

Implement Shop Floor to Increase Productivity

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Production Performance

7%

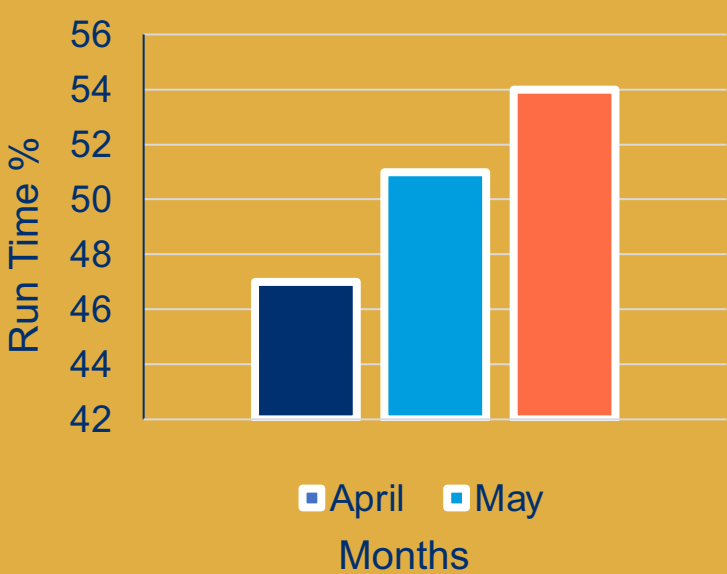
Increased Uptime

15%

Rate of Operation Increased

23%

Decreased Order Change



Run Time Increase

The chart aside shows an increase in run time in less than 3 months. Utilizing RedHawk, the machine increased the run time by 7%. By the end of the study the machine's run time was over 54% for the month of June.

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IN ESTIMATED
SAVINGS

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&
Improved maintenance procedures**

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Neenah, Inc. Implements RedHawk Shop Floor to Increase Productivity

Neenah, Inc., now a part of Mativ, is a leader in paper and packaging, with facilities around the globe. Settings goals to improve process flow, gain access to real-time data, provide accountability and more, Neenah, Inc. joined forces with RedHawk. Our Shop Floor and Reporting Dashboard was first implemented on their machine in January 2015. This study was specific to one machine. Within just six months of using Shop Floor, they found numerous outcomes from that machine. Results like run time increasing monthly, team member's changeover times decreasing, and increased rate of operations.

The Story of Neenah, Inc.

Founded in 1873, Neenah, Inc. has been a leader in the paper and packaging industry for well over a century. With facilities all around the globe, it's more than likely you've already heard of them. The company was founded in Neenah, Wisconsin, starting as a paper mill. The location near the Fox River and Lake Winnebago made Neenah an ideal location – and this location is still in operation today. Since the 19th century Neenah, Inc. has expanded globally, and their products have become some of the most widely recognized paper. In 2022, Neenah, Inc became part of Mativ.

Neenah, Inc. first implemented our Shop Floor solution in their Finishing facility, located in (you guessed it) Neenah, WI where machine operators and crew members were trained to use the Shop Floor solution. Neenah, Inc.'s main goals were to excel in productivity and performance, analyze broke and waste, gain insight into inventory transactions and implement Six Sigma and LEAN initiatives. From a reporting aspect, their goals were to receive executive level information and real-time shop floor data.



Why They Chose RedHawk Shop Floor

Prior to implementing our solution, Neenah, Inc. saw a lot of potential in the Shop Floor with advantages like:

- ❑ Access to real-time data accessible from any computer
- ❑ Accurate source of data for diagnosing problems
- ❑ Ability to calculate ROI with high degree of certainty
- ❑ Improve process flow
- ❑ Improve manufacturing efficiency
- ❑ Provide accountability

“Increased labor efficiency and improved maintenance procedures”

How They Utilized RedHawk Shop Floor

The Shop Floor implementation started in January. At this point of the implementation and Shop Floor install, they were operating under three shifts and by the start of April, operators were confident in and correctly using the software.

Using the Shop Floor, operators and their crew members can easily manage order production, print labels, and create material. With the Reporting Dashboard, management can monitor running orders with the Live Feed and access reports on operation trends, goals and yield comparisons. In only a few months, Neenah, Inc employees said “[utilizing the Shop Floor and the Dashboard] provides total accountability for time, product, efficiency, broke and shift data”.

The Results

Just a few months into the Shop Floor implementation, Neenah, Inc. found their labor efficiencies were increased. By May, five months after the Shop Floor was installed, the machine's uptime increased by 5%, by June it was 7%. From April to June, Neenah, Inc. saw their rate of operation go up by 15%. Operators were succeeding on all levels. Their maintenance team saw progress too, as they reported maintenance procedures were improved. In only two months of using the Shop Floor, machine changeover time was decreased by 23%—saving 22 hours in May alone. Neenah, Inc estimated an annual cost saving of over \$100,000 from that machine alone.

Shortly after implementing their machines, RedHawk Shop Floor was installed onto additional machines at the Finishing facility and several machines at their Whiting, WI location. We're proud RedHawk continues to be part of Mativ's continuous improvement plan.

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