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Berendsen Fluid Power migrates its core cylinder repair processes to an automated FUJITSU RunMyProcess platform, which has improved efficiency by 40 per cent.

At a glance

Country: Australia
Industry: Manufacturing
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Challenge

Berendsen relied on a combination of paperwork and Excel spreadsheets to track the progress of key repair projects. However, this was time-consuming and prone to human error. It wanted to find a more efficient, automated way to manage processes.

Solution

After trialling several digital solutions, Berendsen decided that FUJITSU RunMyProcess offered the best functionality and could be deployed using in-house resources. The company is now designing its entire repair management journey, involving ten different stages, around the new digital platform.

Benefit

- Process efficiency improvement of up to 40 per cent
- Customer quotations now delivered in three to five days rather than one week
- All relevant information, including photos, available at the touch of a button via an iPad app
- Automated reports provide increased visibility and enable the speedy identification and resolution of problems

Customer

For over 20 years, Berendsen Fluid Power has been at the forefront of Australia's hydraulic industry. It offers unbeatable service and repair capabilities for all hydraulic product types and systems and is committed to providing quality service that lasts. Its service is relied upon by some of Australia's best-known names, including BlueScope Steel, BHP, Anglo American, Hitachi Construction Machinery and Liberty OneSteel. With nine fully equipped workshops across the country, Berendsen is Australia's largest specialist hydraulic services provider.

Products and Services

■ FUJITSU RunMyProcess



Automating critical processes

Berendsen Fluid Power's comprehensive cylinder repair service, a vital part of its business, involves many stages, from status to performing a scope of work, providing a quotation and then making the necessary repairs, then testing and delivering completed goods. At each step of this journey, information was captured on paper and later transferred into an Excel spreadsheet. The potential for human error, missing information and time wasted was significant.

"There was a lot of replication and duplication of effort across various stages where the same information was required. It was a very fragmented and inefficient approach," explains Ben Jones, Workshop Coordinator, Berendsen Fluid Power. "It also took a lot of time that we could have been spending on the repairs and manufacturing."

Berendsen sought out a more effective way of working and, after exploring a variety of workflow solutions with an onsite consultant, settled on FUJITSU RunMyProcess to transform how it manages critical business processes.

"We were looking for a simple digital solution with workflow capabilities that we could deploy in-house and begin the process of designing each stage in the chain around an automated, integrated platform. RunMyProcess offered that flexibility at a cost-effective price," adds Ben Johnson, General Manager, Berendsen Fluid Power. "If we are not working to develop new and more efficient processes then we are not meeting the market's requirements. RunMyProcess helps position us as a leader."

An innovative and powerful digital platform

The FUJITSU RunMyProcess platform helps Berendsen to quickly implement innovation, achieve change fast, and deliver a digital solution that exactly matches its needs. By using sophisticated application development, process management and integration capabilities, Berendsen can quickly deliver powerful business automation. Standard connectors make it simple to connect a broad range of people, systems and devices – including SaaS services like Office 365, on-premise systems like Oracle – before making the results accessible on any device, anywhere.

"It isn't complex to integrate processes with the new platform. So far, we have successfully transitioned the initial stages and are 90 per cent of the way to completing the entire service lifecycle," continues Jones. "Now the process of receiving a cylinder for repair to issuing a quote is completely automated and integrated, with iPads on the workshop floor using a customised RunMyProcess application."

This makes it simple for employees to input information in real-time, including photographs, for increased efficiency and accuracy. A user-friendly interface makes the application easy to navigate and all the necessary information is available at the touch of a button.

"It is a much faster way of capturing the relevant data and integrating it with the necessary databases," says Jones. "Our workshop personnel prefer this way of working as it saves them time and removes the duplication of effort previously encountered."

Digital transformation enables efficiency gains of 40 per cent

By implementing FUJITSU RunMyProcess, Berendsen has been able to introduce efficiencies across the board. Issuing a quotation, which usually would have taken a week, now takes just three days, enabling better customer service. Information is available in seconds, rather than being buried in paperwork.

"We have all the information captured in one place so people needn't spend 30 minutes hunting through piles of paperwork," comments Jones. "It is also much easier to take photographs and have them automatically uploaded. This provides us with visual evidence of each repair project."

By streamlining and automating its business processes, Berendsen expects to see efficiency gains of up to 40 per cent. It also expects its reporting ability to be much improved, enabling the company to quickly provide its customers with the information they need.

"At the moment, our reports are hit and miss, based entirely in Word and Excel and requiring the collation of multiple resources, which takes time," remarks Jones. "When we migrate it to RunMyProcess, all the information will be in one place, so we can simply drop in some photos, convert to PDF and away we go."

One final area that is helping Berendsen operate more effectively is the visibility that RunMyProcess provides. It captures data that can be analysed to evolve systems and enable enhanced performance.

"By giving us visibility of the issues and failures that occur, we can proactively identify and propose solutions to our customer," concludes Johnson. "FUJITSU RunMyProcess is an automated, transparent and robust digital business application platform that ensures we can provide the best, fastest customer service, while reducing paperwork for our staff. We are looking forward to adding more processes as the digital solution evolves and making more critical business services available to employees on the floor and in the field."

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