

Vending Solutions Case Study: AAF® International

“It’s a win-win situation for all those involved. Supervisors are no longer interrupted throughout the day, and employees don’t have to feel like they are bugging anyone. By installing MSC’s vending solutions in our lunch room, employees have convenient and quick access to the equipment that keeps them safe while doing their job.”

– Jennifer Johanning, Production Clerk, AAF International



Company Overview

AAF International is a global leader in commercial air filtration products offering the most comprehensive clean air solutions in the world. With headquarters based in Louisville, Kentucky, AAF operates in 22 countries and has more than 2,600 employees worldwide.

Challenges

- Locked-cabinet dispensing for PPE (personal protective equipment) resulting in:
 - Lost productivity time for supervisors and shop employees (cabinet only accessible to supervisors and HR staff)
 - Waste due to hoarding (causing lost or accidental discarding of product)
 - Compliance concerns for worker safety – PPE not easily accessible
- Time-consuming, manual replenishment system
- Inability to manage stock levels effectively (out of stock on some and excess inventory on others)

The MSC Vending Solution

After conducting a comprehensive industrial vending assessment, MSC and AAF International determined MSC’s vending solutions would effectively streamline the facility’s procurement and dispensing processes to save AAF time and money. Key elements include:

- Automated reordering
- 24/7 access and inventory control
- Ability to set min./max. dispensing parameters and track usage
- Centralized inventory placement

Key Business Results

- Saved supervisors 3.5 hours/week by reducing the time they spend issuing PPE products
- Increased productivity by 2 hours/week by automating re-order process
- Reduced glove consumption by 73% by implementing dispensing controls and usage tracking
- Improved shop floor productivity by decreasing amount of time end users spent trying to obtain needed PPE material
- Improved usage of OSHA required PPE

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