

Unipart Rail UK Limited

ERP^{2™} Helps it Run to Timetable



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SITUATION

Unipart Rail UK Limited is the leading supplier of replacement components in the UK Traction and Rolling Stock aftermarket, managing and supplying a comprehensive range of products from major repairable components, from bogies, wheelsets and engines to consumable components such as brake pads, hoses, filters and lubricating oils.

Unipart Rail handles over 600 accredited suppliers and a product range comprising around 50,000 products held in stock at Doncaster with a daily delivery service to some 90 customer maintenance depots throughout the UK as well as regular shipments to international customers.

A Quadrata customer since 2002, Unipart Rail uses ERP^{2™} in major uploads associated with new business, such as in forecasting function and in the production of period end reports.

Unipart Rail originally purchased ERP² to ease the integration of new business. In 2001 Unipart Rail won a major contract to supply the maintenance firm for a UK train operating company. Unipart Rail became responsible for supplying all the parts required to keep the trains running.

The rolling stock was a new type for Unipart Rail. Integrating the new business involved uploading to SAP[®] the new maintenance contract, thousands of new master materials, new parts, thousands of new supplier relationships and the associated new accounts, accounting and control of materials.

BENEFITS

UPDATING MASTER DATA FOR NEW BUSINESS

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FORECASTING

“We use reports to find exceptions — materials that need attention. Using ERP² we can then tune the data in SAP allowing us to manage that exception”

PERIOD END FINANCE

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SOLUTION

“We had become aware through an SAP® conference, that various tools were available for uploading data to SAP,” says Chris Hall, Unipart Rail’s SAP Manager. “I contacted Philippe Jardin, CEO of Quadrate and found him super helpful. Within a week Philippe had visited us and run a demo in my office.”

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ERP² proved extremely effective for Unipart Rail, bringing savings in training and re-sourcing, and most vitally, a huge amount of time and cost by avoiding manual entry. Unipart Rail has since found many additional uses for ERP² in its business.

SUMMARY

Using ERP² brought huge savings in training, resources and cost for Unipart Rail. Chris Hall was also exceptionally impressed by the way in which Quadrate is in touch with its customers’ needs.

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