

Production Management - Jason De Graaf & Empower Factory Productivity & Job Scheduling Software - Case Study

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Empower - For progressive Joiners, Engineers and Other Manufacturers.



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Business	Joinery Industry Advisor on CNC machinery, design software and factory productivity software
Client Base	My focus is on progressive Australian and New Zealand joiners who invest in good CNC machinery and software
Credentials and CV	Criterion Manufacturing 1990 to 2000 (300 staff) WR Jacks Machinery (Homag agency) 2000 to 2008 Central Joinery 2008 to 2011 (50 staff)

	Greenmount Manufacturing 2011 to 2013 (65 staff) Shears and Mac 2013 to 2015 (110 staff) Complete Construction 2015 onwards (40 staff) Euro CNC 2011 onward Design & Production Specialists / Pytha 2014 onwards
Clients time recording prior to Empower	Most of my clients have used manual time sheets in the past, which do NOT motivate factory staff to work to meet times on jobs, record inaccurate times and are too hard to collect times. In my last 4 full time roles as production manager of joinery shops I have used Empower Factory Productivity Software. I would not be without it.
Future Viability of Joinery, other Manufacturing and Engineering Industries in Australia and NZ	Joiners who invest in good systems and good software have substantial labour cost advantage over other joiners.
Clients Groups of Staff Tracked on Empower	I recommend to all clients using Empower that they track their 3 teams. Namely their; office staff involved in preproduction processes on each job, their factory staff and their site staff. This is a full and complete job cost.
Year you started using Empower Software	2008
Clients' Statistics on Factory Productivity using Empower Software	I have been using Empower Software for 9 years to date. In my previous three full time production management roles for three large Auckland based cabinet makers, I recommended that they purchase and install PCs on the factory floor and Empower Factory Productivity & Job Scheduling Software. Factory productivity increases we achieved using Empower Software at each of the three previous businesses were in excess of 20%. I expect to also achieve a 20% minimum factory productivity increase at Complete Construction.

Advice I give on Empower Factory Productivity & Job Scheduling Software:

1. The Empower Software owners have been involved in developing Empower in the joinery industry for 15 years to date. Most their clients are joiners. This joinery industry experience is invaluable
2. Over the years I have seen a lot of development go into the software for Joiners
3. You can expect a companywide: office, factory floor and site culture change and focus on meeting times on each job
4. Your gain in factory productivity will be substantial and practically guaranteed, as long as you commit to it

Any joiner or other manufacturer is welcome to email me with any questions

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25	Years in Joinery Industry
7	Years in full time Production Management roles in Joinery Industry
7	Years using Empower Software in full time production manager role in Joinery Industry
4	Number of Joinery factories using Empower Software in full time Production Management role
N/A	Number of Joinery or Engineering businesses which I implemented Empower Software on consultancy basis
5	Advanced User of Empower Software <i>(rated by Empower Software HQ - 1 to 5, 5 being highest)</i>
Well Proven	Track record of achieving significant factory productivity increases on factory floor in all roles using Empower Software <i>(rated by Empower Software HQ - 1 to 5, 5 being highest)</i>
Kitchens Commercial Furniture Volume Cabinetry Commercial Joinery Shop Fitting Bars and Resturants Solid Timber Joinery Timber Windows and Doors	Joinery Product Experience in Full time Production Management Roles