

“ Our vending unit keeps everything in order and fully audits who uses what and when. That results in us never running out of key tooling – because our machine is programmed to automatically place daily orders. In short, our system is basically in ‘set-it-and-forget-it’ mode.”

—Jerry Kolb, Tool & Material Manager



The multi-bay CAP unit has become Attica Hydraulic Exchange’s primary business system, enabling Jerry Kolb, Tool & Material Manager, to track his actual cost per part.

## Company Overview

Attica Hydraulic Exchange (Chesterfield, Michigan) has been a provider of premium-quality, cost-effective new and remanufactured fluid-power components for more than 30 years. AHE keeps 10,000,000 parts in inventory (pumps, motors, valves, shafts, plates; all made of steel, cast iron, or bronze).

## Challenges

- No effective/reliable tool-management system in the shop
- Workers hoarding to ensure they’d have the necessary tools
- Overall profitability suffered: too much downtime spent searching for tools; management could not accurately calculate cost per part
- Reduce tool management time – AHE’s Tool and Material Manager was spending four to six hours per day ordering tools
- Tool security, costly breakage and unmonitored accessibility
- AHE needed to expand its manufacturing space

## The MSC CAP Vending Solution

- Tools are safely stored, organized and dispensed within ONE location
- Tools can be organized and streamlined within easily configurable drawers and cabinets by material and style
- Tools don’t drop within the dispenser – so there’s no tool breakage
- Tool-activity reports – fully audits and tracks usage
- Parameters can be set to limit usage to specific individuals
- Automatic daily replenishment
- Fully supported by strong Metalworking expertise

## Key Business Results

- Increased productivity – MSC’s vending system manages virtually 100% of the company’s tooling needs
- Now capable of tracking true cost per part, resulting in accurate quoting
- Increased profitability due to less time searching for tools
- Automatic replacement eliminates hoarding (AHE never runs out of key tooling)
- Over 85% productivity improvement for toolroom purchases. Tool-ordering reviews reduced to less than three hours per week
- Ability to track exactly who took what and when
- No longer experience costly tool breakage
- Units saved critical floor real estate formerly dedicated to tool cabinets

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