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**MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. Launches Volume III  
Of The Fastener Source Book With Thousands More Products  
Including More Value Choices For Customers**

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Melville, New York. (January 9, 2009). Starting in late December 2008, MSC Sales Associates will begin delivering the new Volume III Fastener Source Book to customers nationwide. Based on customer feedback on last year's Volume II catalog, printing and distribution of the new catalog has been increased 50% to 75,000 catalogs.

When asked to comment on the major differences between Volume II and Volume III of the Fastener Source Book, Greg Levy, MSC's Senior Director Of MRO, commented, "Our catalog development is based on continuous dialogue with our customers concerning how we can better meet their needs for fastening and related products. Customer feedback led to significant changes in Volume III. Based on what customers told us they wanted, we have added 3,000 new products to Volume III that offer customers more choices, more value options, and new categories of products that are used with and directly related to fastener products."

New to Volume III is the addition of 700 new Made In The USA socket products. This addition gives customers more value choices for quality and reliability at an excellent price point. Other key additions include 18-8 and 316 stainless steel fasteners in a variety of product categories. Material handling bins and drawers that are used to house fasteners have also been added to the catalog along with hand tools, cordless drills, and other products that are synergistically used with fasteners.

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

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operation ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC distributes approximately 590,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 371,000 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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