



## food industry case study >>>



# Industrial vending applications save £000's for food producers

Food production depends on clinical surroundings with operatives wearing caps and gowns and appropriate PPE. Any replacement, replenishment or item change on the production line can involve operatives in the lengthy procedure of changing work wear, visiting stores areas and changing back again to maintain hygiene standards 'line side'. The resulting loss of production can cause all kinds of problems in the supply chain.



**If this sounds like a familiar scenario you should talk to QUICKVEND Systems. We offer and install a range of complete vending and dispensing solutions including helix and lift machines, locker systems, calibration control units and bespoke systems designed to dispense and control food industry PPE and other critical items. The choice of controlled access methods for operators includes smart card, PIN code, biometric, bar code, magstripe and e-key.**

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Our VersaoLift model provides high product visibility, secure storage for a broad range of items and superior data access. Refrigerated versions can be provided for temperature sensitive items. The VersaoLift operates as a secure storage, glass- or acrylic-fronted cabinet with highly visible items located in numbered rows positioned across multiple shelves. Items are stocked one behind the other in re-usable containers using the FIFO method (first in, first out) to ensure optimum stock rotation. The machine has a fast action pick-and-place style mechanism to deliver the requested item from stored rack position to dispensing station.

Each machine is equipped with a key card reader and modem for recording and storing transactions. Key cards provide individual accountability, providing a detailed time-stamp of each transaction, and the item or items vended at each visit. The data can be retrieved remotely by your PPE supplier using a wireless GSM method. Internet accessed systems are also available. The subsequent reports generated by QUICKVEND Systems are used to identify the items requiring replenishment by the PPE supplier, and enable managers to analyse consumption from each machine, shift, individual and process.

The success of our systems has been significant, not only in time saving but also in monetary terms. One customer said, "Taking into consideration the cost of the items and the methods of issuing them, we are delighted to have made a saving of £50,000 on PPE in just 12 months."

Personnel can use their key cards to obtain 24/7 access to the most common PPE, or even replacement parts and other vital components for production lines. Although these parts are of nominal value, their availability through secure vending means a vital time saving of at least 15 minutes at each operative's visit.

"We have estimated the time saving for all technicians at 12 hours per week", says one client. This reiterates the power of secure vending control where it's not necessarily the monetary value of the item, but the value of having the item when it's needed. As the same manufacturer says, "right tool, right place, right time". Stores teams can review each shift's audit report, liaise with health & safety managers and get operative feedback about the most used items.

This open and transparent working practice means that all operatives are deemed responsible persons, making significant savings in the consumption of PPE, while specialist technicians benefit from readily available replacements and no stock-outs.

**Vending makes a big difference... a saving for one company of more than £90,000 in 2012**

QUICKVEND customers endorse vending as a means to make savings both in consumables and productive working hours. "Managed correctly, vending makes a big difference. Our applications have made a saving of more than £90,000 in 2012. We are now in negotiation with QUICKVEND Systems for installations at other sites", says one.

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Extending the vending solution beyond just PPE is a logical step forward for food companies. QUICKVEND Systems solutions can put you in overall control of all items that are vital to the efficient running of any business... tools and replacement parts, even day-to-day but valuable office consumables such as printer inks and batteries. A QUICKVEND Systems solution means everything is accounted for, everyone is accountable and very little goes to waste.

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