

Americana Building Products, USA

Driveve | Image and Sharp MFPs help manufacturer make the jump from paper to digital filing

The Customer

Americana Building Products manufactures and distributes a full line of outdoor canopies, awnings, shelters, and wall enclosure systems. For more than 70 years, the Illinois-based company has been helping customers better enjoy their time outdoors by providing shade and protecting people from the rain, wind, and elements.

The Challenge

Organizations are constantly seeking less time-consuming alternatives to filing systems in order to modernize their processes and streamline critical workflows. Efficiency is paramount to creating a successful order fulfillment process in the manufacturing and supply chain sector. Without a clear-cut, systematic path that minimizes errors in scanning, labeling, and document routing, businesses are faced with delays in locating engineering specs, purchase orders and other critical documents. As a forward-looking company, Americana Building Products decided to modernize their processes in order to alleviate any existing business challenges.

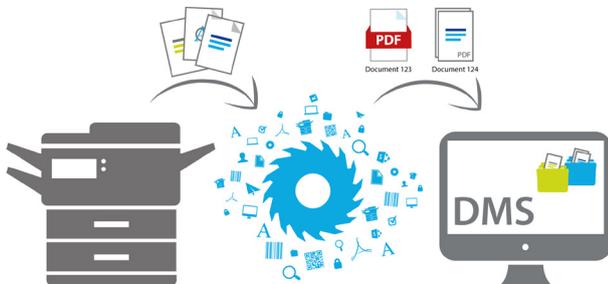
The Solution

At GFI Digital's recommendation, Americana evaluated Driveve | Image within their organization. They implemented a demo version of the software and found that it had more than enough functionality to cover their requirements. Americana was especially pleased with the scalability of the product, knowing it would accommodate the company's anticipated future growth.

At a Glance

- US-based manufacturer was looking to move their paper-based document filing strategy to the digital age.
- Driveve | Image software integrated with the company's Sharp MFP devices to provide a simple yet efficient document workflow.
- Scanned documents are converted to PDF format, dynamically named, and linked to other documents related to a customer or order number.
- Improved document workflows have resulted in increased business efficiency and worker productivity.





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Drive | Image’s highly customizable interface also integrated smoothly with Americana’s Sharp MFPs. Before installing Drive | Image, Americana maintained an entirely paper-based document filing system. Nothing was electronic, so the company set a goal to convert all files to an easily searchable digital format with a dynamic file naming system. More specifically, employees wanted to be able to scan in documents with a certain file name, use that name to pull up the corresponding order number, and see all associated documents.

Drive | Image allowed files to be converted to searchable PDF format. Additionally, users were able to dynamically name files directly at the device panel and scan to a network location. If a file wasn’t dynamically named, a script was put in place to create a default file name based on the date and time.

The Result

After installing Drive | Image, Americana noticed an increase in productivity and a decrease in errors within their filing system. Nicolas Farley, Americana’s IT Manager, notes that, “Now, when production staff need to access drawings or purchase orders, they no longer have to come up to the office and ask office personnel to hunt down the paperwork. They just look it up themselves - so it’s made us much more efficient.” Americana looks forward to fully digitizing their documents and utilizing Drive | Image’s advanced capabilities as the company’s needs continue to evolve.

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