

CASE STUDY 2:

DISTRIBUTION CENTER LIVE ROLLER BELT (LRB) SOLUTION

INDUSTRY Distribution Centers FACILITY SIZE 2.5m sq ft BDLR (Belt Driven Live Roller) high-speed **EQUIPMENT TYPE** conveyor system THE PROBLEM Limited Belt Life: OEM belt needs to be replaced 3-4 times per year on average due to low cord density Long Lead Time: Average lead time for LRB from OEM is 3-4 weeks and DC's normally stock 4x 500' rolls as a result Price to End User: BDLR conveyor system manufacturer does not produce LRB, resulting in higher cost to the DC

THE SOLUTION

GATES TPU LRB-45

- Longer Belt Life: Higher cord density in the belt reduces PM belt replacement frequency to 1-2 times per year
- Shorter Lead Time: 1-2 day lead time from Gates TPU reduces DC inventory carrying costs
- Sold through Distribution: Gates TPU sells only through distribution, resulting in lower cost per foot to DC
- Ease of Installation: OEM welding parameters can be used to install Gates TPU LRB-45 or splice with existing OEM belt
- Reliability: Gates TPU LRB-45 installed for 6 months has outperformed OEM LRB in reliability and reduced downtime

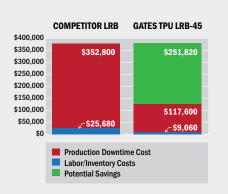


COST SAVINGS

Gates TPU LRB-45 provided over **\$250,000** of potential annual savings due to:

- LESS PRODUCTION DOWNTIME
- LOWER LABOR EXPENSE FOR BELT REPLACEMENT
- REDUCED INVENTORY CARRYING COSTS

HOW THE SAVINGS ADDS UP



FACTS

- BDLR conveyor systems in facility: 28
- Production downtime cost (line): \$1,400 / hr
- Belt replacement labor cost: \$270*

*Belt replacement requires ~3 maintenance personnel for 3 hours @ \$30/hour

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