

Development and Optimization of a Spare Part Supply Chain

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- Raskone at a glance
- Challenges of a maintenance service company
- More efficient replenishment ordering through centralized sourcing
- Automation of customer orders
- The importance of process automation and tools







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- Line of business:
 - Maintenance, equipment and leasing of commercial vehicles
- Repair shop network in 22 towns
- Founded in 1994
- Incorporated in 1999
- Personnel app. 1000
- Corporate revenue app. 200M€ (2008)







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Challenges at the outset

- Dispersed, uncontrolled process
 - Same work was done in multiple locations, inefficiently
 - Sub optimization at each individual outlet
- Large amount of items, high inventory value and slow stock turnover
- An obsolescence problem
- Inventories didn't meet with demand and service level was alternating
- Margins vanished in the purchasing chain







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- Shortening the purchasing chain
- Enhancing inventory service level
- Reducing obsolescence
- Improving customer service
- Considerably reducing workload in ordering
- Securing potential of scalability







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Setting up centralized sourcing

- Reorganization
- Centralized sourcing team
 - Responsible for the whole network's inventory management and supplier selection
- Tools
 - Implementation of RELEX inventory replenishment system starting from early 2009







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- Forming the assortment for centralized sourcing and item replacements
 - Volume items switched into being imported
 - Over 100 000 item responsibilities in the system
- Building the required supplier relations
- Creating the logistics model







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Customer order process development

- Web-store for spare part (2010)
 - Spare part search
 - Spare part order
- In the beginning targeted for large customers







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Taking control of the entire supplier base

- Dead stock transfers
- Domestic suppliers
- Foreign suppliers

→ Centralized management of the entire spare part inventory in 2010







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Results

- Currently app. 30% of spare part sales is sourced centrally
- 3 people run centralized inventory management and make orders for the entire chain from selected suppliers
- App. 10%-point improvement in availability in the managed product groups
- Number of suppliers has been reduced:
 - Previously products from 2-10 suppliers now from 1







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Results

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Volume development: supplier X



→ The share of centralized purchasing has been steadily augmented – volume benefits and negotiation position







Results



Development of availability: supplier X



→ Supplier X was added to the scope of centralized purchasing in the spring of 2009 – Significant improvement in availability







Key learnings

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- When targets are clear move forward
- Take parts of the process quickly into production
 - Learning by doing
 - Fast benefits nourish drive for development
- In a large entity, surprises are inevitable
 - Own plans, partners and tools need to be flexible when needed
- Right partners are extremely important
 - eCraft and RELEX in key positions in the project















