

Curtis Instruments OneStream XF Success Story

About Curtis Instruments

Curtis Instruments, founded in 1960, is a privately-held technology leader in electric vehicle instrumentation and motor controls of all types, including forklifts, wheelchairs, neighborhood electric vehicles, golf carts, aerial lifts, and industrial and utility vehicles. Located in Mount Kisco, NY, Curtis Instruments currently operates 15 sales, engineering and manufacturing locations across the globe serving markets in the Americas, Europe, and Asia. Please visit www.curtisinstruments.com to learn more.

Company

Curtis Instruments

Industry

Manufacturing

Implementation Partner

Finit Solutions

Corporate Performance Management Solutions Delivered

- Financial Consolidation and Reporting
- Financial Data Quality Management
- Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting
- Sales and Operational Reporting

Business Challenges:

- Using outdated Hyperion Enterprise and Excel spreadsheets
- Manual GL data load process and intercompany eliminations
- Data quality issues
- Long financial consolidation process

Key OneStream XF Benefits

- Automated GL data load process and many intercompany eliminations
- Nightly load process increased visibility into sales and margins by product
- Reduced complex intercompany eliminations from 10 days to 3 days
- Eliminated many top-side journal adjustments
- Reduced errors and improved data quality

The Challenge

Curtis Instruments had been using Hyperion Enterprise and Excel spreadsheets for financial consolidation, reporting and budgeting. The limitations of these tools resulted in manual steps for processes such as intercompany eliminations, data quality and verification issues, many top-side adjustments, and too much exposure to errors and risk. And the overall close and consolidation process took too long.

After completing an upgrade of their Syteline ERP system in 2012, the Finance team at Curtis began looking for a replacement for Hyperion Enterprise, which was no longer providing adequate information for management.

Selecting OneStream XF

The Curtis team evaluated several corporate performance management (CPM) solutions from Oracle, IBM, SAP, Infor and OneStream. OneStream was selected based on the software functionality, knowledge and quality of the sales and services team, the team's commitment to customer success, and ability for the Finance department to manage the system themselves and reduce reliance on their information technology (IT) group.

Curtis Instruments initially implemented OneStream XF for financial consolidation and reporting – including generation of balance sheets and income statements at corporate and subsidiary levels. They later extended the OneStream implementation to address their budgeting, planning and forecasting requirements.

Streamlining Financial Consolidation and Reporting

Working with OneStream partner Finit, the Curtis team integrated OneStream with its Syteline ERP system and has empowered business unit Finance teams to be more responsible for their own financial reporting. The new system allows Curtis to consolidate and report their results in multiple currencies with second tier subsidiary currency overrides.

The team improved the corporate consolidation and reporting process and reduced the number of reporting errors by replacing manual data load and elimination of intercompany transactions with an automated process. As a result, the complex intercompany elimination process that used to take 10 days is down to 3 days.

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Supporting More Detailed Budgeting and Planning

Also working with Finit, the Curtis team extended OneStream to address their budgeting and planning requirements at corporate and the subsidiary level. Revenue and expense budgets are created at a very granular level, across 2,400 customers and over 5,000 products. Sales volume is budgeted by customer, by item and average selling price and standard costs are applied at the same level of detail. This enables very detailed variance analysis throughout the year.

Improving Sales and Operational Reporting

Going beyond the typical month-end or quarter-end reporting process, Curtis Instruments is loading and consolidating data nightly into OneStream from source systems. This allows the CFO and CEO to see a daily snapshot of global sales, and progress against budget throughout the month – instead of waiting for month-end or quarter-end to see the results.

Said Mr. Galdo, “With OneStream, Curtis Instruments management team has gained improved visibility into business performance, as well as sales and margins across locations and product SKUs.” They achieve this by loading results and reporting actuals against budget at the customer and item level. The OneStream system captures sales invoice details, the transaction price, local currency, and standard cost data – across thousands of parts.

“My favorite thing about OneStream is the Excel Quick View tool. This gives users the ability to directly access GL data in OneStream, compare trends and results vs. budget and quickly get answers,” said Mr. Galdo.

About OneStream Software

OneStream Software provides a revolutionary corporate performance management (CPM) solution that unifies and simplifies financial consolidation, planning, reporting, analytics, and financial data quality for sophisticated organizations. Deployed in the cloud or on-premise, OneStream XF is the first and only solution that delivers corporate standards and controls, with the flexibility for business units to report and plan at additional levels of detail without impacting corporate standards – all through a single application.

The OneStream XF MarketPlace features downloadable solutions that allow customers to easily extend the value of their CPM platform to quickly meet the changing needs of finance and operations. We are driven by our mission statement that every customer must be a reference and success

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