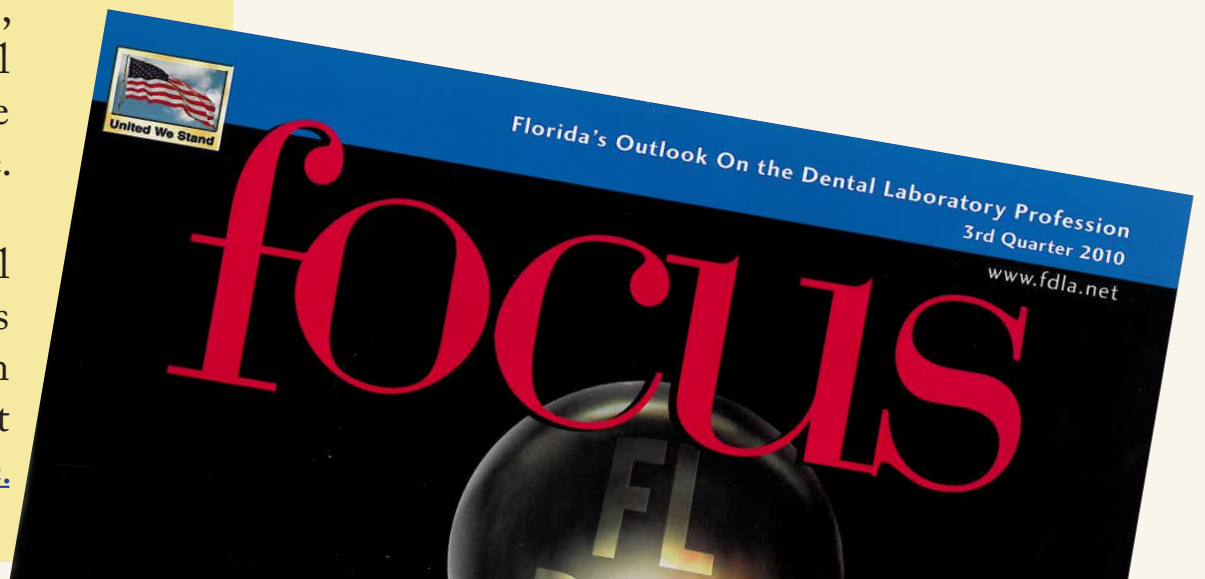


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To read more about Mastercut Tool Corp.'s dental laboratory and milling burs and the company's 25 years of dedication to the dental laboratory profession, visit our [dental intro page](#).



Spotlight

Mastercut Tool Corp.

Michael Shaluly started out manufacturing industrial cutting tools while attending his South Carolina high school in the late 1970s. It turned out that cutting tools was more than just an elective for him. Shaluly had found his calling. He became an apprentice at a manufacturing company while still in school, then went on to work for other companies in Florida before starting Mastercut Tool Corp., in 1985. His story, Shaluly agreed with a laugh, mirrors that of many dental laboratory owners and technicians whose love of working with their hands drew them to their profession.

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Mastercut started out as a one-man operation based in Shaluly's 600-square-foot garage. Three years later, the company had five employees working in the small garage and Shaluly knew it was time to move out. After a few years of renting, then owning, a facility the company had outgrown that space as well. In 1999, Shaluly purchased a 37,000-square-foot building that had plenty of room for Mastercut's equipment and employees while still allowing for expansion. Today, the company employs 100 people who manufacture the imperial and metric line of dental laboratory burs available, along with a full line of end mills, routers, dental laboratory burs, and other cutting tools, both standards and custom tools.

Inside Mastercut Tool Corp.

Who: Mastercut Tool Corp.

Where: Safety Harbor

What: Mastercut Tool Corp. is dedicated to its customers seeking cutting tools. All products are manufactured in its Florida facility using its state-of-the-art CNC grinding equipment, skilled craftsmanship and high quality control standards, according to the company.

Product to Watch: Milling burs will be coming out soon with a number of different styles and number of different lengths that will be available. Mastercut Tool Corp., is in negotiations with several CAD/CAM milling systems companies to become an authorized bur dealer for those systems.

Web site: www.mastercuttool.com



Mastercut achieved registration under ISO 9001:2000 in 2003 and today is an ISO 9001:2008 certified facility. It manufactures all of its cutting tools in its Safety Harbor facility, where it has invested \$1 million in green operations. In addition to manufacturing cutting tools for the dental laboratory industry, it makes cutting tools for wood, exotic metals, acrylic and many other materials. One of the company's products to watch is its soon to be released milling burs for dental CAD/CAM systems. Currently, the company is hoping to partner with several of the CAD/CAM manufacturers to become a preferred supplier for those systems.

“On the dental side of things, the tools are called milling burs. On the industrial side, we call them milling cutters, which we have been making for many years. They fit right in with the CAD/CAM revolution we’re seeing in the dental industry,” Shaluly said. “We’ll be coming out with a number of different styles and lengths. We will offer all our different coatings for various materials, while extending tool life to enhance the facility's bottom line.”

Mastercut has had a presence in the dental laboratory industry since it started, but stepped away from it a bit as the industrial side picked up. However, technology has helped the company to more efficiently manufacture dental laboratory cutting tools. So the company is working to create a bigger presence in the industry with FDLA participation and making appearances at tradeshows and events across the state and the U.S.

“We feel we have a product that competes well with the European brands and we are an American brand that delivers at a price that's perhaps lower. We believe there's a market for that,” Shaluly said. ●