Airgroup

Masterfully Crafted and Expertly Executed
Shipment Planning

PROFILE
Airgroup is an international transportation and logistics company specializing in unique and difficult shipments. The company services a diverse customer base that includes manufacturers, distributors, and government agencies, from all over the world. From exhibits, to oil field supplies, Airgroup ships anytime and anywhere regardless of weight. Founded in 1987, Airgroup has a network of independent carriers and international agents to provide the best transportation experience possible.

CHALLENGES
Airgroup has offices strategically placed in North America; however, regional management and field staff are located in different areas of the country. Communication and data retrieval began to suffer due to geographical divides between operations and field staff. Airgroup needed an easy-to-use mobile resource management solution that would allow them to locate their field staff, collect accurate data, increase productivity, and improve communication.

SOLUTION
Actsoft’s Comet Tracker with Advanced Wireless Forms was the perfect combination to make Airgroup run more efficiently. The range of devices and robust features solved all of their business needs. From in phone (camera) barcode scanning, image and signature capture, to overall GPS tracking, Actsoft has taken Airgroup to a new level of operational efficiency and customer service.

BENEFITS
Utilizing Tracker and Forms, Airgroup’s operations team has complete visibility into the transportation process. Previously, they called a field service member with an update or change in a scheduled route. Tracker and Forms has eliminated this step by automatically uploading new route information upon clock-in. The operations team now knows exactly where each field service member is located; therefore, they can make changes without interruption in the delivery process.

Airgroup streamlined package delivery and field invoicing by using barcode scanning and signature capture. By utilizing the camera in the Android device for barcode scanning, overall delivery time has been reduced to less than one minute for scanning 30 items of inventory from the truck. Clients accept the delivered inventory by signing the purchase order on the hand-held device resulting in accurate invoicing. The operations team has been able to add more deliveries to the daily routes by automating the delivery and inventory process.

Comet tracker’s image and signature capture feature has saved Airgroup thousands of dollars for damaged goods claims. Their standard operating practice for product delivery is to document the condition of package upon arrival. The client signs the purchase order stating goods were delivered intact. The signature on the purchase order has allowed Airgroup to deny customer’s claims of delivered damaged goods. However, if a package arrives damaged, the field service worker takes a picture and attaches the image to their proof of delivery form for documentation. Image and signature capture has turned convoluted claims into straightforward customer resolutions.

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Colby Terhaar, Operations Manager