

# CLASSIQUE FURNITURE LTD

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## **Empower Time Tracking and Labour Management Software**

Classique Furniture are based in Christchurch. We design and manufacturer a wide range of custom designed high end furniture and have been in business for 30 years. We service both the individual clients and high end commercial and hotel furniture fit outs

Prior to using Empower we used time sheets which factory staff filled out their times on jobs at the end of the day and then our office personal would enter this information into a spreadsheet. This manual system was time consuming and inaccurate.

We have been using Empower Software and inexpensive PCs on our factory floor for over eighteen months to date (installed in September 2007). The factory PCs report back directly and live to our production manager's PC. Using Empower we have found the following:

Our factory staff have embraced Empower well. Staff enjoy not filling out time sheets and enjoy getting live feedback on their times on jobs.

Reporting live work in progress status of all jobs in the factory is valuable to us in maximising factory productivity.

Reporting live and accurate hours on every job, staff hours on every job, as well as productivity actual to budgeted time on each job is also valuable to us in maximising factory productivity.

To price new jobs we refer to Empower reports on similar jobs completed in the past. Keeping our costing and quoting accurate ensures we don't do jobs that have no or little profit in them and our profit per job is maintained.

Over the 18 months using Empower our productive staff have gone from 9 down to 4, which is approximately a \$175,000 per wage cost saving per year.

Using Empower Classique Furniture has achieved a factory productivity increase of 103%. This has increased our annual profit substantially

Empower is a valuable productivity tool, that can supply up to date information immediately. It has been a very good investment for us which paid for itself well within 6 months. I would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone in manufacturing. You are welcome to phone me to discuss Empower further.

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