

Wholesale Plywood
Keeps Count with
Unitech and Sierra
Information Systems



Industry

Hardwood Manufacturer

Application

Scoring and Tallying Lumber

Hardware

Unitech PA692

Software

Sierra Information Systems'
DigiTally Software

Customer Profile

Wholesale Plywood has specialized in creating well-made interior hardwood products for homes and businesses for over 30 years. Since their products are manufactured in-house with their own mill in Colorado, they can provide quality products at great, wholesale prices.

Challenge

Tallying lumber required two workers at Wholesale Plywood, one would call out the number and the other would write it down. The process took about 20 minutes per lumber bunk. The process was tedious and resulted in miscounting at times.

Solution

The hardwood goods supplier needed an easier way to score and tally the lumber as their current system was time-consuming and rife with inaccuracies.

After doing some research online, they discovered Sierra Information Systems, providers of lumber tally solutions. They offer mobile computers with their own specialized software for counting, scoring, and recording data. Eliminating the need to count manually with Sierra Information Systems' complete solution appealed to Wholesale Plywood.

The tally package includes the Unitech PA692, a versatile data collection tool that runs on the popular Windows CE 6.5 OS and weighs in at 13.76 ounces, making it light enough to carry around in warehouses, factories, and stores. The full color touch screen makes reading easy and its IP65 environmental seal and 5-foot drop rating translates to a tough work companion.

Kurt Kaner, Information Technologies Director for Sierra Information Systems, explained why the company included Unitech scanners as part of their whole solution. "We integrated Unitech devices with our software because of several reasons; they're built well, provide dependable battery power supply, they have ergonomic design for easy adaptation, good support, and very competitive prices."

Wholesale Plywood reported the time to record each lumber bunk took a quarter of the time that was usually required. Instead of needing two people for the 20-minute manual process, one person could complete the work in five minutes using the PA692 and DigiTally software.



PA692 Mobile Computer