

Preparing for the future, while optimizing the present

## OESA/HRI Automotive Tooling Barometer

December 2016

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The OESA Automotive Tooling Barometer survey series was created by the OESA Tooling Council with the partnership of Harbour Results, Inc. to provide an indicator of the current state of the automotive tooling industry, and the perception of near-term prospects for the industry. The OESA Automotive Tooling Barometer captures the sentiment of the major companies in this market. Each survey in the series will have a different focus; the December theme is focused on wages and tenure.

## Executive Overview

- Capacity utilization remains above $80 \%$, a vast improvement from this time last year
- Work on hold data indicated a 2 point increase from June
- Survey participants' sentiment continues to increase, finally going above 75
- Sneak peak: Employee wages and benefits


## Respondent Demographics

## Total North American Respondents: 77

Revenue Range
Shop Type


Canadian Tool Shops Continue to be Leveraged at a Higher Rate by 11 Points Another Positive Leading Indicator is that Die Shops have not Slowed Down


## Overall Work ‘On Hold’ Increased 2 Percentage Points Since June

## Percentage of Shops with More than 10\% 'On Hold’ Increased by 17 Percentage Points



## Expressed as a Percent, Work on Hold is Relatively Flat Across Revenues

 However, Scaled for Actual Dollars, Work on Hold's Impact Increases DramaticallyAverage Work on Hold \%'s


Average Work on Hold \$'s

\$9.7

## Overall Sentiment Increases to 78, Up 4 Points Since June

## Year Over Year, Sentiment has Increased from 66, an 18\% Change



## More Die Shops Appear to be Very Optimistic, a Good Leading Indicator

 Also, Primary Shops Closest to the OEMs are Overwhelmingly Positive

Question: How would you describe your business outlook for the next 3 months?

## Since June, Progressive Payments Terms Have Shifted Very Little

## Accounts Receivables Also Remained Flat in the Tooling Sector



Accounts Receivable Paid Within
Contract Terms


## As Expected, a Significant Percentage of Employees are 40-60

Die Shops, on Average, Pay Their New Employees the Highest Starting Wage

Employee Age Distribution


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- Capacity utilization remains strong
- Work on hold percentage relatively flat
- Sentiment index above 75
- New business booked with progressive payments shows no increase throughout 2016

