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VIBCO Revolutionizes the Production of Vibrating Tables to Dramatically Reduce Lead Times

Vibrating tables are often critical components of production and product testing systems. VIBCO US-TT vibrating tables are now available to ship same or next day (vs. 2-4 weeks) and US-RD vibrating tables will ship within 10 business days (vs. 4-6 weeks). VIBCO manufactures a complete line of standard vibrating tables with an excellent reputation for quality and durability.

VIBCO ships its standard vibrators same or next day, but until recently vibrating tables were an exception, largely because of sophisticated engineering and a complex fabrication process. The result was long lead times – from 2 to 6 weeks, depending on table style and size.

The foundation of VIBCO's lean manufacturing efforts is a company-wide mission to focus entirely on the voice of the customer. The table manufacturing team, led by Dave Waldeck, Fabrication Shop Supervisor, accepted the challenge of meeting customers' demands for shorter lead times for vibrating tables. Prior to their efforts, lead times for standard VIBCO US-TT vibrating tables were 2-4 weeks and US-RD tables' lead time was 4-6 weeks. The table fabrication team held a Kaizen event to examine their process to find ways to dramatically reduce those lead times.

The Kaizen event included all members of the fabrication team, selected members of other production teams, and selected members of the administrative team. They examined the table fabrication process with the goal of finding faster, more efficient ways of completing the table manufacturing process. The event resulted in a 70%



VIBCO US-RD 30" x 30" Vibrating Table

reduction in lead time with an increase in product quality and craftsmanship. The reduction was accomplished by removing *muda* (waste) from the process via improved job sequencing, location and availability of tools and materials, presentation and availability of raw materials from suppliers, and improved communication between front office, engineering, and the production team.

The great news for VIBCO customers is that VIBCO's high quality, patented, live-top vibrating tables can now be delivered faster with increased quality, durability and craftsmanship. US-TT vibrating tables are now available to ship same or next day (vs. 2-4 weeks) and US-RD vibrating tables will ship within 10 business days (vs. 4-6 weeks). That means that VIBCO customers will be able to have the vibrating tables that they want, exactly when they want them.

An added benefit of this dramatic reduction in the manufacturing and lead times of standard vibrating tables is that the table fabrication team now has increased capacity to focus on improving the process for manufacturing VIBCO's custom vibrating tables, too.

Founded in 1962, VIBCO Vibrators designs, manufactures and markets a comprehensive range of electric, pneumatic and hydraulic vibrators for construction and industrial use. VIBCO Vibrators also designs, manufactures and markets a complete line of vibratory plate compactors and rollers. The company is headquartered in Wyoming, RI, USA.

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