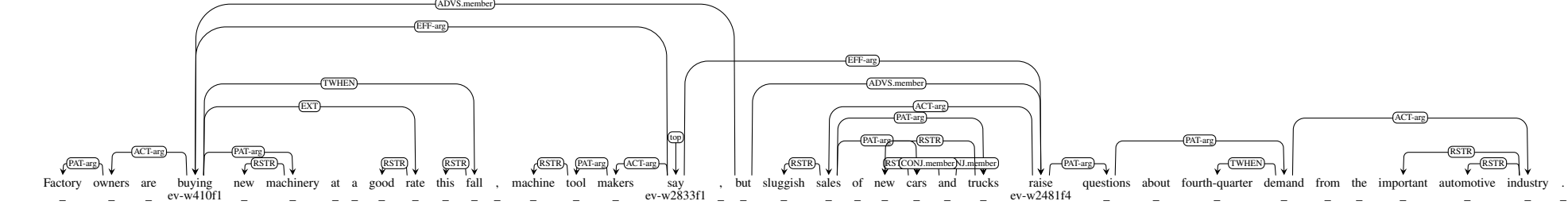
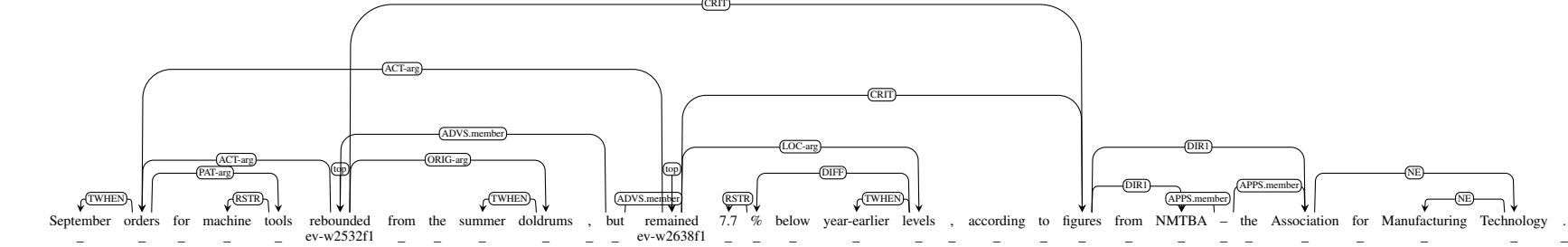


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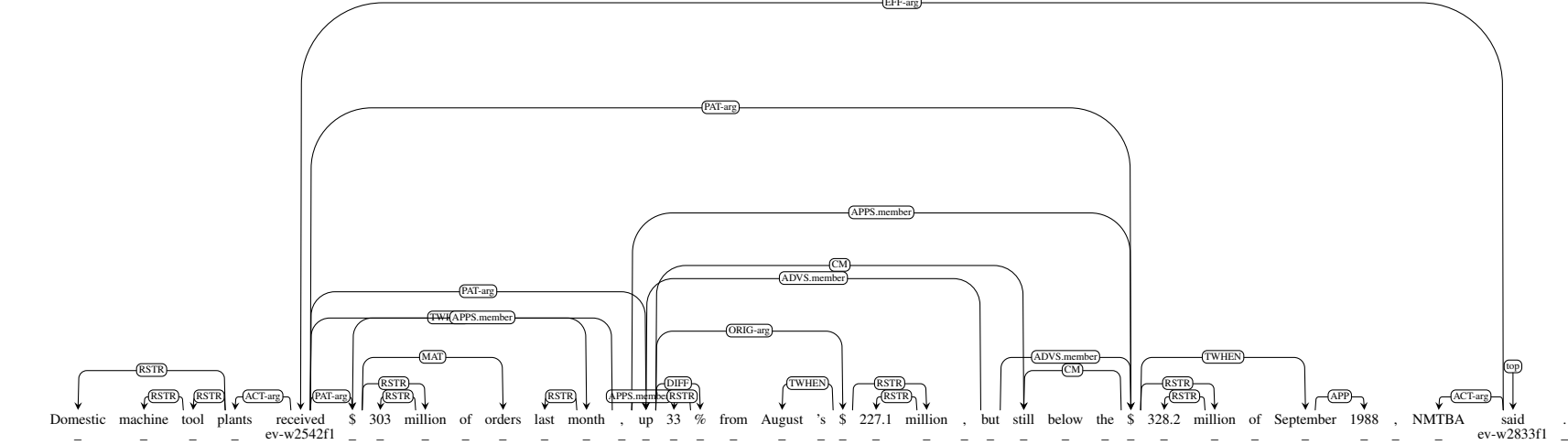
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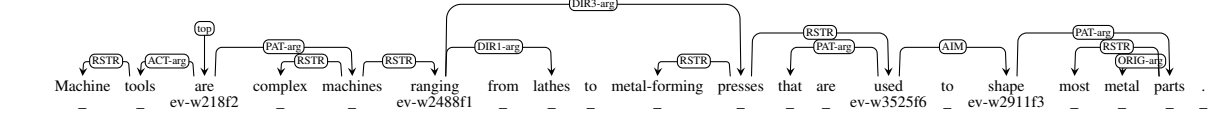
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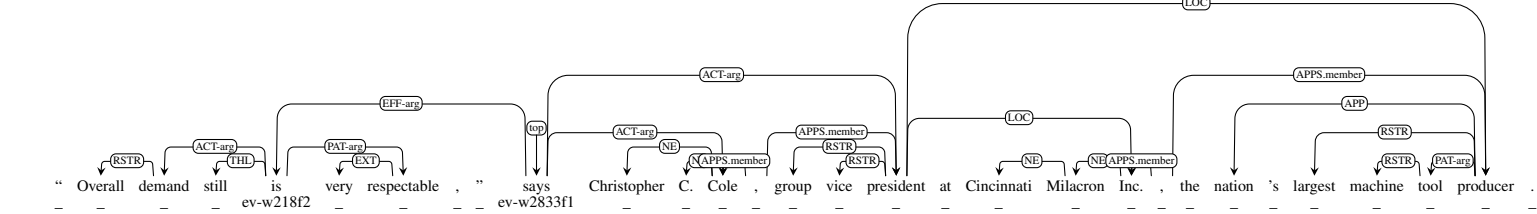
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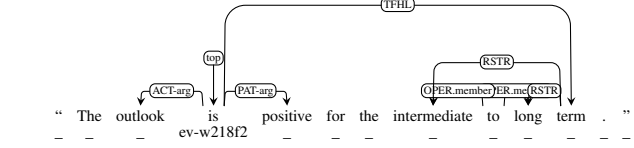
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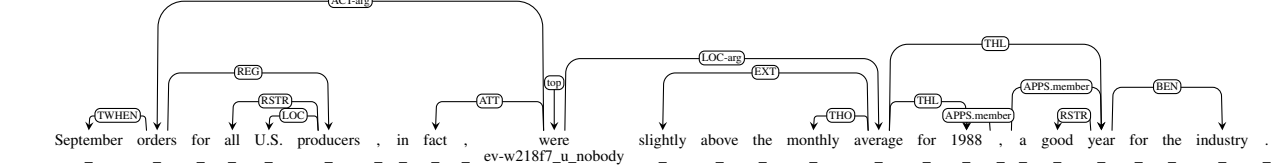
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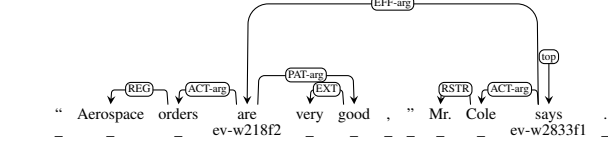
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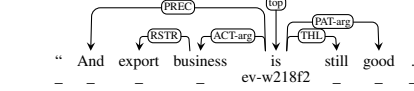
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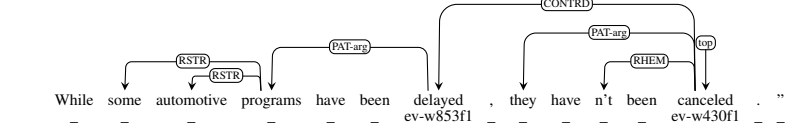
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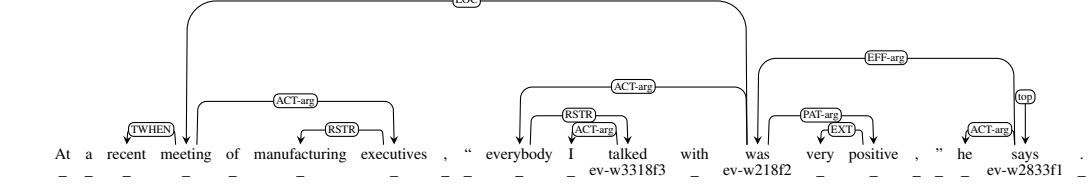
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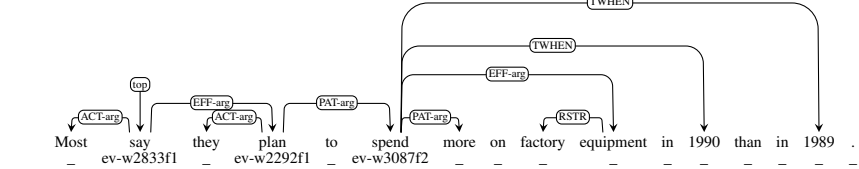
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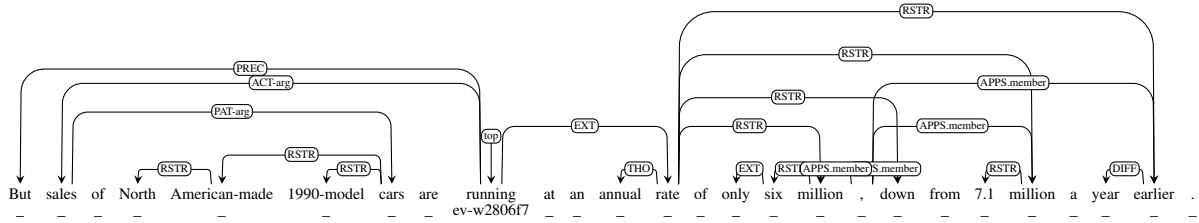
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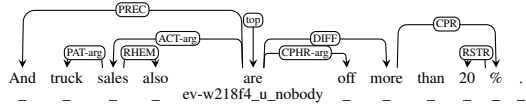
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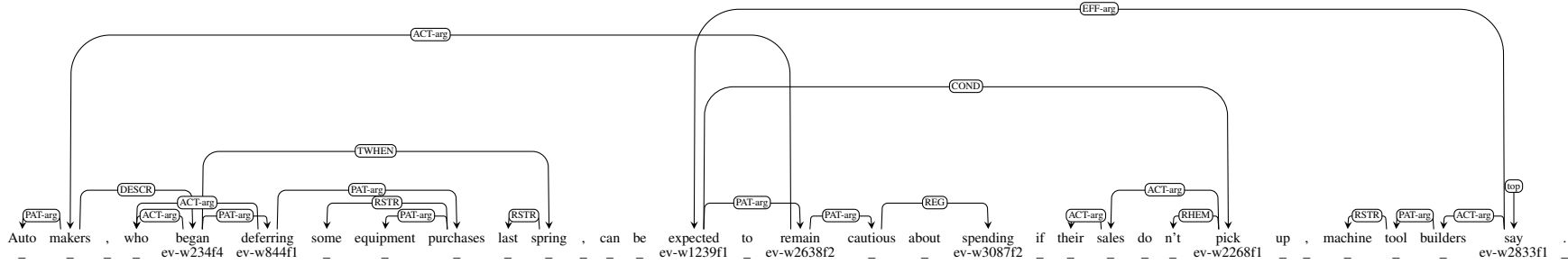
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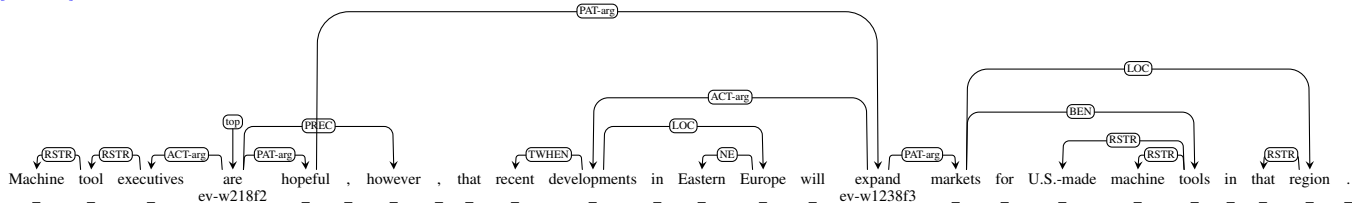
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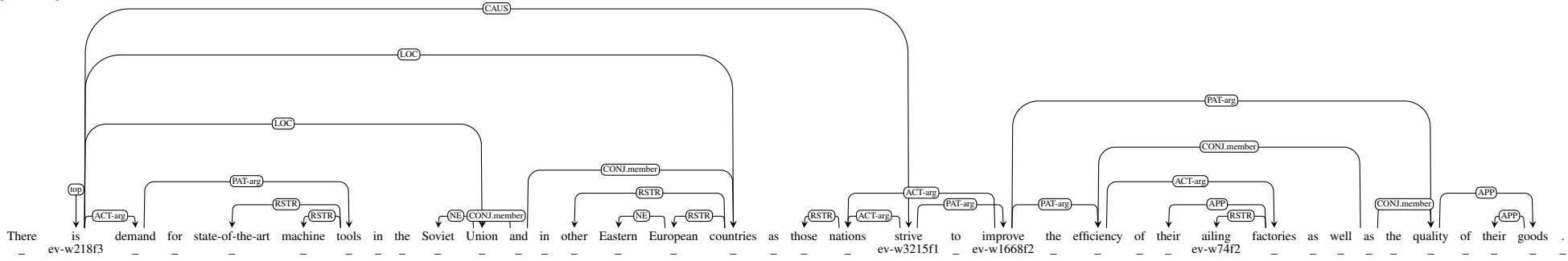
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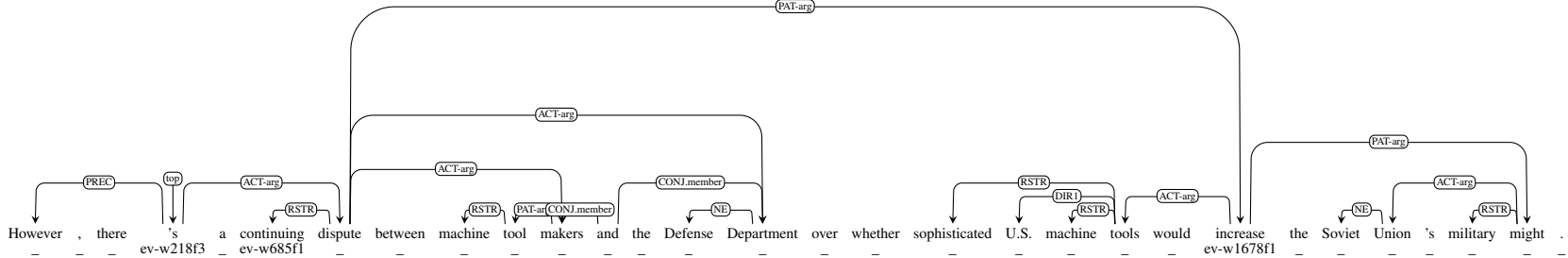
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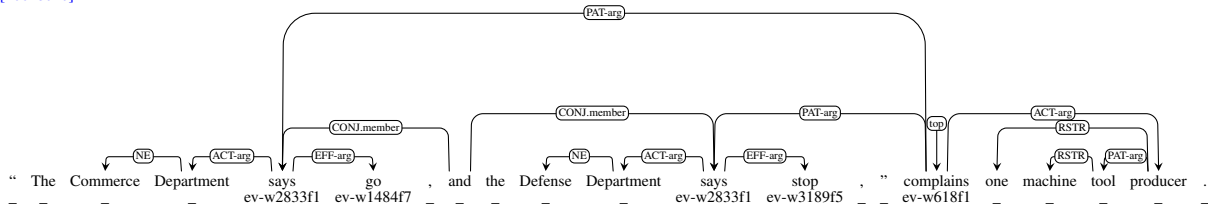
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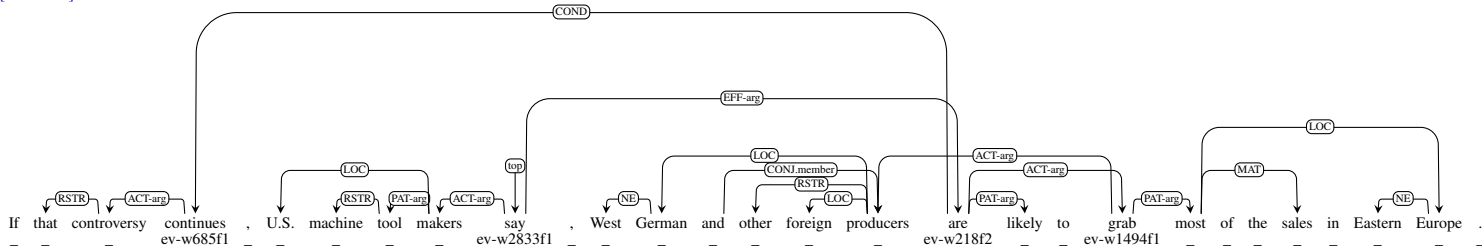
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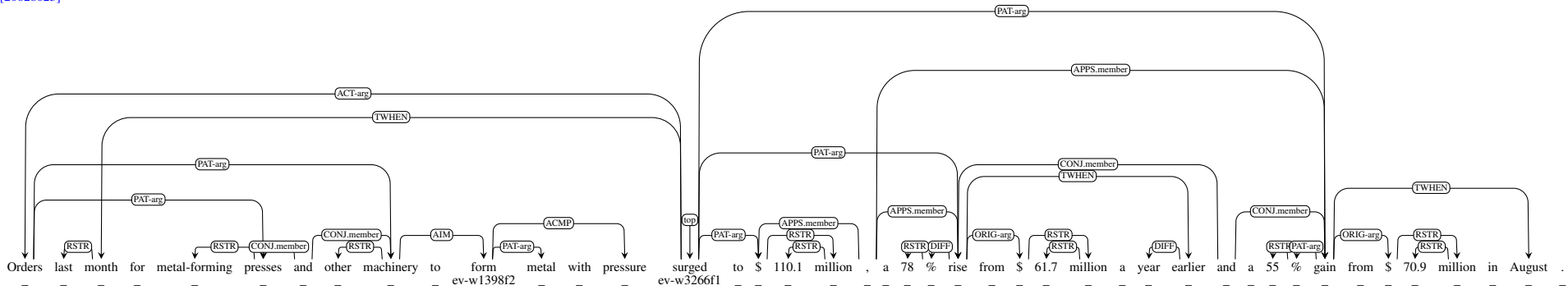
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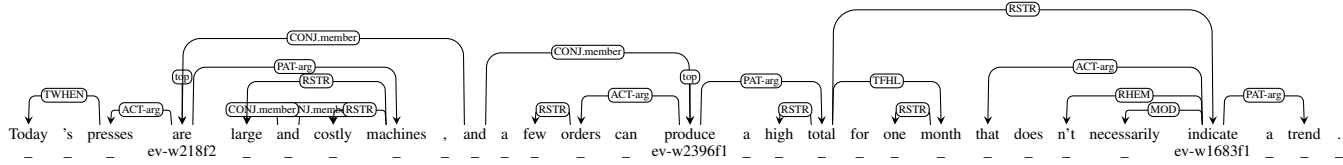
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Machine tool shipments last month were \$ 281.2 million , a 24 % rise from a year earlier and a 25 % increase from August .

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Shipments have run well ahead of 1988 all year , as machine tool builders produce against relatively good backlogs .

[20628027]

U.S. producers had a \$ 2.15 billion backlog of unfilled orders at the end of September .

[20628028]

That was up 2.8 % from a year earlier , even though orders for the first nine months of 1989 were down 19 % from the comparable 1988 period .

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\$ 2,057,750,000 .

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\$ 675,400,000 .

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