

## CASE STUDY:

# **Furmano's Foods**



#### INTRODUCTION

After installing and using this device over the past several weeks, all I can say that this device is exponentially worth every cent, just in time savings alone! No more running back to the locker, getting geared up, power down and verify no power, remove gear, repair affected device, close up and power up, the time savings by not having to gear up also helps with our production which is time critical. DEFINITELY a must have.

-Tracy "TJ" Sessions, Electrical Maintenance Mechanic, Furmano's Foods

*Furmanos Foods is family-owned company founded on religious principles 100 Seasons ago and is the largest supplier of dried beans in the US.* 

### THE SOLUTION

In a food and beverage industry Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) study conducted by the CDC in 2014, they reported that "due to the fast-paced nature with which employees are required to work, injuries are more likely to occur. When machines go down, the primary goal is to get them back up and running as soon as possible. Unfortunately, this often means maintenance workers don't take proper steps to deenergize the equipment first."

All leads point to the fast-paced nature and high demand for uptime as a determining factor for electrical incidents incurred during LOTO procedures. In fast-paced work environments, reactive maintenance is often performed while equipment is in an energized state, drastically raising the risk of energy exposure, direct contact, as well as the likelihood of OSHA citations and hefty fines. Companies must foster a culture that prioritizes the health of safety of their employees over the speed in which they perform to churn profit.

OSHA's Regulatory Analysis has proven that for every \$1 invested in health and safety, employers can expect a return of \$4-\$6. In the case of Furmanos Foods investing in a Voltage Test Station, not only do their personnel feel safer, but they are highly more productive due to the efficiency of this presence of voltage indication and absence of voltage testing device.





An environment that is highly productive and efficient is a culture where employees are safe, secure, and cared for. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, a safe and healthy workplace not only protects workers from injury and illness, but it can also lower injury/illness costs, reduce absenteeism and turnover, increase productivity and quality, and raise overall employee morale. In other words, fostering a safety culture is not just a good practice, it is good for business.

#### ABOUT THE VOLTAGE TEST STATION

The Voltage Test Station combines our Safe-Test Point<sup>™</sup> with a voltage indicator conveniently placed within a protective housing. The Voltage Test Station test point jacks allow measurement of AC/DC voltages either phase to phase or phase to ground. The R-3W Series voltage indicators with either flashing or non-flashing LEDs visually represent presence of voltage. Following facility safety procedures, insert the insulated meter probes with .080" tips into any two test point jacks to take a voltage reading and test for absence of voltage with properly rated test equipment.

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