

# CASE STUDY

NATIONAL MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTOR ELIMINATES THE FORKLIFT POWER PROBLEM FOR A SOUTHEASTERN FACILITY.

## **BACKGROUND**

A Fortune 500 manufacturer faced challenges with their forklift power system. They operated 24/7 and even advanced chemistry batteries presented issues. The facility had a hard driving sit down application for 28 of their forklifts with safety challenges, inefficiencies in productivity, downtime and maintenance costs.

## **KEY CHALLENGES**

- Time-consuming and labor-intensive changes for 2,000 lb. batteries.
- Unhappy forklift operators that wait in line and exacerbate staffing challenges.
- Excessive emergency and lifetime maintenance costs.
- Significant on-site waste non-compliant with corporate sustainability programs.

#### TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

Everything we do for our customers focuses on the planet, people, and profits.



74 metric tons in CO2 savings.



12,000 gallons of water annually.



\$132K in expenses saved annually.



ELIMINATE THE FORKLIFT POWER PROBLEM FOR GOOD.

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### THE RESULTS



Reduction in equipment power usage.



80%
Decrease
(2 minute
exchange
time).



25% Cost Savings in yearly maintenance expenses.



4,309
Annual Hours
saved in
productivity
and labor.



1,176
Square
feet of
space
reclaimed.



172,263 kwh of electricity saved yearly.



# **POWERHIVE™ SYSTEM SOLUTION**

A PowerHIVE™ automated forklift battery management system was implemented that moved battery reloads to 2 minutes -- all without the forklift operator -- improving safety, productivity and morale.

#### A fast deployed power system that:

- 1. Seamlessly changed out batteries in their 6,000lb Sit Down Fleet without interruption.
- 2. No IT integration required; operator training is 15 minutes.
- 3. Over 1,000 sq feet of warehouse space recovered.

# CONCLUSION

Site feedback has been nothing short of amazing. So much so the customer plans to install a PowerHive™ system at two more Southeast facilities.

The warehouse continues to buzz with excitement. Forklift operators jump on equipment knowing they'll have power and will never have to charge or maintain their equipment again.

Gone are the days of downtime and equipment complaints.

Less reactive in its material handling approach now, the site is able to focus on more pressing matters at hand.

Most importantly, the customer's sustainability and triple bottom line approach, and culture, delivers on all business essentials (i.e. people and planet first, followed by profits).

#### **OUR POWER APPROACH:**



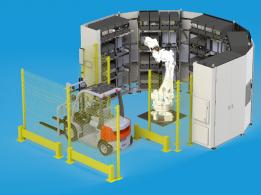
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