

Traka implements KIT solution for equipment and chemical management



Traka have employed a KIT solution to help address the following challenges:

Manual tool and equipment management

The company relied heavily on spreadsheets and memory to manage a large and growing inventory of tooling and equipment items. This manual approach became increasingly challenging as the business expanded, putting pressure on management time.

Chemical Management (COSHH)

Traka were looking for a solution to improve the management of hazardous chemicals, and to help reduce the amount of chemicals used on-site. KIT was seen as a continual improvement solution to help digitise and publish Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and make the detail available easily and readily to whomever needs access via the scan of a QR code.

Calibration Management

Traka managed their calibration schedules for various equipment using spreadsheets with conditional formatting to track dates. This

method worked well but was reliant on manual updates and reviews to ensure it worked as when first published. The communication and action prompts for team members to support calibration activities was manual and via multiple emails. KIT was used to establish the calibration policy and schedules and to record validation results and pass/fail of equipment. Critically, KIT also sent dynamic prompt and reminder emails and reports to tool/equipment owners removing the need for this to be performed manually by team members.

Uncontrolled Purchases

There was a need to prevent random, unauthorised purchases of equipment by implementing a system of unique identifiers for all items.

About Traka

Traka is a global leader in intelligent management solutions for keys and equipment. Founded in 1995, Traka is now part of the ASSA ABLOY Group.

Traka's solutions are used worldwide across various sectors, including healthcare, education, and government, ensuring secure and efficient management of keys and equipment.

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Nigel Chappell, Senior Quality Engineer – Traka

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Why Traka chose KIT over other solutions

Proven track record

KIT was already being used on foam inlays and shadow boards for hand tool management and auditing, and Traka liked the way it worked, plus KIT's solution was flexible and could be easily developed further to meet Traka's evolving needs.

Past experiences

Previous solutions, particularly for calibration management had failed due to poor service and high costs, making KIT's reliable and cost-effective service more appealing.

Professional presentation

KIT's shadow boards and 6S methodology presented a professional image to prospective customers as well as other ASSA ABLOY group company visitors.

The KIT implementation process

Initial setup

KIT was already integrated with shadow boards used in Traka's 6S initiative. Nigel from Traka recognised the potential of KIT features, and the system grew from there.

Challenges overcome

The main challenges were with regional calibration of battery testers and initial resistance from staff. These were addressed by assigning testers to specific van setups and overcoming communication issues (e.g., emails going to junk folders) by KIT sending all correspondence and reports dynamically.

Traka plans to further utilise the KIT solution for additional facilities management processes, including load expectations on lifting equipment and daily or weekly checks under LOLER regulations. The continual dialogue between Traka and the team at KIT and the offered responsive technical support to help solve problems cements a continued collaboration.

Training and support

The team at KIT provided on-site training using live equipment, making the training more meaningful. They also supplied crib sheets and other helpful documents to ensure a smooth start. The initial hand-holding and ongoing support from the team was instrumental in the successful adoption of the system.

What improvements has Traka seen since moving over to KIT?

Efficiency

The regimented approach to COSHH management provided peace of mind for the management team.

Cost savings

The auditing and checking feature of the system flagged unnecessary chemicals, allowing for their removal or further analysis.

Calibration and validation accuracy

The automated calibration management of KIT reduced the risk of human error and increased accountability amongst equipment owners.

User Experience

The intuitive dashboards and impressive functions of KIT have been well received, although additional training is needed for full adoption.

Specific success stories include a significant purge of chemicals and positive feedback on the user-friendly interface and robust support from the KIT team.

Are you looking to streamline your equipment management processes? Join many other satisfied customers by choosing the agile and reliable solution KIT offers. Contact us today to learn how KIT can transform your operations and ensure compliance with industry standards.

What is KIT?

KIT is a unique visual technology solution that enables organisations to manage and standardise their tools and equipment. Developed in the UK, by Coplan.

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