

## Case Studies

## Ultimate Packaging

# “Manufacturers of High Quality Flexible Packaging”



### ULTIMATE PACKAGING

#### Customer Profile

For more than 22 years, Ultimate Packaging have been producing high quality flexible packaging. In a state of the art purpose built facility, they utilise 8 and 6 colour print presses and sophisticated conversion machinery to produce bags and film on the reel for all the main high street food retailers and many other blue chip companies too.

Their facilities meet the stringent BRC/IoP technical standards for hygiene. The company maintain the highest priorities for environmental standards. As a company, they pride themselves on a culture of innovation and ingenuity, and the building of excellent relationships with customers. Ultimate have the purchasing power of a major independent, and often work with customers to develop new product lines outside of their portfolio.

#### Key Achievements

- Integration of all data processes into one IT system has brought multiple business benefits.
- Advanced [warehouse management](#) facilities implemented.
- S5 has enabled vastly increased efficiency in the storage of production and general data.

#### Needed - The Ultimate ERP Software for a Production Environment

Ultimate Packaging manufacture high quality flexible packaging, produced primarily for the food sector. Ultimate have invested in a multi-million pound production facility which meets the very highest hygiene and environmental standards. Within that facility are state of the art 8 and 6 colour print presses, the output from which they supply to all the major supermarkets and blue chip food customers, producing printed bags, film on the reel, and other related products.

Ultimate Packaging had found that operating a number of disparate IT systems for production specifications, stock control, accounting and warehouse management was increasingly inefficient and was also out of synch with their culture of innovation and forward thinking. Since investing in [de Facto S5](#), their new system has proved itself to be a powerful integrated solution which meets all their exacting requirements and has produced multiple business benefits.



#### Efficient Production and General Data Storage

Having transferred all their data into one integrated system, the company has indeed seen great gains in efficiency. Information which often had to be re-keyed for each system now [flows seamlessly](#) between S5's modules, reducing data input time, and improving data integrity, relevancy and synchronisation.

Considerable further gains in efficiency arose out of De Facto's implementation of their 'extra fields' feature. Working with Ultimate, De Facto were able to define extra field tables to store their extremely detailed product specifications. Previously, variations in such things as date codes or packer codes led to a massive proliferation of [Bills of Materials](#). In S5 however, this information is stored in [user defined variables](#), with consequent gains in efficiency. The base description is stored once, and all the possible variations are kept within that same Bill of Materials. Again, all the highly detailed production documentation is printed out directly from de Facto S5.

## ■ Advanced Warehouse Management Facilities

Prior to implementing S5, Ultimate managed their warehouse using a proprietary IT system which wasn't integrated with their other business systems. In contrast, with S5 **warehouse management** is fully integrated with all their other processes and functionality. Pallet tracking is enabled via pallet number, and all movements of pallets are processed using handheld devices. Pallet movements can be scheduled within S5 and appropriate instructions are produced for the forklift drivers.

Works orders are linked to pallet movements and the movement of raw materials to the print machines and then back again to storage after the production process is all controlled by de Facto S5. **Hand helds** are used to generate pallet moves using simple scans of bar codes on the pallet and on the storage rack.

## ■ Effective Production Management and Quick Processes

The various stages of the **production process** are handled efficiently by de Facto S5. For a particular production run, the various raw materials necessary are allocated. Individual pallets containing those pallets are called to the print or conversion machines as required.

When each finished product pallet comes off production, various production quick processes are carried out on hand held devices. For example, quantities are recorded, and the location for storing the pallet is established, and the system generates a new pallet number. The system downdates the raw materials, and updates finished products, whilst recording factors such as Scrap and Process Yields. Pallet labels are generated by S5 prior to the pallet going for despatch.

## ■ Production, Financials and Logistics for Manufacturing Operations

Ultimate Packaging utilise their own and third party contracts for **transport** of their products. All aspects of distribution and **Logistics** are handled within S5, and tightly integrated with the control of both their **Stock** and of their **Financials**. Ultimate have realised many business benefits from the deployment of a single integrated ERP solution, and de Facto S5 has proved itself to be ideally suited to a production or manufacturing environment.

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De Facto Software provides business driven Accounting and ERP solutions to wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, packers and suppliers throughout the UK.

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**Power**



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