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2026 Vertical Machining Center Market Report

Asking prices, manufacturer mix, model concentration and a production-readiness guide for used VMC decisions.

5,198 listing records | 4,434 qualified prices | Median \$30,000

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Market findings

The MBB category snapshot contains **5,198** indexable records and **4,434** qualified asking prices. The median is **\$30,000**; the middle 50 percent runs from **\$15,000** to **\$58,000**.

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
5,198	4,434	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$58,000

What this equipment does

A vertical machining center uses a vertically oriented spindle to remove material from a workpiece secured on the machine table. Common configurations combine three linear axes with automatic tool changing; rotary tables, trunnions and integrated five-axis designs extend the work envelope and part access.

VMCs cover an unusually broad operating range—from compact toolroom work to high-speed production and large-travel machining. That breadth is why category medians must be narrowed by travel, spindle, taper, control, axis configuration and condition.

Manufacturer evidence

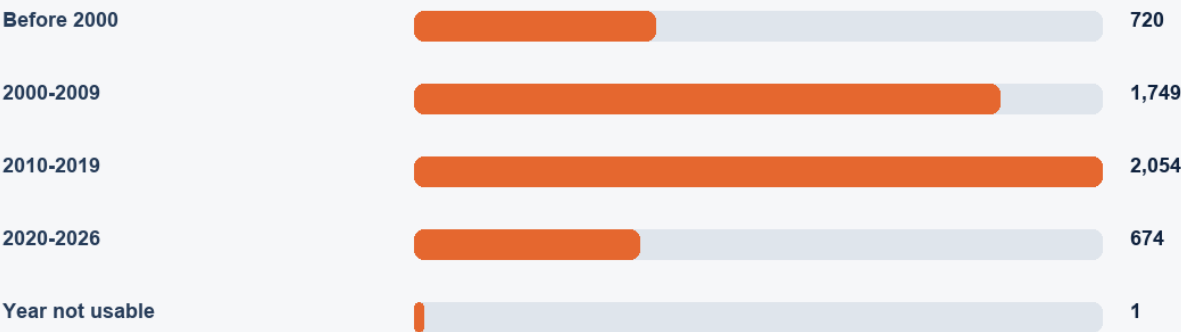
Median asking price by manufacturer



Manufacturer	Listings	Qualified	Q1	Median	Q3
Haas	2,883	2,463	\$19,874	\$35,000	\$59,825
Fadal	303	263	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$18,265
Mazak	245	208	\$15,000	\$30,755	\$67,625
Hurco	191	165	\$15,000	\$29,000	\$50,000
Doosan	143	128	\$29,875	\$60,000	\$102,050
Okuma	130	110	\$10,000	\$40,750	\$90,000
Tormach	98	92	\$9,000	\$15,000	\$23,625
Dmg Mori Seiki	81	70	\$33,425	\$62,756	\$113,138
Brother	71	65	\$25,433	\$62,550	\$95,000
Mori Seiki	71	62	\$10,000	\$16,500	\$39,900

Age, configuration and condition

Indexed listings by production-year range



What changes value

- Axis travels, table capacity, machine envelope and usable workholding space
- Spindle taper, speed, horsepower, duty cycle and documented spindle condition
- Three-axis, 3+2 or simultaneous five-axis configuration and rotary integration
- Control generation, software options, probing, tool measurement and networking
- Toolchanger capacity, chip and coolant systems, through-spindle coolant and filtration
- Hours, maintenance records, backlash or geometry evidence and a powered inspection

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. Identify the exact serial number, build date, control and factory option list.
2. Run the spindle through the operating range and document noise, temperature and vibration concerns.
3. Verify tool changes, probing, coolant, chip evacuation, lubrication, alarms and every axis.
4. Check backlash, positioning and geometry with methods appropriate to the machine and intended tolerances.
5. Confirm table, way covers, taper, toolchanger, enclosure and electrical cabinet condition.
6. Price freight, rigging, foundation, power, transformer, air, coolant, tooling, training and restart work.

Seller evidence package

A credible VMC package starts with serial and option documentation, control and spindle details, axis travels, hours when reliable, maintenance history, a current powered video, inspection access and an explicit statement of what is included. Separate machine price from tooling, rotary equipment and loading obligations.

Production readiness

Match the machine envelope and service clearances to the site—not just the table size. Verify floor loading, door and aisle access, incoming electrical service, phase and voltage, compressed air, heat rejection, coolant handling, chip removal, network access and local service coverage before committing.

Methods, safety and sources

MBB filtered the September 25, 2026 catalog snapshot to indexable records whose normalized category equals 'Vertical 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

Machine guarding, interlocks, electrical work and hazardous-energy control require qualified review. OSHA's machine-guarding standards page links general requirements, lockout/tagout rules and ANSI B11 standards relevant to milling and machining centers.

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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