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### **MSC Industrial Direct Co. Releases New Material Handling Catalog**

Melville, New York, March 30, 2009 – MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. has released its new Material Handling Catalog. Supplementing the company's Big Book<sup>®</sup>, the catalog contains the most widely used material handling components offered by the company.

"The material handling market has a broad set of needs," say Greg Levy, senior director MRO at MSC. "Our new catalog offers these customers a comprehensive resource across a variety of product categories that will provide them with the greatest possible benefit."

The Material Handling Catalog provides full-color images of every product it features. The catalog contains 121 pages offering approximately 6,600 products, over 500 of which are new products. While a wide assortment of product types is covered by the catalog, five categories in particular have been extensively revamped and remerchandised. These are hoists, plastic storage, ladders, steel cabinets and tool storage.

To promote use of the new catalog, MSC is offering a discount of 10% on first orders for all customers.

#### About MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC distributes approximately 590,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 364,000 customers. In-stock availability is approximately 99%, with next day standard delivery to the contiguous United States on qualifying orders up until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. MSC reaches its customers through a combination of approximately 27 million direct-mail catalogs and CD-ROMs, 97 branch sales offices, 912 sales people, the Internet and associations with some of the world's most prominent B2B e-commerce portals. For more information, visit the Company's website at <http://www.mscdirect.com>.

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