



CASE STUDY

Supporting Caterpillar's Marine Engine Business with Trusteddocks



Introduction

Caterpillar, a global leader in heavy machinery and 2 and 4 stroke diesel engines relies on Trusteddocks to enhance its marine engine business. Trusteddocks is an innovative platform that monitors over 10,000 vessels equipped with MAK and Caterpillar engines. It records all shipyard visits and drydock activities while providing predictive insights about when these vessels are expected to undergo class renewal. Caterpillar leverages this predictive data to streamline its operations, feed its Salesforce CRM system, and proactively enhance its service and spare parts sales.



Challenges faced by Caterpillar

Caterpillar's marine engine division faced several challenges in effectively managing its service and spare parts sales operations:

1. Reactive Approach:

Historically, Caterpillar relied on a reactive approach to servicing its marine engines, responding to customer inquiries and issues as they arose.

2. Data Silos:

The company struggled with disparate data sources and lacked a centralized system to track when vessels equipped with their engines were due for maintenance or class renewal.

3. Salesforce CRM Integration:

Caterpillar needed to integrate predictive maintenance data with its Salesforce CRM system to empower its salesforce team with valuable insights into upcoming service and spare parts needs.

4. Lack of Proactive Sales:

Caterpillar wanted to shift from a reactive sales model to a proactive one by identifying and engaging customers before they encountered issues or needed replacement parts.



Solution

Trusteddocks Predictive Platform:

Trusteddocks offered Caterpillar a comprehensive solution to address these challenges. By utilizing the platform's capabilities, Caterpillar transformed its approach to the marine engine business.

Predictive Insights:

Trusteddocks constantly monitors the more than 10,000 vessels equipped with MAK and Caterpillar engines. It records shipyard visits and drydock schedules, allowing Caterpillar to predict when each vessel is likely to go to drydock for class renewal.

Data Integration:

Trusteddocks provides Caterpillar with precise predictions that include both the expected date and geographical area where the vessel will undergo maintenance. This data is integrated seamlessly with Caterpillar

Proactive Service and Sales:

Armed with predictive insights, Caterpillar's salesforce team can proactively reach out to customers before they face engine issues. They can offer timely service, maintenance, and spare parts solutions, enhancing customer satisfaction and minimizing downtime for vessel operators.

Benefits for Caterpillar

The partnership with Trusteddocks has delivered numerous advantages to Caterpillar's marine engine business:

1. Proactive Sales:

Caterpillar's salesforce can now identify opportunities for service and spare parts sales well in advance, resulting in increased revenue and customer loyalty.

2. Enhanced Customer Satisfaction:

By addressing customer needs before problems arise, Caterpillar ensures that vessel operators experience minimal downtime and operational disruptions.

3. Efficiency Gains:

The integration of predictive data into the CRM system streamlines operations, allowing Caterpillar to allocate resources more efficiently and reduce unnecessary downtime.

4. Improved Data Management:

Caterpillar has overcome data silos and can now rely on a single source of truth for tracking vessel maintenance and class renewal schedules.

5. Competitive Advantage:

Caterpillar distinguishes itself as an industry leader by adopting an innovative and customer-centric approach to its marine engine business.



Conclusion

Trusteddocks has proven to be a game-changer for Caterpillar's marine engine business. By leveraging the predictive insights generated by the platform, Caterpillar has transitioned from a reactive model to a proactive one. This strategic shift has not only enhanced customer satisfaction but also driven increased sales and operational efficiency.

Trusteddocks' capabilities continue to empower Caterpillar as it maintains its position as a global leader in the marine engine industry.

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Please register your company on Trusteddocks at www.trusteddocks.com:

You can easily set up your company profile and manage your vessel fleet independently, accessing a range of valuable tools available in our free Trusteddocks version.

Support

Should you require assistance, feel free to contact us at contact@trusteddocks.com and we'll gladly help you with profile and fleet setup, providing a brief training session if needed.

Integration

Furthermore, you have the option to seamlessly integrate all your data and information into your CRM or ERP System, such as Salesforce, Navision, or Zoho. As a dedicated Odoo partner, we've also developed a customized Odoo CRM and ERP system tailored to the specific requirements of ship suppliers, equipment manufacturers, service providers, and shipyards.

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