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# 2026 Horizontal Machining Center Market Report

Used HMC asking prices, manufacturer mix, age profile and the cell-level questions behind a production-ready purchase.

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# Market findings

The MBB category snapshot contains **727** indexable records and **629** qualified asking prices. The median is **\$54,000**; the middle 50 percent runs from **\$24,000** to **\$125,000**.

These are published asking prices—not completed-sale prices, appraisals or offers. Exact configuration, condition, documentation and production-readiness cost must be evaluated for a specific machine.

| LISTING RECORDS | QUALIFIED PRICES | Q1       | MEDIAN   | Q3        |
|-----------------|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 727             | 629              | \$24,000 | \$54,000 | \$125,000 |

## What this equipment does

A horizontal machining center places the spindle on a horizontal axis. Many systems use pallets and tombstone fixtures to present multiple part faces, support long unattended cycles and move work between loading and cutting positions.

An HMC is often only one part of a production cell. Pallets, tombstones, fixtures, tool capacity, probing, chip and coolant systems, automation and the condition of every support subsystem can materially change both asking price and startup cost.

# Manufacturer evidence

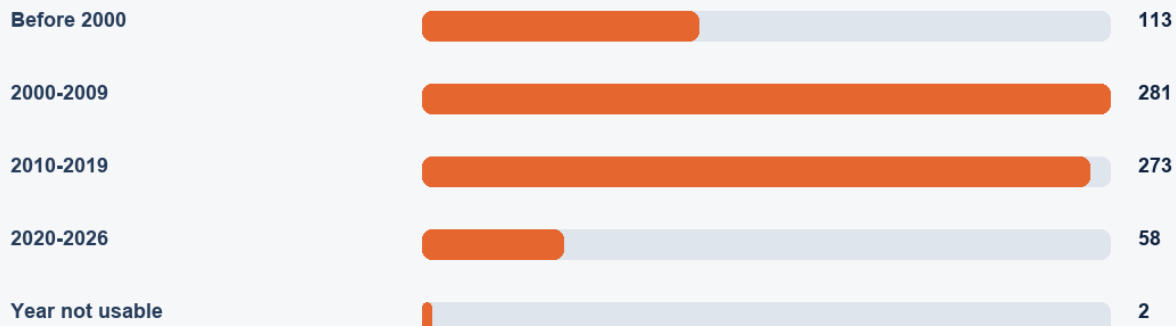
## Median asking price by manufacturer



| Manufacturer   | Listings | Qualified | Q1       | Median    | Q3        |
|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Haas           | 132      | 115       | \$30,500 | \$62,550  | \$111,500 |
| Mazak          | 88       | 71        | \$15,250 | \$35,000  | \$92,250  |
| Mori Seiki     | 82       | 68        | \$11,750 | \$35,000  | \$80,000  |
| Doosan         | 57       | 49        | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | \$135,000 |
| Makino         | 54       | 50        | \$25,000 | \$85,000  | \$230,000 |
| Okuma          | 43       | 37        | \$40,000 | \$116,000 | \$227,500 |
| Kitamura       | 33       | 26        | \$15,625 | \$31,500  | \$93,875  |
| Dmg Mori Seiki | 28       | 26        | \$74,000 | \$102,500 | \$173,625 |
| Matsuura       | 24       | 23        | \$30,000 | \$75,000  | \$325,892 |
| Okk            | 19       | 15        | \$44,000 | \$53,045  | \$102,500 |

# Age, configuration and condition

## Indexed listings by production-year range



## What changes value

- Pallet size, pallet count, indexing accuracy, tombstones and included fixtures
- Axis travels, work envelope, load capacity and fourth- or five-axis configuration
- Spindle taper, speed, power, duty cycle, through-spindle coolant and condition
- Tool magazine capacity, tool management, redundant tooling and broken-tool detection
- Pallet pool, robot or flexible manufacturing integration and software options
- Chip evacuation, coolant filtration, thermal control, geometry and maintenance evidence

Age helps organize comparisons, but it cannot establish control condition, remaining support, geometry, maintenance, installed options or the cost to make a machine productive again.

# Buyer and seller decision guide

## Buyer inspection framework

1. Inventory every pallet, tombstone, fixture, receiver, tool pot and automation component included.
2. Cycle the pallet changer repeatedly and verify clamps, sensors, alignment and indexing.
3. Run spindle, axes, rotary motion, probing, coolant, filtration and chip evacuation under realistic conditions.
4. Check geometry and repeatability across pallets, not only at one convenient position.
5. Review maintenance history for spindle, pallet changer, rotary system, way covers and hydraulic components.
6. Develop a removal and recommissioning plan for the complete cell before pricing the asset.

## Seller evidence package

HMC documentation should describe the entire included cell. State pallet and tombstone counts, tool capacity, rotary configuration, spindle and control details, automation, filtration, probing, coolant hardware and loading responsibility. Missing cell components can materially change what the buyer must spend after delivery.

## Production readiness

Plan for cell footprint, service aisles, pallet loading, overhead clearance, foundation and floor loading, power, air, coolant volume, chip handling, heat, tooling and material flow. Complex pallet or automation systems also require controls knowledge and a commissioning plan.

# Methods, safety and sources

MBB filtered the September 25, 2026 catalog snapshot to indexable records whose normalized category equals 'Horizontal Machining Center'. Price statistics include numeric asking prices from \$500 through \$5 million. The records are not a probability sample of all machines, and source mix, missing prices, stale listings and incomplete machine facts can bias the result.

## Safety context

Large moving pallets, stored hydraulic or pneumatic energy, automatic doors and chip or coolant systems require qualified review. OSHA's standards resources link general guarding, lockout/tagout, electrical rules and the ANSI B11 machining-center standard.

## Sources

OSHA machine-guarding standards: <https://www.osha.gov/etools/machine-guarding/standards>

OSHA machine-guarding introduction: <https://www.osha.gov/etools/machine-guarding/introduction>

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