

World-class for the New Millennium Through Production Monitoring

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As times change, so does the need for improved processes in plating. This industry has been around for many years and the basics have changed very little, so improvement in other areas has become very important. The demand in the new millennium is that of world-class manufacturing status. In 1993, Nashville Wire Products' Surface Finishing Division focused its team goals toward that status. One of the first things accomplished was an improved waste treatment facility. Then, in order to increase workflow and quality, we knew we must improve our water quality and capacity. This was achieved by installing a computerized system that monitors all aspects of our plant. Production data and tank conditions are some of the items we monitor, and managers have the capability to access this information, via computer, from anywhere—whether from an in-plant location or from off-site, when travel is necessary. Where the real improvement comes in is the sharing of this information with our employees. The how-what-why areas are all filled in, so improvement is placed in their hands. Their response has been very good and production is up. Every day, through use of these production-monitoring methods, our company becomes a step closer to world-class status.

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