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*The Federal Group is a contract manufacturing company:
Specializing in the sale of client designed, custom mechanical components and assemblies
Providing a strategic link between domestic assembly manufacturers and low cost
overseas component suppliers.*

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Greetings!

We could all use a little help during these tough economic times. At The Federal Group we realize that credit markets are tight and we all need to pull together in order to navigate the current world financial conditions.



One way that The Federal Group is helping to support our loyal U.S. Manufacturing clients in their efforts to control cash flow is by warehousing finished part inventory in our local warehouse and shipping it on demand. Some of the valuable benefits of this service include:

You will no longer be required to purchase raw materials in advance in order to get through all the cumbersome steps of the manufacturing process.

No longer will you need to invest in expensive machinery and tools in order to produce your components and assemblies.

No more costly maintenance and repair bills for broken machinery and equipment.

This service will free up dollars and resources for you our client, while offering you peace of mind knowing that your requirements are just a phone call away.

We look forward to the opportunity to earn your business and discuss this valuable service with you.

Wishing you and yours a very peaceful and happy new year...

Best Wishes,

[Robert Levy](#)
CEO
[The Federal Group](#)

Castings or Forgings?



A Realistic Evaluation

An honest presentation of the advantages and limits of both steel component forms allows users to make informed choices when considering a forged or cast design.

Malcolm Blair and Raymond W. Monroe,

Steel Founders' Society of America, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Much has been said and written recently by the forging industry about the advantages of forged products over castings. Such articles with headlines such as "Upgrade to Forgings" intend to imply that castings are in some way inferior and less reliable. It should be recognized that castings and forgings start from very similar beginnings and castings can have some very distinct advantages over other product forms, including forgings.

This ice cleat (for a U.S. tank application) illustrates the possibilities available through metal castings. Conversion from a forging to a design taking advantage of the casting process reduced the lead-time delivery by 70%.

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New Developments



China Increases Export Tax Rebates Amid Risks of Export Slowdowns.

Nov 12: China plans to raise export tax rebates (third time since Aug) for some labor-intensive goods and mechanical and electronic products starting Dec 1. Adjustment in export tax rebates

will apply to 3,770 goods (27.9% of total exports). It will also eliminate export duties on some steel, chemical and grain products, and reduce export duties on some fertilizer products

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India's Industrial Production Slowing:



India Inc. Takes a Hit From High Interest Rates and Global Slowdown

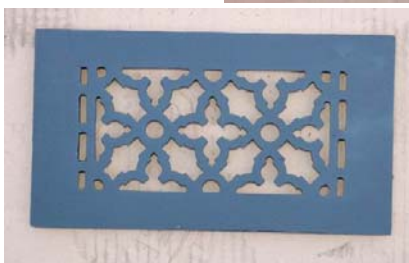
Industrial production continued its slowing trend in Sep, growing 4.8% after the 1.3% growth in Aug (which was smallest in 10 yrs); Manufacturing sector also grew by only 4.8% after the 1.1% growth in Aug (which was weakest since Oct 1998); core industries also slowed; commodity-based industries face slowing demand.

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New Developments



The Federal Group is pleased to announce that we have successfully sourced, qualified and developed a Chinese factory to produce cast iron products for gas burners, gas stoves, gas cookers, BBQs, valves, thermo-couples, fireplaces, and more. Let us know if we can provide more information regarding this new venture. federalgroupnewsletter@yahoo.com





The Federal Group Company News



Meet **Charlie Pepper**
New Product Development Engineer

The Federal Group is pleased to introduce Charlie Pepper. He became part of The Federal Group in the fall and serves as Product Development Engineer. As Product Development Engineer, Charlie is working closely with customers and manufacturing sources from RFQ to production launch.

Prior to joining The Federal Group, Charlie worked 4 years with an automotive manufacturer in Clarkston, Michigan. His product design and project management experience covers the spectrum from cad drafting, design review, GD+T, design for manufacturability, product testing, and more.

During his tenure Charlie worked to develop their overseas manufacturing and assembly sources. He also led a team that designed several assemblies for GM Powertrain worth approximately 8 million dollars in annual sales.

Charlie is a long time southeastern Michigan resident, having graduated from Farmington High School and is now a senior level student in Lawrence Technological University's engineering program.

TFG Has Moved

Change and growth continue to impact the operations at The Federal Group. TFG relocated our offices from Oak Park, Michigan to neighboring Southfield.



The new offices reflect our success and commitment to the future. Please make note of our new address.

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