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Upcoming Events

Our next MVP Tour is on on *June 8 @ 11:10 am*. We will be visiting **Essex Industries** to learn about **Process Improvement**. Click [HERE](#) to register.



The **Mid-America Safety, Health & Environmental Conference (MASHE)** is on *September 1-2* at the **Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E-Plex** in **Springfield, MO**. Click [HERE](#) to see the presenters, agenda, and to apply for the Safety Awards.



Click [HERE](#) to download a flyer with more information about the event.

Member Spotlight



Our first InGear Member Spotlight is **Griffin Industries** located in **Ash Grove, MO**. Griffin Industries was originally founded in 1973 as a casket manufacturer. As the casket industry went through many changes, many of the companies involved with the production of caskets ceased to do business. In the early 2000's, Griffin Industries decided to focus its operations on making quality stamped and formed parts and quickly became known in the industry as experts in the production of sheet metal components. Throughout the years, they have seen many types of parts and have produced millions of individual pieces. Click [HERE](#) for a link to their website and below for their social accounts.



MO Manufacturing News & Updates

[Ford Chip Shortage](#)

[Right to Repair Bills](#)





The Ford F-150 plant in the Kansas City area closed a little over a month ago due to a parts shortage. The part in shortage is semiconductors, or computer chips, which are in short supply since the demand is high with more users of electronic devices due to the pandemic. Many are wondering when the plant will re-open, especially with 7,100 hourly employees temporarily laid off. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and read the full article from The Kansas City Star.

[House Bill 975](#) and [House Bill 1118](#), or the Right to Repair Bills, are pro-farmer and pro-consumer, but could be considered anti-manufacturer. Both bills, if passed, would allow farmers and consumers to purchase equipment repair software instead of paying someone to repair their equipment. Manufacturers are opposed to this bill because they believe allowing farmers and consumers the code to unlock and repair their equipment would breach the privacy of the developer, as well as cause personal safety and environmental concerns.

Manufacturing Monday On Our Social Media



Every Monday we will be posting for "Manufacturing Monday-" an informational spot on something important in our industry. The following is a snippet from a future Manufacturing Monday post:

"As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a huge hit to the U.S. economy, including manufacturing. About 1.4 million U.S. manufacturing jobs were lost during the early days of the pandemic. About 37% of these jobs still haven't been added back yet, despite a near record number of job openings in the sector.

Governor Parson, starting June 12, will cut Missouri from all six federal pandemic-related unemployment programs to address workforce shortages across the state. Many are predicting the gap will close... But will it? How will this cut of COVID unemployment benefits have an impact on Missouri manufacturing labor? Only time will tell."

Look to our [LinkedIn](#) to follow along and comment each week.

Manufacturing Happy Hour Podcast



Hosted by industry veteran Chris Luecke, each week, the podcast interviews makers, founders, and manufacturing leaders that are at the top of their game to give you the tools, tactics, and strategies you need to take your career and your business to the next level. Click [HERE](#) to view the website and listen to episodes.



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