

## INDUSTRIAL FIELD SERVICE

### ON-SITE REPAIRS AND TROUBLESHOOTING





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- **EMERGENCY** BREAKDOWN SERVICE
- ) ON CALL 24/7
- **RETROFITS**
- > DRIVE INSTALLATION AND START-UP
- > PROGRAM BACK-UPS AND ARCHIVING
- PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN
- > THERMAL IMAGING



# DOWNTIME IS EXPENSIVE!

PLASTICS EXTRUSION

The Friday before July 4th weekend, the customer's 400HP DC motor control died on an extruder. It was a tough weekend to find available repair techs or parts. Why is it that breakdowns always happen on weekends and holidays?

I-IDM had a 400HP drive in our

local warehouse and shipped

it via courier Friday night. The

morning and included fitting the

drive into the existing enclosure

and programming it to work with

the machine's existing control

retrofit job began Saturday



### PIPE & TUBING MANUFACTURING

The customer acquired pipe mill machinery in Houston and wanted it moved to Ft. Worth. The machine controllers were made overseas and there was no available documentation since the internal functions were kept proprietary. This added additional complexity to the ensuing startup.

I-IDM was hired to take the

lead on the move, assisting the

customer's internal team with the

dismantle. We ensured all wires,

machinery and electronics were

physically marked for efficient

reassembly. We documented all

programs before the move.

parts and backed up all software



#### HEAVY MATERIAL HANDLING

The petroleum coke processing plant was plagued by an aging controls system. Replacement parts were nowhere to be found. Each increasingly frequent failure resulted not only in idle workers but also the obligation to pay fees for waiting ships clogging the ship channel.

I-IDM was hired to retrofit the controls system with modern Allen-Bradley PLCs, which required a complete program conversion. We decommissioned the old hardware and installed new, reconnected all field devices, converted the program, and made sure the new hardware communicated with their SCADA system.

After the successful retrofit of the first handling line, the customer hired I-IDM to upgrade the remaining lines with new controls. The result? No more frequent failures, more production reliability, and readily available replacement components for the more modern equipment.

THE RESULT

**DUR SOLUTION** 

logic.

THE PROBLEM

I-IDM's team completed the repair and troubleshooting over the holiday weekend. When the plant employees returned after the July 4th holiday weekend, the extruder was operational, and the customer had only lost a partial day of production.

24/7 WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

The relocation required technicians and engineers from both the customer and I-IDM's Houston and Dallas locations. If needed, techs from I-IDM's Oklahoma and Chicago locations were available for deployment. Our techs remained onsite for several months in Ft. Worth to complete the reassembly, startup, and any troubleshooting.

OUR TEAM WORKS WITH YOUR TEAM

FIX ONE, FIX MANY

### INNOVATIVE-IDM SERVICE TECHNICIANS CAN SUPPORT YOUR MAINTENANCE DEMANDS AND REDUCE YOUR NEED FOR NEW CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

THERMOFORMING

MACHINE RETROFIT

The aging thermoform machine

Allen-Bradley servo controller

obsolete and couldn't be repaired.

suffered from an inoperable

and servo drive. Both were

Even worse, the OEM quoted

specifications.

an exorbitant price to upgrade

the machine to modern product



STEEL MILL

A steel mill planned to restart production after economic conditions had mothballed it for several years. The incoming maintenance team was unfamiliar with the machines they had inherited. The overall operation of the plant was in question.

Fortunately, I-IDM had serviced the mill several times before it closed, so our techs were familiar with the existing production equipment. Our field service technicians successfully debugged, re-programmed and did the startup on the legacy system.

I-IDM retrofitted the aging machine with a modern Omron machine controller and new Yaskawa servo equipment. The retrofit included removing the Allen-Bradley equipment and programming the application.

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGE

The customer's CPU battery failure caused the PLC to lose its program. The customer did not have a digital backup of the program. The production line was down, and there was nobody onsite capable to reprogram the PLC. Now what?

I-IDM techs reconstructed the original PLC program from the customer's long-ago archived paper copy. The program had been modified in the years since the PLC was installed. so the customer retained us to help update the program to its status prior to the crash.

After I-IDM had the mill operating at a performance level better than before it was mothballed, the customer asked us to install a slitter coiler. Turnkey field service and installation by I-IDM streamlined the existing production line and we further improved it by adding the coiler.

I-IDM modernized the machine for less than half the cost of what the machine's OEM quoted. The customer then enlisted our local Chicago manufacturing facility to design, manufacture and install aluminum extrusion hard guarding with interlocks to upgrade the safety of the production line.

The production line was back up and running in less than 24 hours. With the PLC now functional, digital backups of the PLC program were provided to the customer and a copy was confidentially archived offsite at Innovative-IDM for the customer's potential future needs.

TURNKEY REPAIR & INSTALL

LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT

**PLC WHISPERERS** 

### WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THE EQUIPMENT IN YOUR FACILITY

OUR TECHS HAVE YOUR FACILITY COVERED! •

### EMERGENCY BREAKDOWN 24/7/365

We are on call, ready to dispatch when your equipment stops working.

### PREVENTIVE

We visit your site on a predetermined schedule. You schedule the date and length of your regular maintenance. We take care of the rest.

### PREDICTIVE

We evaluate your machine on an intermittent or ongoing basis. We reduce unexpected downtime by implementing IIoT technology such as asset management, remote support, data acquisition, cloud connectivity and more.



### TRY US!

- Routine maintenance of existing equipment
- II Preventive and predictive maintenance plans
- We travel anywhere local and national dispatch from any of our service locations
- // On-site retrofit capability
- II Programming and tuning assistance
- Installation and start-up assistance
- // 24/7/365 availability
- II Emergency express same-day replacement service for in-stock items available at InnovativeIDM.com

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