

Universal Robots Offers Rapid Response Delivery, Enabling Manufacturers to Meet Tax Deduction Deadline

ANN ARBOR, Mich.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--With the booming economy and low unemployment, manufacturers of all sizes are struggling to fill repetitive and undesirable manufacturing jobs. With the help of the [Section 179 tax deduction](#), US businesses may be able to significantly stretch their use-it-or-lose-it 2018 budgets and purchase collaborative robots to take on the repetitive manufacturing tasks that workers don't want. Section 179 requires that qualified equipment and off-the-shelf software is purchased and placed into service by December 31, 2018, but with its unique quick-ship program, Universal Robots (UR) [can make that happen](#). The company is announcing that qualified orders received and processed by December 16, 2018 will be delivered by the end of the year.

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The [National Association of Manufacturers reports](#) a record-breaking 506,000 open jobs in July 2018, and [a study from the Manufacturing Institute and Deloitte projects](#) that 2 million jobs within the industry will go unfilled by the year 2025. To address this gap, manufacturers of all sizes are implementing automation tools such as cost-effective, flexible, safe and easy-to-use collaborative robots (cobots). At the same time, many companies have use-it-or-lose-it equipment budgets. The Section 179 tax deduction is an easy way to stretch those year-end budgets to meet automation goals. Section 179-qualified financing and leasing agreements can help businesses save even more (consult your tax expert for details).

Find out more: urrobots.com/taxincentives

About Universal Robots

Universal Robots was co-founded in 2005 by the company's CTO, Esben Østergaard – the 2018 Engelberger Award Winner – who wanted to make robot technology accessible to all by developing small, user-friendly, reasonably priced, flexible industrial robots that are safe to work with. Since the first collaborative robot (cobot) was launched in 2008, the company has experienced considerable growth with the user-friendly cobot now sold worldwide. For more information, please visit www.universal-robots.com or read our blog at blog.universal-robots.com.

