

ADVERTORIAL: Brill Power powers up production management with MRP software

Sustainability and efficiency are written into Brill Power. The company produces intelligent battery management systems that increase the lifetime and total energy output as well as the charging speed of large lithium-ion batteries.

At a time when sustainability is becoming a key issue, the company is creating new solutions that help tackle the problem of hazardous waste coming from the most widely-used type of rechargeable battery in the world.

Employing 26 full time employees with plans to double this year, the innovative company is focussing on servicing two key markets: stationary energy storage for residential, commercial, and industrial scale needs as well as utilities; and mobile energy storage, encompassing both automotive and marine.

Experience led to an ERP/MRP system

The company used Microsoft Word and Excel at first when it only had a handful of orders, however knew that it needed an ERP/MRP system.

Stuart Grondel, strategy and operations manager, said: "I'm from a manufacturing background and I pushed forth for something that could handle manufacturing better than an ordinary ERP system. We needed the full functionality: customer and lead management, procurement, bills of materials, and so on."

The company evaluated several systems, weighing functionality, scaleabilty, and price. "Based around gut feeling and its

attractive monthly subscription model, we chose MRPeasy in the end,” Stuart stated.

Software became vital for the success of the company



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When the time for implementing the new system came, Stuart took the reins and went through the whole process on his own.

“I started to collate the info from scratch and experimented by putting data in to see what was going to work and what was not. At first, there wasn’t much data as we were only seven people and a few orders then. But as we grew, we added more into MRPeasy and now use basically every feature it has.”

Stuart specifically highlights the inventory tracking functionality of MRPeasy, which allows the staff to only give minimal simple inputs for the system to work efficiently. He also lauds the online demo videos and the help screens as well as the responsive support from the help desk which enabled him to implement the system with no external help.

Now, Stuart is adamant that the software is vital for the success of its operation.

“None of what we do at present would be possible without MRPeasy – it condenses a lot of intricate parts into something much more manageable; it enables us to keep track of orders in progress from supply side – showing us what’s outstanding.

“From a customer perspective, I feel we are also able to appear more professional with repeatable, robust, and consistent documentation around delivery notes and invoices.”

MRPeasy is a simple yet powerful ERP/MRP system for small manufacturers and distributors. More information and a trial version are available at www.mrpeasy.com