

Large automotive supplier upgrades controls on grinder



Solution Partner: GCH Tool* (Warren, MI / USA)

Customer: USA

Segment: Automotive

Short description of the solution

A major automotive supplier was having difficulty finding parts for an antiquated control system on a Gardner SDG6 double disc grinder. GCH Tool was charged with retrofitting the machine with a Siemens 840D controller.

Requirements of the customer:

- Customer asked GCH Tool to upgrade controls on a Gardner SDG6 double disc grinder.
- GCH Tool needed to remove the updated controls and install an 840D Siemens controller.



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Implementation by the Solution Partner:

- When a major automotive supplier approached GCH Tool with consistent controls issues, the supplier was evaluating whether a new grinder was needed. Rather than investing in a new machine, GCH Tool recommended that the current grinder be retrofitted with a Siemens 840D controller.
- Eager to save the cost of a new machine, the customer engaged GCH Tool to complete the retrofit.
- As a Siemens Solution Partner, GCH Tool* was able to offer Siemens controls, known for their flexibility, compatibility and innovation.
- The 840D line of controls were used.

Benefits for the customer:

- Eliminated the frustration and cost of searching for spare parts for an outdated control system
- Increased machine reliability – the new Siemens controller will work dependably for 15+ years
- Saved the cost of investing in a new machine
- Reduced operator set-up time through improved software



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