

# HALEY PATTERSON

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2<sup>nd</sup> Term Co-Op

Plant 4-Residential Carpet Manufacturing

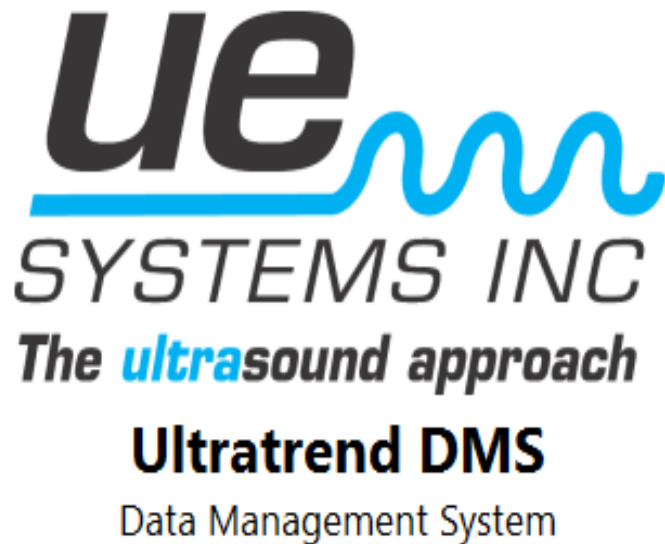
Maintenance Department

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# What is Ultratrend DMS 5?

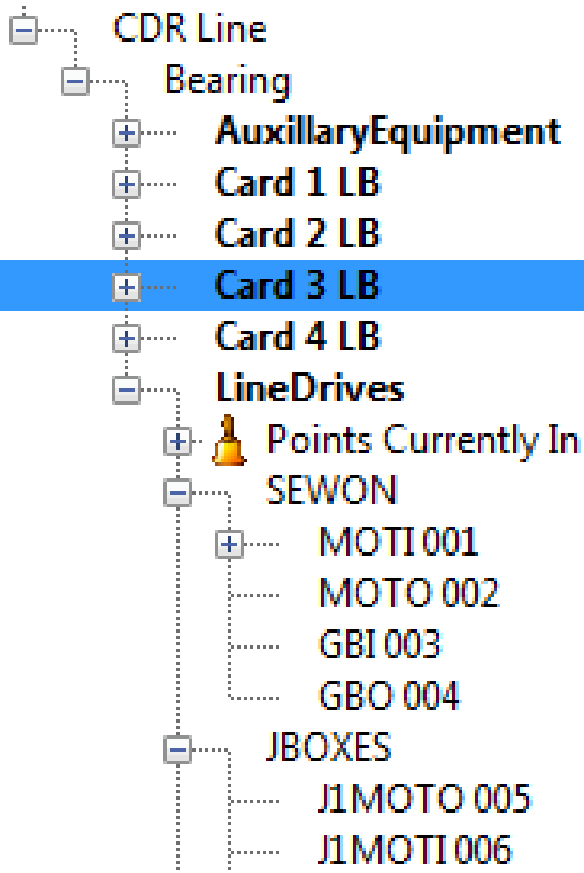


- \* UE Systems program, Data Management System
- \* Tool used to store and organize data and records it; also provide reports, pictures and graphs
- \* Transmits data from the Ultraprobe to a computer or vice versa via SD card
- \* Used for Preventative Maintenance Purposes
- \* Measures decibels, frequency, and date of reading
- \* Can be used on anything that makes a sound

# Equipment



# Procedures



- \* Create:  
Plant → Application → Group → Location/Machine → Record
- \* Put SD card in Ultraprobe gun
- \* Use different probes for input and output areas for ultrasounds of the technology being tested
- \* Listen for distinct sounds
- \* Download information to computer
- \* Get baseline for each machine (3 times in a row within one week)
- \* Repeat this procedure once every two weeks to make sure everything is in check

# Implementations

- \* Applying on 45 tufting machines, 2 dye lines, and 2 coaters (adds backing)
- \* Helps determine potential problems/machine failure before occurring
  - \* Examples: adding grease to bearings, changing out bearings, getting new line drives, add gear oil to gearboxes, etc.
- \* Lack of preventative maintenance causes downtime, poor quality of carpet, and lack of efficiency



# Efficiencies & Costs

- \* Dye Lines and Coaters
  - \* If down, we lose around \$1,200/hour
  - \* Efficiency of dye lines: ~98%
  - \* Efficiency of coaters: ~96%
- \* Tufting machines
  - \* If down, we lose around \$130/hour and customers
  - \* Efficiency of tufting: ~76%



# What I Have Learned...

- \* Teamwork
- \* Different strengths in groups are what help accomplish tasks successfully
- \* Better understanding of Preventative Maintenance technology
  - \* Important to be applied to lessen likelihood of failed equipment





Questions?