

CUSTOMER SUCCESS



Teva “In Its Element” With Sage MAS 500

In 1982, Mark Thatcher created the first sports sandal out of inspiration and a little ingenuity. Thatcher combined the spirit of a sandal and the soul of a shoe and came up with the hybrid Teva and a new way to generate millions of dollars in sales.

That’s been the recipe for success at Teva Sport Sandals, the company that created its own niche in open footwear for the active-lifestyle market. Around the world, the name “Teva” has become virtually synonymous with Velcro-strapped sandals. Teva continues to evolve its product line to cover the footwear territory of the outdoor athlete. More than 100 different shoe models are now offered through licensees, catalog sales, and the Internet.

Entering New Territory

Exponential growth in direct marketing distribution channels forced Teva to rethink its business management strategies. Since 1993, catalog sales had been tracked effectively by Sage MAS 90 ERP. But with the potential of e-commerce on the horizon, Teva’s needs changed. A super-powered database with customizable applications became an absolute necessity.

Teva decided to grow with a winner, and upgraded to Sage MAS 500 ERP. But not without making certain that this was the wisest move. John Kalinich, COO, led a thorough investigation of competitive options. Sage MAS 500 was his choice based on both price and performance.

Outfitted for All Sales Terrain

Sage MAS 500 now handles all of Teva’s catalog and Internet transactions. It manages online, telephone and mail purchases, keeps updated information on inventory, and also compiles data on licensee business, which represents the bulk of Teva’s revenue.

When a customer places an order, the system immediately delivers data to Sage MAS 500, avoiding any hand-keying or possibility of error. The customer knows right away whether items are in stock. Credit cards are approved online for instant input into the Sage MAS 500 system.

Customer:

Teva Sport Sandals

Industry:

Sports sandals

Location:

Flagstaff, Arizona

Number of Locations

One

Number of Employees

25

System:

Sage MAS 500

- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Cash Management
- Customizer
- General Ledger
- Inventory Management
- Inventory Replenishment
- Purchase Order
- Sales Order

CHALLENGE

Upgrade to a more powerful system that covers e-commerce terrain and can easily manage exponential growth.

SOLUTION

Sage MAS 500 financial and distribution solutions.

RESULTS

Doubled business and reduced labor costs; streamlined online, phone, and mail sales; Automatic ordering and returns; precise inventory counts; Improved data accuracy, access, and analysis; five-minute reconciliation reports.

Shipping and inventory management is handled through Sage MAS 500 as well. Kalinich's team wrote a program in Crystal Reports® to create customized pick lists for the warehouse. When orders go out, Sage MAS 500 charges the credit card, does cash receipt posting, and generates an invoice for insertion with the customer order.

"The main thing I like about Sage MAS 500 is the ability to go into the database, grab information, and then manipulate it however we want," says Kalinich. "Because the system is based on an SQL engine, we can store vast amounts of data and generate any type of report imaginable."

A custom reconciliation report compares funds transferred to the bank from credit cards against amounts reported in Sage MAS 500. "Sometimes banks lose transactions, or double-process a credit card transaction," he explains. "Sage MAS 500 does the reconciliation in about five minutes, and has greatly improved our accuracy."

He also likes the returns function in Sage MAS 500. Returns are high in catalog and Internet sales, often posing problems in accounting. But the Sage MAS 500 Sales Order module automatically opens whenever a return comes in, for immediate modification, depending on whether the customer wants a refund or exchange. "This has saved us a tremendous amount of time," says Kalinich.

Did the new system fulfill Kalinich's expectations? "Absolutely. It did exactly what was promised. As proof, we've doubled our business in the past eight months, and yet lowered our labor costs, thanks to Sage MAS 500. We believe the Internet distribution channel will continue to deliver large growth rates, and Sage MAS 500 will help us capture our share."

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