, with solid advertiser support in our print and digital properties.

Launched last year, each Digital Edition of Contractor Supply is pulling an average open rate of 38.80 percent just from its initial announcement e-mail. That’s an extra 2,481 impressions within the first two days of going online!

Contractor Supply magazine is the only publication dedicated to the independent construction tool and supply distribution channel and its three core groups — distributors, manufacturers and manufacturers rep firms. If you want to sell to the distribution channel, you need Contractor Supply.
V-LOG Video & Blog Roundup
Frequency: Every 2 weeks

26.00% average open rate*
13.87% average click through rate**

V-LOG compiles new and noteworthy manufacturer videos and blog posts in one convenient place for our busy distributor readers. The average V-LOG sends to 10,350 subscriber e-mails.

* Based on number of e-mails received
** Based on number of e-mail opens
Sample: 6 months — Jan 11 to June 26, 2018

CS WEEKLY Electronic Newsletter
Frequency: 52 weeks a year

36.84% average open rate*
32.59% average click through rate**

CS WEEKLY is the industry’s only e-newsletter specifically targeting independent construction tool and supply distributors and their suppliers. It e-mails to an average of 11,500 subscribers weekly.

* Based on number of e-mails received
** Based on number of e-mail opens
Sample: 52 weeks — Jan. 5 to Dec. 28, 2017

Custom E-Blasts
Frequency: As ordered by client

30.29% average open rate*
6.31% average click through rate**

CS Custom E-Blasts are single-client e-mails. The average E-Blast sends to 8,900 subscribers.

* Based on number of e-mails received
** Based on number of e-mail opens
Sample size: 6 months, January 1 to June 30, 2018

Contractor Supply Website

593,000 page views per year*
439,893 site visits
201,120 unique visitors
266,084 average ad impressions/month

On the internet, www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com provides fresh industry news and new product information nearly every day. Our online news, new product and industry archives are more than 8,000 pages deep.

* Based on full year from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018
**FOCUSED FEATURES**

**FRONT-LINE 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
- 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.

**AUTHORITATIVE FEATURES AND DEPARTMENTS**

Contractor Supply partners with STAFDA, ISA, 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 — many are designated STAFDA consultants.

**THE LAST WORD ON TOOLS**

In each issue, Industry Updates survey the latest products, regulations, technologies and opportunities across the construction industry. These updates bring Contractor Supply readers unprecedented access to insights from the world’s top manufacturers in their segments who discuss latest and future generation products and technologies.

**THE BEST PRODUCTS ON EARTH — AND ONLINE**

Contractor Supply delivers in-depth studies of major product categories in each issue as well as spotlighting the latest new products.

Our website at www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com publishes news and new products online every day, often within minutes of receiving them. Readers can search thousands of articles and more than 2,000 products online.

**STAFDA distributors purchase more than $18 billion in goods and services each year, and Contractor Supply stands alone as the industry’s clear magazine of choice.**

Contractor Supply offers manufacturers the largest, most current circulation of construction equipment, tool and supply distributors in the United States. We are your conduit to the world’s premier construction market.

Advertising in Contractor Supply and on www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com places 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.

**VALUE-ADDED SERVICES WITH REAL VALUE**

Direct Business Media LLC, Contractor Supply and Industrial Supply stand ready to implement the latest print and online tools to add impact to your marketing programs.

From high-impact print options such as inserts, feature article reprints, sponsored covers and bands to electronic services such as surveys and e-mail blasts, we will work with you to maximize the return on your media investment.
Distribution Rule Number One: People buy from people. Distributors stake their careers, livelihoods and reputations on the expertise and value they bring to professional contractors. At Contractor Supply, so do we.

Across North America, Distributors count on Contractor Supply for vital new product and business management information.

So too, Suppliers count on Contractor Supply to present their products and services to the distributor market with the highest-quality print and online media with the highest professional standards.

We take that trust to heart every day. Contractor Supply brings you the credibility of the industry's most respected sales and editorial team and the cachet of the stand-alone market leader.

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AD SIZES

Full Page
Trim: 8.375" x 10.875"
Bleed: 8.625" x 11.125"

2/3 Page
4.5625" x 10"

1/2 Page Island
4.5625" x 7.375"

1/2 Page Horz.
7" x 4.875"

1/2 Page Vert.
3.375" x 10"

1/3 Page Sq.
4.5625" x 4.875"

1/3 Page Vert.
2.1875" x 10"

1/4 Page
3.375" x 4.875"

2019 AD RATES

FREQUENCY 1x 3x 6x

Spread $6,270 $5,645 $5,180
Full Page $4,435 $4,000 $3,665
2/3 Page $3,325 $3,000 $2,750
1/2 Page $2,640 $2,380 $2,185
1/3 Page $2,075 $1,870 $1,715
1/4 Page $1,530 $1,380 $1,265
A. SWOP STANDARDS APPLY
(Specifications for Web Offset Publications)

B. PREFERRED MATERIALS
Electronic 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. 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 electronic 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 electronic file (i.e., entire font families, hi-res images and logos). Any third party extension (i.e., Pasteboard) must accompany electronic 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.

ELECTRONIC AD FILES
Adobe Acrobat PDF (high-resolution), InDesignCS5.5*, Adobe Illustrator CS5*, Adobe Photoshop CS5* *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) using the following address:
  https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/DirectBusinessMedia
• E-mail ckincannon@directbusinessmedia.com
• CD-ROM, DVD-ROM/ROM
• Other pre-approved media

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When e-mailing 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.
Our new website design 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 the new Super Banner, Top Banner, Content Banner and Button ads.

Contractor Supply’s electronic 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 e-mail newsletter, CS Weekly, should be key components of your media strategy. We also offer custom e-mail 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 June 2018, 12-month traffic at www.ContractorSupplyMagazine.com topped 593,000 page views. Executive decision makers in the construction distribution industry come back often for breaking industry news, analysis, articles on distribution management, sales, motivational tips, important industry links and more.

Subscribers to CS Weekly rely on us to keep them up to date on what’s happening in their industry, with news about company earnings, acquisitions, executive appointments and other important events. Newsletter button ads appear in the body of the newsletter itself. Click-thru ads appear on the pages of the stories included in the newsletter.

SPECIFICATIONS
File type: animated or static .JPG or .GIF
EXCEPTION: Animated ads will 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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**E-BLAST & WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP**

**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**

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**PROMOTE YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE DISTRIBUTION SOFTWARE GUIDE**

Contractor Supply and Industrial Supply magazines are helping to promote the Brown Smith Wallace Consulting Group’s Distribution Software Guide.

We have scheduled print advertising in the Aug/Sep issue of Contractor Supply and the Sep/Oct issue of Industrial Supply. In addition, we will send e-mail messages to our circulation lists promoting the supplements that were specially prepared by BSW for Contractor Supply and Industrial Supply magazines, plus promote the supplements on our websites.

You can extend your existing investment in the Distribution Software Guide by sponsoring the e-mail messages and online promotional effort.

**Sponsorship and materials deadline:**

Sep. 2, 2019

Here’s where your 225 x 225 ad will appear on our website on the page promoting the Distribution Software Guide.
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 staffed and managed by its owners. We are dedicated to providing our customers with the highest levels of service, professionalism and integrity in the industry.