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Form 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF $^{\rm x}1934$

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018

or

..TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File No. 1-07109

SERVOTRONICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware16-0837866(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)(I. R. S. Employer
Identification No.)

1110 Maple Street

Elma, New York 14059

(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (716) 655-5990

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each className of each exchange on which registeredCommon Stock, \$.20 par valueNYSE AmericanSecurities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes " No x

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer", "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated	Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting	Emerging growth
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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Yes "No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)

Yes " No x

Based on the closing price of the Common Stock on June 30, 2018 \$9.16 (the last day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$14,479,313.

As of March 1, 2019 the number of \$.20 par value common shares outstanding was 2,573,044.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference in Part III.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

General

Servotronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Registrant" or the "Company") design, manufacture and market advanced technology products consisting primarily of control components and consumer products consisting of knives and various types of cutlery and other edged products.

The Company was incorporated in New York in 1959. In 1972, the Company was merged into a wholly-owned subsidiary organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, thereby changing the Company's state of incorporation from New York to Delaware.

The Company's shares currently trade on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE American) MKT under the symbol SVT.

Products

Advanced Technology Products

The Company designs, manufactures and markets a variety of servo-control components which convert an electrical current into a mechanical force or movement and other related products. The principal servo-control components produced include torque motors, electromagnetic actuators, hydraulic valves, pneumatic valves and similar devices, all of which perform the same general function. These are sold principally to the commercial aerospace, aircraft and government related industries, as well as medical and industrial markets.

To fill most of its orders for components, the Company must either modify a standard model or design a new product in order to satisfy the customer's particular requirements. The Company also produces unique products based on specifications provided by its customers. The Company produces under long-term contracts and other types of orders.

The Company may from time to time produce metallic seals of various cross-sectional configurations. These seals fit between two surfaces, usually metal, to produce a more secure and leak-proof joint. The Company manufactures these seals to close tolerances from standard and special alloy steels. Ductile coatings are often applied to the seals in order to increase their effectiveness.

The Company has also produced other products of its own and/or of a given design to meet customers' requirements.

Consumer Products

The Company designs, manufactures and sells a variety of edged products, tools and specialty consumer products for domestic and international distribution. These products include a wide range of cutlery items such as steak, carving, bread, butcher and paring knives for household use and for use in restaurants, institutions and private industry, as well as equipment and gear including fixed and folding knives for hunting, fishing and camping. The Company also sells knives and tools to the U.S. Government, related agencies, and allied foreign governments. These products include machetes, bayonets, axes, strap cutters, and other tools that are designed primarily for military and rescue/first-responder use, but are viable in commercial markets as well. The Company also produces and markets other edged products such as various specialty tools, putty knives, linoleum sheet cutters, field knives and SciMed items including scalpels and micro-spatulas. The Company manufactures its products from stainless and high carbon steels, titanium, or synthetic materials in numerous styles, designs, models and sizes. Substantially all of the Company also provides plastic fabrication, metal fabrication and other engineering, design, and OEM/white-label manufacturing services to regional customers. This includes the production of a wide range of machined, engineered, and/or molded consumer and industrial products and components.

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Sales, Marketing and Distribution

Advanced Technology Products

The Company's Advanced Technology Group (ATG) products are marketed throughout the United States and in select foreign markets. Products are primarily non-seasonal in nature. These products are sold to the United States Government, government prime contractors, government subcontractors, commercial manufacturers and end-users. Sales are made primarily by the Company's professional staff.

The Company's prime contracts and subcontracts with the United States Government, government subcontractors, and commercial manufacturers are subject to termination at the convenience of the customer. In the event of such termination, the Company is ordinarily entitled to receive payment for its costs and profits on work done prior to termination. Since the inception of the Company's business, less than 1% of its contracts have been terminated for convenience. The Company's sales of advanced technology products are composed primarily of a small group of customers with three customers accounting for 62% and 49% of the Company's total revenue in 2018 and 2017, respectively. See Note 1, Business Description and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Concentration of Credit Risks, of the accompanying consolidated financial statements for information related to sales concentrations.

Consumer Products

The Company's consumer products are marketed throughout the United States and in select foreign markets. Consumer sales are moderately seasonal. Sales are direct to consumer, through national and international distributors, and through retailers such as big box, hardware, supermarket, variety, department, discount, gift, drug, outdoors and sporting stores. The Company's Consumer Products Group (CPG) also sells its knives and tools (principally machetes, bayonets, survival knives and kitchen knives) to various branches of the United States Government which accounted for less than 2% of the Company's consolidated revenues in 2018 and 2017. Additionally, the Company provides OEM and white label product design and manufacturing services to a regional customer base across a wide range of consumer and commercial industries. No single customer of the CPG represented more than 10% of the Company's consolidated revenues in 2018 its products and manufacturing services through its own sales resources, independent manufacturers' representatives and electronic commerce.

Business Segments

Business segment information is presented in Note 11, Business Segments, of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Intellectual Properties

The Company has rights under certain copyrights, trademarks, patents, and registered domain names. In the view of management, the Company's competitive position is not dependent on patent protection.

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Research Activities

The amount spent by the Company in research and development activities during its 2018 and 2017 fiscal years was not significant, but the Company does take advantage of tax credits for research and development activities when available. Such activities are expensed as incurred.

Environmental Compliance

The cost of compliance with current environmental laws has not been material and the Company does not anticipate that it will be in the future.

Manufacturing

The Company manufactures its advanced technology products in Elma, New York and its consumer products in Franklinville, New York.

Raw Materials and Other Supplies

The Company purchases raw materials and certain components for its products from outside vendors. The Company is generally not dependent upon a single source of supply for any raw material or component used in its operations.

Competition

Although no reliable industry statistics are available to enable the Company to determine accurately its relative competitive position with respect to any of its products, the Company believes that it is a significant factor with respect to certain of its servo-control components within its competitive market. The Company's share of the overall cutlery market is not significant.

The Company has many different competitors with respect to servo-control components because of the nature of that business and the fact that these products also face competition from other types of control components which, at times, can accomplish the desired result.

The Company encounters active competition with respect to its consumer products from numerous companies, many of which are larger in terms of manufacturing capacity, financial resources and marketing organization. Its principal competitors vary depending upon the customer and/or the products involved. The Company believes that it competes primarily with more than 20 companies with respect to its consumer products, in addition to foreign imports. To the Company's knowledge, its principal competitors with regard to cutlery include Corelle Brands Holdings, Inc., Benchmade Knife Company, Inc., Tramontina, Inc., Dexter-Russell Inc., W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company, Lifetime Brands, Inc., Cutco Corporation and Gerber. The Company also competes with other regional manufacturing companies for its molded plastic and metal and plastic fabrication services. To the Company's knowledge, its principal competitors include PM Plastics, Monarch Plastics and Ontario Plastics.

The Company markets most of its products throughout the United States and to a lesser extent in select foreign markets. The Company believes that it competes in marketing its servo-control products primarily on the basis of operating performance, adherence to rigid specifications, quality, price and delivery and its consumer products primarily on the basis of price, quality and delivery.

Employees

The Company, at December 31, 2018, had 340 employees of which 330 are full time at two locations in New York. Approximately 86% of its employees are engaged in production, inspection, packaging or shipping activities. The balance is engaged in executive, engineering, administrative, clerical or sales capacities. None are subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

The Company is a smaller reporting company by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and is not required to provide the information required under this item.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties

The Company owns real property as set forth in the following table with no related encumbrances:

Location	Description	Principal product manufactured	Number of buildings and type of construction	Approx. floor area (sq. feet)
Elma, New York	Corporate Headquarters and Manufacturing Facility	Advanced technology products	1-concrete block/steel	83,000
Franklinville, New York	Office and Manufacturing Facility	Cutlery products	1-tile/wood 1-concrete/metal	137,000

The Company believes that the properties are suitable and adequate for the current production capacity. The properties are appropriately covered by insurance consistent with the advice of the Company's insurance consultant.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

See Note 8, Commitments and Contingencies, and Note 9, Litigation, for information regarding arbitration proceedings and other litigation matters. There are no other legal proceedings which are material to the Company currently pending by or against the Company other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business which is not expected to materially adversely affect the business or earnings of the Company.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

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PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

(a) Market Information:

The Company's common stock is listed on the NYSE American and trades under the symbol SVT.

(b) Approximate Number of Holders of Common Stock

Title of class	Approximate number of record holders (as of				
	March 1, 2019)				
Common Stock, \$.20 par value per share	285				

(c) Dividends on Common Stock

On May 18, 2018 the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.16 per share cash dividend. The dividend was subsequently paid on July 16, 2018 to shareholders of record on June 30, 2018 and was approximately \$416,000 in the aggregate. These dividends do not represent that the Company will pay dividends on a regular or scheduled basis. The amount was recorded in dividends payable and as a reduction to retained earnings on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Approximately \$376,000 of cash dividends were paid to shareholders in 2017.

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(d) Company Purchases of Company's Equity Securities

2018 Periods	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Weighted Average Price \$ Paid Per Share		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)	Maximum Number of Shares that may yet be Purchased under the Plans or Programs (1)		
January - March	11,341	(2) \$	10.40	-	100,670		
April - June	3,350		9.29	3,350	97,320		
July - September	-		-	-	97,320		
October	-		-	-	97,320		
November	-		-	-	97,320		
December	2,343		10.37	2,343	94,977		
Total	17,034	\$	10.18	5,693	94,977		

The Company's Board of Directors authorized the purchase of up to 450,000 shares of its common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. As of December 31, 2018, the Company has purchased 355,023 shares and there remain 94,977 shares available to purchase under this program. There were 5,693 shares purchased by the Company in 2018.

Includes 11,341 shares withheld/purchased by the Company in January 2018 to satisfy statutory minimum (2) withholding tax requirements for those participants who elected this option as permitted under the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The Company is a smaller reporting company by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and is not required to provide the information required under this item.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Business Overview

The aviation and aerospace industries as well as markets for the Company's consumer products continually face evolving challenges on a global basis. The operations of the Company can be affected by the trends of the economy, including interest rates, income tax laws, government regulation, legislation, and other factors. In addition,

uncertainties in today's global economy, competition from expanding manufacturing capabilities and technical sophistication of low-cost developing countries and emerging markets, currency policies in relation to the U.S. dollar of some major foreign exporting countries, the effect of terrorism, difficulty in predicting defense and other government appropriations, the vitality of the commercial aviation industry and its ability to purchase new aircraft, the willingness and ability of the Company's customers to fund long-term purchase programs, volatile market demand and the continued market acceptance of the Company's advanced technology and cutlery products make it difficult to predict the impact on future financial results.

Both the ATG and CPG markets are sensitive to domestic and foreign economic conditions and policies, which may create volatility in operating results from period to period. For example, the airline industry is sensitive to fuel price increases and economic conditions. These factors directly impact the demand for aircraft production as well as the amount of repair and overhaul required on in-service aircraft.

Government procurements are subject to Congressional appropriations and priorities that may change from year to year. Such changes could result in, but are not limited to, the expansion and/or contraction of Government procurement requirements, a reduction in funding, the continuation or termination of existing programs, the introduction of new programs requiring the funds that were originally directed to current programs, a stretch-out in Government delivery requirements or such other U.S. Government determinations that could result in increases or reductions of Government purchase orders for the ATG and/or the CPG products.

The Company's suppliers are also subject to all the pressures and volatility being generated by the current global economic conditions. Any interruption of the Company's continuous flow of material and product parts that are required for the manufacture of the Company's products could adversely impact the Company's ability to meet the Company's customers' delivery requirements. Consistent with the evolving requirements of the aerospace industry, companies are increasingly being requested to operate under long-term agreements with their customers on the basis of fixed prices, targeted year to year price reductions and/or year to year price adjustments predicated on mutually agreed indices and/or a combination of some or all of the above described pricing arrangements and/or otherwise. Therefore, productivity improvements and cost containment strategies are continuously sought within the Company's concept of continuous improvement. The Company's products are labor intensive and as such productivity improvements and/or labor will have the reverse effect. Therefore, there are strong incentives to continuously improve productivity and to contain/reduce costs.

If any adverse economic events reduce the number of Airliners and/or Aircraft being produced by the Company's relevant prime contractors, the negative effects of that reduction will in turn flow down through the supply chain. Also, certain major manufacturers have successfully imposed extended payment terms to their suppliers. At times, these extended payment terms are not available to the Company when purchasing raw material such as aluminum, magnetic material, steel and/or other product support items and services. If the Company's customers delay their payments until after the extended due date or fail to pay, it could adversely impact the Company's operating results.

Maximizing the Company's operations requires continued dedicated performances from the Company's key and other personnel. In the Company's markets and business arenas there is substantial competition for the services of the highest performing individuals. Competitors, customers and other companies who may have interest in the Company's most experienced and educated/highly trained personnel (i.e., managerial, engineering and accounting/administrative) are a continuing consequence of the Company's history of successful operational performance. Any unplanned replacement of such personnel may require the hiring of new personnel on an expedited basis (provided they are available) and may temporarily interrupt the Company's operations and efforts for continuous improvement.

Management Discussion

During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, approximately 9% and 11%, respectively, of the Company's revenues were derived from contracts with agencies of the U.S. Government or their prime contractors and their subcontractors. Sales of products sold for government applications decreased approximately \$70,000 during 2018 from 2017. There was an increase in 2018 from 2017 of approximately \$129,000 in government shipments at the ATG and a decrease of approximately \$199,000 in government shipments at the CPG. The Company believes that government in military operations overseas will continue to have an impact on the financial results in both the Advanced Technology and Consumer Products markets. While the Company is optimistic in relation to these potential opportunities, it recognizes that sales to the government are affected by defense budgets, the foreign policies of the U.S. and other nations, the level of military operations and other factors. It is difficult to predict the impact on future financial results.

The Company's commercial business is affected by such factors as uncertainties in today's global economy, global competition, the vitality and ability of the commercial aviation industry to purchase new aircraft, the effects and threats of terrorism, market demand and acceptance both for the Company's products and its customers' products which incorporate Company made components.

The ATG engages its business development efforts in its primary markets and is broadening its activities to include new domestic and foreign markets that are consistent with its core competencies. We believe our business remains particularly well positioned in the strong commercial aircraft market driven by the replacement of older aircraft with more fuel efficient alternatives and the increasing demand for air travel in emerging markets. Although the ATG backlog continues to be strong, actual scheduled shipments may be delayed/changed as a function of the Company's customers' final delivery determinations based on changes in the global economy and other factors.

The CPG continues to diversify its revenue streams with a broader government focus and new commercial channels, including the addition of national retailers, international accounts, and a direct-to-consumer business line, in response to recent and ongoing reductions in military spending. The CPG is also actively growing its custom manufacturing business to provide a wide range of metal and plastic fabrication services to a variety of consumer and industrial companies. New product development is focused on the commercialization of products with applications that span government and civilian requirements to maximize demand or that open up new lines of business entirely.

The ATG and CPG continue to respond to U.S. government procurement requests for quotes. New product development activities are ongoing along with the acquisition and development of new product lines.

See also Note 11, Business Segments, of the accompanying consolidated financial statements for information concerning business segment operating results.

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Results of Operations

The following table compares the Company's consolidated statements of income data for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 (\$000's omitted).

	Years Ended December 31,						2018 vs 2017		
	2018		2017			Dollar		% Increase	
	Dollars [%] of Sales		Dollars		% of Sales	Change		(Decrease)	
Revenues:									
Advanced Technology	\$40,415	84.4	%	\$32,414	78.2	%	\$8,001	24.7	%
Consumer Products	7,442	15.6	%	9,030	21.8	%	(1,588)	(17.6)%
	47,857	100.0	%	41,444	100.0	%	6,413	15.5	%
Cost of goods sold, inclusive of depreciation and amortization	35,772	74.7	%	31,447	75.9	%	4,325	13.8	%
Gross margin	12,085	25.3	%	9,997	24.1	%	2,088	20.9	%
Gross margin %	25.3 %			24.1 %					
Selling, general and administrative	7,743	16.2	%	7,845	18.9	%	(102)	(1.3)%
Interest expense	107	0.2	%	77	0.2	%	30	39.0	%
Total costs and expenses	43,622	91.2	%	39,369	95.0	%	4,253	10.8	%
Income before income tax provision	4,235	8.8	%	2,075	5.0	%	2,160	104.1	%
Income tax provision	737	1.5	%	758	1.8	%	(21)	(2.8)%
Net income	\$3,498	7.3	%	\$1,317	3.2	%	\$2,181	165.6	%

Revenue

The Company's consolidated revenues from operations increased approximately \$6,413,000 or 15.5% for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017. The increase in revenue is attributable to an increase in commercial and government shipments at the ATG offset by a decrease in commercial and government shipments at the CPG. Commercial shipments increased approximately \$7,872,000 or 27.5% and government shipments increased approximately \$129,000 or 3.4% at the ATG for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017. This is offset by a decrease in commercial shipments of approximately \$1,389,000 or (16.8)% and a decrease in government shipments of approximately \$199,000 or (25.9)% at the CPG when compared to the same period in 2017.

The consolidated revenue increase for the year ended December 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017 is attributed to the ATG with increased number units shipped of approximately \$4,881,000 and average price increase and mix of product sold of approximately \$3,120,000. This is offset by a decrease in revenue at the CPG due to a decrease in the number of units shipped of approximately \$353,000 and average price decreases and mix of product sold of approximately \$1,235,000 as compared to the same period ended December 31, 2017.

Gross Margin

The Company's consolidated gross margin increased approximately \$2,088,000 or 20.9% for the year ended December 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017.

Gross margin improved in the twelve month period ended December 31, 2018 due to the increase in units shipped of approximately \$1,184,000 and increased average prices and mix of product sold of approximately \$1,913,000 at the ATG as compared to the same period of 2017. This is partially offset by a decrease in the average prices and mix of product sold of approximately \$1,020,000 with a slight improvement of the average costs of the units shipped \$11,000 at the CPG as compared to the same period of 2017.

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