

PRINTING COMPANY USES EXISTING SHOP AIR TO IMPROVE SAFETY



Company: Cummings Printing

Location: Hookset, NH

Industry: Printing

Challenge Overview: Replace mechanical dock levelers to improve plant safety and lower maintenance costs.

Equipment Solution:
McGuire CentraAir® Levelers

Challenge

Cummings, a large printing company located in Hookset, New Hampshire, was looking to improve safety at their loading docks while also cutting maintenance requirements. Having previously used mechanical levelers, Cummings was all too familiar with the constant repairs that go hand in hand with the initially cheaper levelers.

Also, being a printing company, there was a need to reduce the electrical footprint at the plant as a whole. This ruled out installing hydraulic levelers, which rely on using electricity and could potentially spark. Cummings turned to the experts at McGuire to solve this very particular problem.

Solution

After thoroughly examining Cummings need for a low maintenance, electrical free leveler, McGuire recommended the CentraAir dock leveler.

By using the existing air supply in the building, Cummings was able to perform their own air connections. This cut down on installation costs and meant that they could rest assured knowing that the chance of another fire occurring was reduced substantially. The long lifespan CentraAir meant that the company would not need to order replacement parts nearly as much as when they used traditional mechanical levelers.

CentraAir's CleanSweep™ Frame also allowed Cummings the ability to quickly clean their loading dock pits which could acquire a vast amount of paper shreds due to the company's recycling efforts.

Results

Since installing the CentraAir levelers, Cummings has been able to reduce the total electrical footprint throughout their facility while also enjoying the easy to operate push-button controls.

The age of their old mechanical levelers was becoming a serious safety hazard due to the constant maintenance requirements. CentraAir's heavy duty frame is able to withstand the 3,500 pound rolls of paper that are loaded and unloaded throughout the day with ease.

*"We love the smooth operation and the dependable sturdiness of McGuire CentraAir units."
– JR Richter, Safety Officer*