

Development and Optimization of a Spare Part Supply Chain

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Agenda



- Raskone at a glance
- Challenges of a maintenance service company
- More efficient replenishment ordering through centralized sourcing
- Automation of customer orders
- The importance of process automation and tools







Raskone Corporation



- Line of business:
 - Maintenance, equipment and leasing of commercial vehicles
- Repair shop network in 22 towns
- Founded in 1994
- Incorporated in 1999
- Personnel app. 1000
- Corporate revenue app. 200M€ (2008)







Challenges at the outset



- Dispersed, uncontrolled process
 - Same work was done in multiple locations, inefficiently
 - Sub optimization at each individual outlet
- Large amount of items, high inventory value and slow stock turnover
- An obsolescence problem
- Inventories didn't meet with demand and service level was alternating
- Margins vanished in the purchasing chain







Goals



- Shortening the purchasing chain
- Enhancing inventory service level
- Reducing obsolescence
- Improving customer service
- Considerably reducing workload in ordering
- Securing potential of scalability







Progression



Customer orderprocess development

Setting up centralized sourcing

Own import

Taking control of the entire supplier base







Setting up centralized sourcing



- Reorganization
- Centralized sourcing team
 - Responsible for the whole network's inventory management and supplier selection
- Tools
 - Implementation of RELEX inventory replenishment system starting from early 2009







Own import



- Forming the assortment for centralized sourcing and item replacements
 - Volume items switched into being imported
 - Over 100 000 item responsibilities in the system
- Building the required supplier relations
- Creating the logistics model







Customer order process development



- Web-store for spare part (2010)
 - Spare part search
 - Spare part order
- In the beginning targeted for large customers







Taking control of the entire supplier base



- Dead stock transfers
- Domestic suppliers
- Foreign suppliers

→ Centralized management of the entire spare part inventory in 2010







Results



- Currently app. 30% of spare part sales is sourced centrally
- 3 people run centralized inventory management and make orders for the entire chain from selected suppliers
- App. 10%-point improvement in availability in the managed product groups
- Number of suppliers has been reduced:
 - Previously products from 2-10 suppliers now from 1







Results



Volume development: supplier X



Colours:

centrally ordered and total sales (incl. old suppliers)

→ The share of centralized purchasing has been steadily augmented – volume benefits and negotiation position



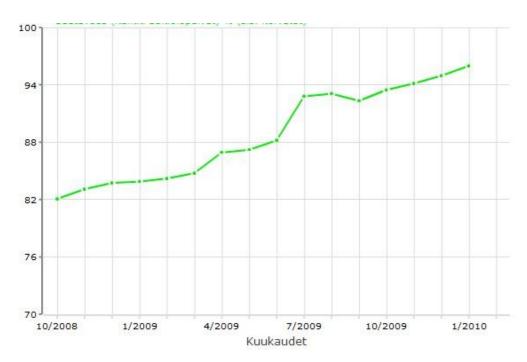




Results



Development of availability: supplier X



→ Supplier X was added to the scope of centralized purchasing in the spring of 2009 – Significant improvement in availability







Key learnings



- When targets are clear move forward
- Take parts of the process quickly into production
 - Learning by doing
 - Fast benefits nourish drive for development
- In a large entity, surprises are inevitable
 - Own plans, partners and tools need to be flexible when needed
- Right partners are extremely important
 - eCraft and RELEX in key positions in the project









Questions?





