



Press Release
Wesco Production Tools
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Wesco Production Tools, a major supplier of tooling and integrated systems to major automotive companies, partners with Lighthouse Systems and Crane Electronics on large scale project within major automotive facility

Lighthouse Systems, a leading provider of shopfloor data collection software, announced that it has partnered with Wesco Production Tools and Crane Electronics to offer a best in class Torque Management and data collection solution to a major automotive company.

In this case, the core manufacturing processes is vehicle assembly. Engineers are responsible for the proper collection of many hundreds of joints during a vehicle assembly process. The company demanded a real-time view of each step in the process to ensure the proper torques were taken at the proper frequency. In an effort to communicate the status of the process in real time, the customer requested a series of dashboards designed to the role of the user.

“The dashboard concept is an excellent way to communicate the status of the process to the proper Engineer. The fact that Lighthouse has an ability to tailor their user screens to the role of the user was definitely a key component in earning this business” said Rob Anderson, General Manager of Wesco Production Tools.

The Crane torque wrenches are unique in their ability to vibrate upon an Out-Of-Spec condition. This is something the operators on the floor really like” said Rick Boken, Vice President of Wesco Production Tools.

About Wesco Production Tools

Wesco is a worldwide distributor of industrial and construction products. The company has become a major supplier to all Canadian car and truck assembly plants and continues to have service contracts with Honda, Cami Suzuki and other major automotive manufacturers since it started operating in Canada. Wesco has also been named as possibly the best service facility in the world by General Motors.

About Crane Electronics

Crane Electronics is an independent company that develops and manufactures torque tools and audit devices for all aspects of torque management.

For more than 36 years, Crane Electronics have been delivering solutions for torque management and control problems around the world, satisfying the needs of manufacturing industry for improved quality, safety, complete traceability and increased productivity.

Crane's product range covers application requirements before, during and after the assembly operation, enabling tool capability assessment, process capability assessment and control, and process verification.

About Lighthouse Systems

Lighthouse Systems is one of the world's leading developers of Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES) with offices in London, Singapore, Australia and Rochester, NY. Lighthouse Systems Shopfloor-Online is web based modular software that provides real time visibility of the entire manufacturing operations environment. Applications include Maintenance Management, Concern Management, Quality, SPC, Downtime, OEE, Spoilage and Inventory Traceability. Shopfloor-Online is being used in a wide range of industries with some of the biggest manufacturing companies; it is deployed in 15 languages in 28 countries.

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