

Sweeping out inefficiency from under the carpet

Customer Case Study: Burmatex

Industry Sector: Contract carpets and carpet tiles

Product: OEE IMPACT

Payback : 3 Month's

Background

Burmatex is one of the UK's leading manufacturers of contract carpets and carpet tiles. The Company offers a product range spanning fibre bonded and tufted carpet in sheet and tile, as well as specialist barrier and entrance matting products. Its focus is on the design and creation of innovative products which meet the needs of architects, specifiers and contractors for the education, leisure, commercial, healthcare and public sectors. Burmatex is a member of the Sirdar group of companies.



All the data gathered is shared with employees, with graphs being displayed on team boards around the factory. This has given the employees a sense of achievement when they have seen how they are continually improving. Team morale has improved along with a small amount of healthy competitiveness between departments and shifts.

Using OEE IMPACT, Burmatex are now making inroads in to the next stages of improvement which will require some capital investment, but will increase machine availability significantly.



Existing performance measurement

Understanding the value of measurement and continuous improvement, Burmatex were monitoring various key performance indicators. Staff would manually produce graphs to show performance and efficiencies using standard minute value.

Why choose OEE IMPACT?

Burmatex felt that the KPI's they had were insufficient and chose OEE IMPACT to help them. Burmatex commented: "We are very impressed with OEE IMPACT. It's simple yet powerful and has focused our attention on some key areas which are in need of improvement. The software is very user-friendly and easy to learn. The reports which are available suited our needs perfectly and the free 30-day trial showed us so much in such a short time, it was apparent that OEE IMPACT was a step forward for us."

Key benefits

Initial implementation of the software resulted in an immediate benefit, as staff became much more aware of their time, leading to a small increase in production.

During the first 3 months of using OEE IMPACT, analysis of the data produced by the system enabled Burmatex to improve various areas that were previously inefficient, without any capital expenditure.

Customer comment

"We believe that in today's competitive market, it is essential to make sure we are maximising our capacities and ensuring continual improvement. OEE IMPACT showed us the areas we most needed to concentrate on in order to do this."

Craig Robinson, Team Leader, Burmatex.

