
WoodsCan Case Study: HHS Drilling and Blasting Ltd.

Industry: Construction

HHS Drilling and Blasting Ltd., based in Victoria British Columbia, is a company of over 25 drilling and blasting professionals dedicated to the highest standards in the industry, with safety being their top priority. In business for over 17 years, their range of technical expertise includes, but is not limited to, road tunnel drilling, underwater blasting, earthquake anchor holes, subdivisions and quarries.



In 2006, HHS Drilling and Blasting purchased its first WoodsCan rechargeable air horn as a blast signaling device. Prior to that, they were using compressed gas air horns, up to six cans per week, at a cost of \$15-\$20 per can. According to Dave Purnell, Foreman at HHS, “our decision to change was based on the fact that compressed gas air horns were an ongoing cost to the company, as much as \$6,200 per year.” They now have a unit in the hands of each of their six blasting crews. The price of their six WoodsCan rechargeable air horns is less than half of what they would spend on cans of compressed gas in one year, and works out to a total net savings of \$28,100 over five years.

Another way the WoodsCan product benefits them is in improving reliability. Too many times, when a crew was ready to detonate a blast, the compressed gas air horn would fail them. They were either used up or the valve connection had leaked, and replacements canisters were not always readily at hand. With men and machines on the clock, this resulted in costly lost productivity to the company. Using the WoodsCan blast signaling horn eliminates this completely.

And finally, since they started using the WoodsCan rechargeable air horn, HHS Drilling and Blasting no longer requires their administrative team to spend valuable time buying, inventorying and distributing compressed air canisters to crews. “Life got better all-round - we save money and have a very reliable blast signaling horn” states Purnell.

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