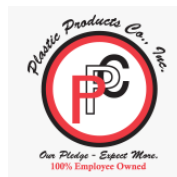


# Success Story: Plastic Products Company

## Training Within Industry

### COMPANY PROFILE

Plastic Products (PPC) was originally founded in 1962 and in the '80s added 2 KY facilities to better serve the appliance customer base. As a 100% employee-owned company, PPC customers cover a broad range of industries including automotive and consumer products. Current employment is approximately 160 team members who mold and assemble products to customer specifications.



### SITUATION

As a KY-MEP client, PPC and its employees have maintained and grown while providing strong service to an excellent customer base. In an area experiencing a below average unemployment rate, finding and keeping skilled employees and supervisors becomes tremendously challenging.

### KY-MEP's SOLUTION

PPC engaged the services of the KY-MEP to specifically provide its Supervisors with a tool set to allow them to become better Managers through learning to be better trainers and Kaizen leaders. KY-MEP lead a cross-section of PPC's management staff from 3 facilities through "Training Within Industry" (TWI). Besides gaining the skills of how to train others better they also learned the 4 steps required to improve employee relations. The biggest bottom-line impacts came from the group's Job Methods/Kaizen proposals. By tracking the current state of 3 key processes, each of the 3 teams uncovered opportunities for improvement that included overhead savings and capacity increases.

*"KY-MEP and their TWI offering enabled our supervisors to learn tools by interacting with case studies. Armed with a Standard Process, Documentation Format and 4-step pocket card, the teams were able to find process waste and propose positive change." – Bob Griessel, Operations Director*

## RESULTS

**\$4000**

Reduction in labor costs annually

**\$36,000**

Output through Reduction in machine downtime off one machine

**\$228K**

Added in Sales

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