

A photograph of a large industrial warehouse filled with tall metal shelving units. The shelves are densely packed with large wooden spools of wire or cable. A forklift is visible in the aisle between the shelves, and a person can be seen in the background. The lighting is bright, typical of a warehouse environment.

Anixter

Introduction

Anixter is a leading global distributor of Network & Security Solutions, Electrical & Electronic Solutions and Utility Power Solutions.

It currently operates a mixed fleet of two HGV's and 53 vans of different sizes.

The fleet is split over 15 depots, all of which are spread across the UK. Each site has a depot manager monitoring the specific groups of vehicles alongside their primary role of warehouse management.

Challenges

With the vehicles spread across such a large number of depots around the country, Anixter has always been very conscious of having a well-run compliant fleet.

It was managing day to day fleet tasks via paper-based systems in every depot, which made keeping on top of key dates a stressful task. This was due to the cross referencing which had to be done to keep the vehicles and drivers safe and legal, alongside the "hit and miss" communications from their leasing partners.

Project implementation manager, Craig Bradburne, sought a system that could give him complete assurance that they were legally compliant, and that the processes they planned to put in place were going to be suitable for their goal of achieving FORS accreditation. Craig

was looking for a system that could store all the required documents, along with easy to use functionality.

Craig explained, "For one of our depot manager's, the operation of our vans is a side task to what we do. Their priority is to look after and manage the warehouses as efficiently as possible. One of the things I recognized was, as a business, we weren't operating as a fleet. People didn't have the ready access to all the information that was in and around that. Maintenance was starting to become a higher risk of falling behind as we'd be waiting for the trigger from the lease companies and then sometimes, the information was all over the place."

How FleetCheck Helped

Anixter implemented FleetCheck's fleet management software in the December of 2017. As Craig said, "One of the things I really liked about FleetCheck was the ability to pull everything together into a central portal. On a depot level, I could easily set the system up, so the depot managers can just view the relevant vehicles/ drivers to them."

Shortly after going live with FleetCheck, Anixter began integrating the data from their fuel card provider into the system, this has resulted in several benefits for Craig and the other depot managers in the company. For example, the accessibility to accurate CO2 reporting, MPG analysis and technology helps monitor driver behaviour and spot fuel-heavy driving habits.

Use of the software has enabled Craig and the depot managers to very quickly gain complete control of all vehicle and driver related action, so all paper-based processes have been eliminated and tasks are now forward-planned, properly managed and recorded for future reference in a centralised system for all to access.

Craig comments, "An enormous amount of administration time has been saved by using FleetCheck's software. We've started using the FleetCheck Driver app too as previously we were using a paper system and relying on our drivers to get the completed checks back to us as soon as possible without being damaged or misplaced."

Results and ROI

Since moving to FleetCheck, Anixter have been able to keep on top of their vehicle safety checks without having to do all the cross-referencing work in between.

Thanks to FleetCheck's intuitive system of alerts, Craig has complete transparency of how much time he has before key tasks such as MOT's need to be completed, meaning he no longer worries about key dates falling close to being overdue.

When asked to summarise his experience, he said, "FleetCheck is everything that I wanted it to be and more.

"Changes I have suggested for the system are often put into practice for my convenience which just proves FleetCheck's willingness to make my job easier. I am often approached by companies who advertise themselves to be similar to FleetCheck, however from what I have seen so far, FleetCheck is by far the easiest to use and the support I have received from them when needed is just brilliant. I was sold from the first moment I saw it"