



Air heater before Stelter & Brinck upgrades.

Crane Composites, formerly known as Kemlite Company, is the global leading supplier of fiber-reinforced composite products. With over 700 employees and five manufacturing plants worldwide, Crane Composites offers the highest quality, and most innovative array of, composites. From wall and ceiling building products to truck body and trailer products, Crane Composites' solutions are used in virtually every industry.

The success of Crane Composites is, in part, a result of their focus on the customer. Crane Composites views customer relationships as partnerships; from initial contact through product use, Crane Composites works with each customer to satisfy their specific needs. This means that Crane Composites must not only commit to providing quality products, but these composite materials must also be delivered to the right place, in the right quantity, at the right time. As a result, Crane Composites manufacturing facilities cannot afford any unexpected equipment shutdowns; they must maximize uptime.



One of five Stelter & Brinck upgrades to Crane Composites' ovens.

In order to make the production lines in Crane Composites' Florence, Kentucky manufacturing facility more efficient, equipment upgrades where necessary. Bill Wirtley, Electrical Design Maintenance Supervisor, looked to **Stelter & Brinck for the plant's upgrade project**. Wirtley says that, "Because of S&B's upgrades, our equipment is more reliable and we have considerably less downtime." In fact, Wirtley proclaims, "S&B's upgrades have decreased our shutdowns and downtime by over 70%!" This increase in uptime allows for "more production time" and thus, on-time delivery to customers. However, customer satisfaction wasn't the only benefit of S&B upgrades to Crane Composites. According to Wirtley, "S&B's equipment has considerably cut maintenance expenses at this plant", and have also "helped meet EPA standards".

"I would recommend Stelter & Brinck!"



Bill Wirtley, from Crane Composites, next to his plant's S&B upgrade.

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