

Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association

Monthly Statistics Report News Release

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NAPLES, FL. — The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association reported that its March 2000 Booked Orders Index was 342, up 130 points, or an increase of 61%, from February 2000's Index of 212 (1990 = 100). The March 2000 Index represents an increase of 41% from the March 1999 Index of 242.

March Booked Orders Indexes were 129 for Bulk Handling Equipment* and 403 for Unit Handling Equipment.** (1990 = 100) .

The Twelve-Month Index for Booked Orders was 200 in March. The Index represents an increase of 4% from February 2000's Twelve-Month Index of 192.

The CEMA Billed Sales (shipments) Index was 265 in March, up 60 points, or an increase of 29%, from the February Index of 205. The March 2000 Index represents an increase of 23% from the March 1999 Index of 215.

March Billed Sales Indexes were 128 for Bulk Handling Equipment* and 259 for Unit Handling Equipment** (1990-100).

The Twelve-Month Index for Billed Sales was 221 in March. The Index represents an increase of 2% from February 2000's Twelve Month Index of 217.

* Since Bulk Handling Systems booked and billed sales are reported quarterly, they are averaged back to the two preceding months to enable a running monthly index.

** Effective with the January 1999 report, sales for conveyor chain were added to the booked and billed sales indexes for Unit Handling Equipment.

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