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## Acme Corrugated Installs Qualitek's Scoreboards

In a collaborative effort with Tucker, Georgia based Qualitek and Fort Washington, Pennsylvania based Amtech, Acme Corrugated Box Co., Inc. recently



Qualitek's Scoreboard registers production totals at Acme Corrugated's Apstar rotary die cutter.

installed six LCD scoreboards at its location in Hatboro, Pennsylvania. The flat screen LCD scoreboards have been placed in an overhead position at six major machine centers and act as a visual aid to the crews, keeping them informed about their "real time" performance and motivating them to stay consistent with their goals.

### Amtech Reports

Reporting for each machine center is obtained through Amtech's RPM system. The information is then transported to the scoreboard screens provided by Qualitek. These screens display general information for each order. All relevant information is displayed, such as the customer name, the order number, the state of the order, and the machine metrics - set-up

time, time spent running and the amount of downtime. For ease of comparison the metrics essential to everyday operation are tracked and displayed (actual time versus budgeted time) i.e. actual speed vs. targeted speed, actual setup time vs. goal, downtime and multiple shift statistics. In addition, a web portal exists that enables Acme's management to see the scoreboards via a web page

Qualitek and Acme Corrugated Box Co., Inc. have worked together on this project for over a year. According to Jeremy Cohen, Plant Engineer, the impact of visual, realtime information is having a dramatic effect on production dynamics. Everyone who

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walks the floor of the plant clearly sees the comparison of actual performance to goal.

In suggesting the Qualitek system to the management at Acme Corrugated Box Co., Inc., Cohen said, "there is no reason why plant personnel should be kept in the dark about what is expected. The Qualitek system puts everything important that pertains to that individual order in plain sight."

Santosh Nayak, President of Qualitek, said he "expects that the Qualitek system will have a major impact on Acme's ability to service their customers successfully."