

Every two years Chicago hosts the International Machine Tool Show (IMTS). For over 30 years Darex has presented our sharpening and grinding tools at IMTS. This year brought about promising customer responses from over 84,000 show attendees. The convention center contained 1,180 booths from 1,728 companies representing over 30 countries. Visitors to the Darex booths showed a great interest in all of our tool sharpening and grinding machines. However, the XPS 16 CNC drill grinder and XT Auto tool sharpener were the biggest draws to our booths.



Our customers expressed interest in the XPS 16 tool sharpener's high capacity output and heavy duty capabilities. The XPS 16 tool grinder also impressed our booth's visitors with its low cost, fully automatic CNC sharpening potential. The convenience of customizable point styles enticed many of our visitors to explore the XPS 16 tool sharpener's many amazing features.

The XT Auto tool sharpener wowed many visitors with the ease and versatility with which anyone could sharpen drill bits, countersinks, and brad points. The XT Auto tool grinder facilitates high quality and high quantity sharpening with the Auto sharpening feature. Many IMTS customers were impressed with the range in size the XT Auto tool grinder can be used with. The XT Auto tool sharpener can easily be used with optional attachments to sharpen miniature drill bits (1.5 millimeters in diameter) to large bits (1 13/16 inches). We enjoyed showcasing this new and exciting Darex product at IMTS because we believe the XT Auto tool sharpener will enhance any manufacturing shop in which it is utilized.

Meeting with international Darex distributors is always a highlight of IMTS. We enjoyed

reconnecting with representatives from around the globe and hearing good news of boosted sales and economic recovery. Based on the results of this show it is clear that manufacturing output is on the rise and the need for sharp cutting tools is greater than ever.

Whether a shop does high-tech mass production, or creative custom fabrication, there's a Darex drill sharpener that will help lower tool costs and make those tough jobs run smoothly. Darex is a fourth generation, family owned business based out of Ashland, Oregon. Since 1973, Darex has specialized in designing and manufacturing sharpeners that are fast, easy to use, and work every time. Anyone in your shop can be a sharpening expert with help from Darex sharpening machines. One of the greatest IMTS highlights for the Darex family was introducing the fifth generation of the Bernard family to the machine tool industry.

