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MAS 90

CUSTOMER

Consolidated Transmission
Parts, Inc.

CORPORATE PROFILE

Headquarters

Orlando, Florida

Type of Business

Transmission parts & rebuilder

Number of Locations

Two

Number of Employees

50

Size

\$4.5+ million

SYSTEM PROFILE

Operating System

- Windows NT, Windows 98 workstations
- Users on system: 15

MAS 90 Modules in Operation

- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Bank Reconciliation
- Custom Office
- General Ledger
- Inventory Management
- Purchase Order
- Report Master
- Sales Order



Consolidated Transmission Gets Torque It Needs in MAS 90

“Make one call and find it all.” That’s what Consolidated Transmission Parts tells customers around the world who need automatic and standard transmission parts (both new and used), or rebuilding services for standard shift transmissions.

“Most companies won’t spend an hour tracking down something like a snap ring for an old 1952 Ford,” says John Cimini, office manager. “But we will. We know that service is everything. And if we can

do a good job finding something small, people remember — and they’ll call us the next time they need something big.”

THE CHALLENGE

The service-based philosophy of Consolidated Transmission Parts (CTP) has definitely paid off. In just nine years, the company grew from 25 customers in its database to more than 1,500. In the

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process, it outgrew the Peachtree accounting software that had worked so well in the past.

Geraldine Chadwick, co-owner of CTP, began a search for replacement software. She spent several days with a computer consultant learning about MAS 90. She liked what she saw in terms of robust reporting and scalability, and the sophisticated business perspective that MAS 90 could offer. Also, she felt reassured that a smooth transition from Peachtree would be possible.

THE SOLUTION

The migration from Peachtree to MAS 90 took place over a weekend in the middle of the month. The old system was closed out Friday at 4:00 p.m., and by Monday morning the entire company was up and running on MAS 90. Much of the credit goes to the consultant, a certified Peachtree → MAS 90 Conversion Specialist, who used the power of the Peachtree Data Migrator, a migration tool from Best.

Consolidated Transmission Parts had previously maintained its chart of accounts and general ledger using customer names only. The consultant assigned account numbers to more than 6,000 items containing two years worth of data. All were then transferred through the data migration tool, along with complete inventory quantities. To Chadwick's surprise, the conversion went like clockwork with no data corruption.

Thanks to the new MAS 90 system, Chadwick and Cimini now have up-to-the-minute information on inventory, which permits a more strategic approach

to management. “We can pull up any part on the screen and know exactly how long it's been in our warehouse,” says Cimini. “That makes it much easier to know when to reorder. Inventory aging reports now tell us when we have too much of a particular item in stock. These insights are essential in a business like ours, where dead inventory represents very real costs in storage, maintenance and taxes.”

MAS 90 has proved to be easy to use as well. When a new salesperson comes on board, Cimini can teach them to generate a sales invoice in less than an hour.

Bottom-line benefits have been apparent from the new system. Because invoices are now much clearer and more detailed, customers call less frequently with queries, cutting down on telephone service time. The main financial improvement, however, has come from better inventory management, since accurate data translates quickly into decreased expenses.

“MAS 90 is the most efficient and cost-effective software on the market for a business of our size and type,” Cimini comments. “It does everything we need, and more. Best of all, we're confident that we won't have to replace our accounting system two years down the road, as MAS 90 will grow with us even at current exponential rates.”

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