

5 Reasons To Make Your Plant Floor Paperless



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1. Going Paperless Saves Money

There is no doubt that going paperless is cost-effective. The costs of paper, ink, printers, pens, and folders can take up to 3% of a company's annual revenue. Storage for paper records is another concern, along with the risk of destruction of hard copies.

2. Real-time Data Insights

Digital data logs – quality checks, production counts, labor costs, asset utilization, material usage and more – are instantly available and can be automatically stored and analyzed. These real-time insights into the root cause of variable performance and quality can be put to use – immediately.

3. Attract the Next Generation of Workers

Millennials make up 50% of the current workforce, and by 2025 this may grow to 75%. These workers have grown up in the digital world. It will be hard to attract and retain new talent if your workflow and record-keeping are outdated.

4. Paperless is Better for the Environment

A paperless environment reduces your plant's carbon footprint. The elimination of rows of file cabinets and document storage allows this space to be repurposed.

5. Reduction in Human Errors

Automatic data capture and calculations, as well as range and format checks on manually entered data, reduce errors and inconsistencies, and enable review-by-exception. Often, the need for multiple checks can be eliminated. Contrast this with a paper trail that is impossible to safeguard from human error, lost or damaged documents, and inconsistencies in data entry.

Successful manufacturing companies are working to become smarter and more efficient. Accurate up-to-date information is valuable, but it needs to be contextual and delivered to team members in a relevant format that enables quick and intelligent decision-making on the plant floor, in the plant manager's office, and in the board room.

The transition to a paperless environment is a critical step towards becoming a factory of the future. Automating all operational data is essential to allow operators and machines to collaborate to maximize performance and quality metrics.

As Gen Z and Millennials make up a larger portion of the workforce, they tend to embrace a paperless workflow, but manufacturers cannot leave behind long-time employees who may be more comfortable with paper processes. ACC's goal is to support the training of your team members and implement an intuitive and practical system, resulting in a smooth transition for all workers. A paperless solution will propel your factory into the future and set you up for long-term growth.