







Automatic Guided Carts













BD Holdrege

A pallet jack is towed by a SmartCart AGC via a custom "hook" on the pallet jack. The AGC travels between the production line and warehouse. The AGC is equipped with Panelview, which selects the destination of the AGC. Two people were reassigned to other work as a result of the system resulting in a 100% ROI in less than six months.

Model: 100 HD Tugger

No. of AGCs: 1

Operational: August 2004 to January 2006

System Type: Pallet Transport
Guide Path: Magnetic Bar

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days a week

Load: 2000 pound trailer

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 10-amp manually plugged into wall power at end of day.

Holdrege, Nebraska



Donco Air Products

A SmartCart AGC tows trailers of miscellaneous parts around the factory, helping to reduce material handling costs.

Model: 100 HD Tugger

No. of AGCs: 1

Operational: December 2004
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days a week.

Load: 2000 pound trailer

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 10-amp charger manually plugged into wall power at end

of day

Albion, Iowa



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Ethan Allen

A SmartCart AGC travels 1000 feet from one end of the building to the other delivering finished product from the end-of-the-line to shipping. This process change from man-aboard tow motors allowed for the reassignment of two workers to other duties, resulting in a 100% ROI in less than eight months.

Model: 100 HD Tugger

No. of AGCs: 1

Operational: June 2006

System Type: Product Delivery

Guide Path: Epoxy Coated Magnetic Tape
System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days a week

Load: 2000 pound trailer train

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 8-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged into

wall power at the end of day.

Eldred, Pennsylvania





Graham Packaging

Five SmartCart AGCs are equipped with a conveyor deck to allow automatic load/ unload from a conveyor system. The PLC indicates when banded pallets are ready for pick up at one of five pick-up points. The AGCs transport pallets to one of two drop-off conveyors for stretch wrapping. The CMS traffic control system prevents collisions. One fork truck driver was reassigned to other work on four shifts.

Model: 100 HD w/Conveyor

No. of AGCs: 5

Operational: March 2005 System Type: Pallet Transport

Guide Path: Epoxy Coated Magnetic Tape

System Active: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

Load: 1200 pound pallet Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: Four 24-amp automatic chargers at pick stations.

York, Pennsylvania









Hearth & Home Technologies

Three SmartCart AGCs travel on an isolated path, servicing two to three delivery points on the production line. The AGCs travel between the stock room and various stations every hour. The line operator and stock attendant fills/empties the trailers. As a result of the AGC system, 14 workers were reassigned to other jobs.

Model: 100 HD Tugger

No. of AGCs: 3

Operational: July 2003
System Type: JIT Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Bar

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week
Load: 2500 pound trailer train up to 8 trailers

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 10-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged into

wall power at end of day.

Lake City, Minnesota





H.J. Heinz

SmartCart AGCs provide automated delivery of empty pallets and removal of full pallets from multiple, robotic palletizing cells. Full pallets are then delivered to an automated stretch wrapper. The system eliminated fork truck drivers from interfacing with robotic equipment.

Model: 300 DC

No. of AGCs: 3

Operational: March 2010

System Type: Pallet Transportation

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 24 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: One 2500 pound full pallet and one empty pallet

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Two 40-amp automatic charging stations in loop

Florence, South Carolina



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Imasen Bucyrus Technology, Inc.

Five SmartCart AGCs vehicle system transport racks of parts to assembly lines. Racks of painted parts are exchanged for empty racks at the paint line, while subassemblies are also transported to other work cells. Optical communications are employed by the work stations to tell AGCs what needs to be done, while the CMS system performs all traffic management responsibilities. This system was a cost effective replacement for an AGV system.

Model: 100 HD Custom

No. of AGCs: 5

Operational: July 2008

System Type: Rack Transportation

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 7 days per week

Load: 625 pound racks

Communication: Wireless 802.11a and Optical Transceiver

Battery Charging: On board 20-amp manual plug-in chargers, charge

vehicles during the off shift.

Bucyrus, Ohio



MAHLE-Tennex North America

An injection machine operator loads, stacks and indexes pallets on a conveyor. The PLC indicates when stacks of nested pallets are ready for pick up at one of four pick-up points. Two SmartCart AGCs transport pallets to the warehouse drop-off conveyor. Fork trucks unload the warehouse conveyor as time allows. The CMS traffic control system prevents collisions. One fork truck driver was reassigned to other work on four shifts.

Model: 100 HD

No. of AGCs: 2

Operational: March 2004 to September 2005

System Type: Pallet Transport

Guide Path: Epoxy Coated Magnetic Tape
System Active: 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Load: 1300 pound pallets
Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 24-amp automatic charging each trip to warehouse.

Murfreesboro, Tennessee









Mark IV

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Three SmartCart AGCs deliver totes containing process components to the assembly line while simultaneously transporting trailers of finished goods back to the warehouse. An operator loads parts (in totes) onto the vehicle, attaches an empty trailer and selects destinations via the CMS. Upon reaching its destination, the vehicle stops, an operator removes the parts and releases the vehicle. The SmartCart automatically moves to the next location. Following release from its last destination, the SmartCart returns to the warehouse to await its next command.

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Model: 100 Tugger

No. of AGCs: 3

Operational: September 2009
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Bar

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days a week

Load: Small totes on vehicle towing 700# trailer

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: 20-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged in

Proctor & Gamble

Auburn, Maine

The SmartCart AGCs delivers material to nine destination within the warehouse. The destinations can be selected using the front panel touchscreen HMI while the SmartCart is at the loading station.

Model: 100 HD Tugger

No. of AGCs:

Operational: February 2009
System Type: Product Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Load: Four 220# Boxes

Communication: None

Battery Charging: 24-amp automatic charging during loading



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Sanyo Solar

Boxes and totes are moved from band saws to a Daifuku automated storage & retrieval system, and then delivered from the ASRS to squaring saws. The SmartCarts combined with multiple Daifuku ASRS provide a very efficient, highly automated material handling system.

Model: 100HD Custom w/Conveyor

No. of AGCs:

Operational: September 2009
System Type: Load Transport
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 7 days a week

Load: Boxes and Totes
Communication: Wireless 802.11q

Battery Charging: Two 40-amp automatic charging stations

Salem, Oregon



Solutia

Six standard conveyor deck SmartCart AGCs provide automatic load and unload of pallets of nylon pellet bags and boxes. The system provides transportation from the end of filling lines to buffer zones, the loads are sorted on gravity conveyors for full pallets or a single lane of powered conveyor for partial pallets. This new system crosses paths with a Webb AGV. The systems are integrated to provide seamless traffic control.

Model: 300SC

No. of AGCs: 6

Operational: September 2008
System Type: Pallet Transportation

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week Load: 2,350 pound pallets of nylon pellets

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: 4 - 40 amp automatic charge stations on path

Pensacola, Florida







TISA

Nineteen SmartCart AGCs are used to deliver full racks of parts to and return empty racks from an assembly line. The AGC automatically engages the load by tunneling under the rack and utilizing a pop-up pin. AGC traffic is controlled by the CMS and wireless call boxes pushed by operators. The AGC system allowed the customer to avoid the cost of material handling labor of man-aboard tow motors.

Model: 100TT

No. of AGCs: 19

Operational: July 2009

System Type: Rack Delivery/Parts Delivery

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: Automotive Parts
Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Three 40-amp automatic charge stations in loop

Princeton, Indiana



Western Container

SmartCart AGCs deliver bins of preforms created in an injection molding process to dumpers that feed blow molding machines. These preforms are blown into plastic bottles. Smartcarts take product from gravity conveyors where product is staged for each blow molding line. Staging of product at a central location saves labor over more frequent delivery to each blow mold line.

Model: 300CF

No. of AGCs: 4

Operational: October 2008

System Type: Container Delivery

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape and RF Tags

System Active: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

Load: 550 pound plastic bins

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Three 40-amp automatic charge stations in loop

Fife, Washington



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Western Container

Rancho Cucamonga, California

SmartCart AGCs deliver bins of preforms created in an injection molding process to dumpers that feed blow molding machines. These preforms are blown into plastic bottles. SmartCarts take product from gravity conveyors where product is staged for each blow molding line. Staging of product at a central location saves labor over more frequent delivery to each blow mold line.

Model: 300CF

No. of AGCs: 5

Operational: August 2009

System Type: Bin Transportation

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape and RF Tags

System Active: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

Load: 550 pound bins
Communication: Wireless 802.11g

Battery Charging: Five 55 amp automatic charge stations in loop



Western Container

Battery Charging:

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Model: 300CF No. of AGCs: 3 Operational: September 2009 System Type: Bin Transportation Guide Path: Magnetic Tape and RF Tags System Active: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week Load: 550 pound bins Communication: Wireless 802.11g

Three 40-amp automatic charge stations in loop

Tolleson, Arizona







Macy's Inc.

SmartCarts tow up to eight carts that are connected together like a train and loaded with furniture. SmartCarts deliver a train of empty carts to the inbound drop lane. It automatically decouples from the train and then moves to the outbound lane where it automatically couples with a train of carts that are loaded with furniture. The SmartCart finally delivers the furniture to one of five assigned drop zones where it is manually unloaded near the dock doors. The SmartCart system is helping Macy's achieve its LEAN warehousing objectives by increasing efficiency and reducing labor costs (helped eliminate nearly one shift and a half per day).

Model: 300 Tugger

No. of AGCs: 5

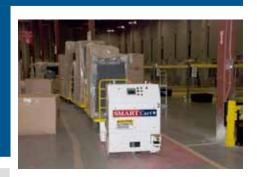
Operational: December 2009
System Type: Product delivery

Guide Path: Magnetic tape and magnetic bar System Active: 8 hours per day, 6 days per week

Load: Furniture on carts
Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: Automatic opportunity charging at three stations

City of Industry, California



Yaskawa Electric

The SmartCarts transport full custom made dumpster carts from pick up locations out to the waste compactor. The SmartCart custom dumping actuator dumps the carts waste load into a 15 yard compactor. The SmartCart then signals the compactor to process the waste. When the compactor becomes full it signals the SmartCart system and the waste hauler is automatically notified to exchange the compactor container. These SmartCarts enabled the workers to focus on product assembly and not "taking out the trash", saving several hour in production time.

Model: 100TT

No. of AGCs: 2

Operational: May 2010

System Type: Trash Removal to Compactor

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: Scrap Paper and Cardboard

Communication: Wireless 802.11a
Battery Charging: Manual Charging

Buffalo Grove, Illinois





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Yaskawa Electric

Description for the 300CF: The SmartCart picks up finished product from the assembly line and delivers it to the warehouse. Once a pallet is ready to be picked up, an operator at the assembly station will signal the AGC via wireless pushbutton to pick up the full pallet and deliver the load to the warehouse. The AGC will return to the station with an empty pallet so the operator can continue to palletize the finished product.

Model: 300 Counter Balance Fork

No. of AGCs: 1

Operational: May 2010

System Type: Transporting Pallet Loads From Assembly to Warehouse

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: Palletizied Components

Communication: Wireless 802.11a
Battery Charging: Manual Charging

Buffalo Grove, Illinois



Sonoco

The SmartCart handles the delivery of slit paper rolls from the paper machines to a warehouse conveyor. Paper machines produce parent rolls that are slit. These rolls are then placed on a pallet "eye-to-the-sky" and conveyed to a station. The SmartCart picks up the roll from the station and transports it to a deposit conveyor. This conveyor transports the rolls to the warehouse. Since this is a straight line transfer application, SmartCarts were the only solution that could meet the required throughput and keep the floor area free of encumbrances.

Model: Custom

No. of AGCs: 2

Operational: August 2010

System Type: Finished Goods Delivery to Warehouse

Guide Path: Bar Magnet

System Active: 8 hours per day, 6 days per week
Load: Paper Roll on Pallet 10.000# Max.

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Fast charge Automatic with Thin Plate Battery Technology

Hartsville, South Carolina





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Seventy SmartCart AGCs are used to help build instrument panels (cockpits) for automobiles. The AGCs are loaded/unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators and travel continuously at a slow customer-adjustable speed through the instrument panel build stations. The AGCs must receive a permissive signal to continue through each build station from a customer-supplied Factory Automation System. The system also sequences instrument panels into the proper delivery sequence at the shipping dock. Changes to the production line (AGC speed) can be made easily via an off-board PLC operator input screen.

Model: 100 HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 70

Operational: 20 – January 2008, 40 – March 2008, 70 – May 2008

System Type: Assembly line
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: 600 pound IP and rotator

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: 19 24-amp automatic charge station in loop

Saline, Michigan



DCL

The SmartCart AGC allows operators to manually load parts at three build stations and automatically deliver parts to the paint line or packaging stations. The system eliminates material handling labor and provides the customer with a low-cost method of introducing automated material handling systems to their facility.

Model: 100 Unit Load

No. of AGCs: 1

Operational: January 2008
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: 200 pound parts

Communication: none

Battery Charging: Manual plug in

Concord, Ontario







Harley-Davidson

Fifteen SmartCart AGCs help build motorcycles. All AGCs index at the same time on the production line based on PLC programmable time. The AGCs are loaded/unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators. The AGC system offers ergonomic access via a specially equipped hydraulic lift.

Model: 100 HD Custom

No. of AGCs: 15

Operational: February 2005
System Type: Assembly Line
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 20 hours per day, 5 days a week

Load: 500 pound motorcycle sub-assembly

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 20-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged into

wall power at the end of day.

Kansas City, Missouri



Harley-Davidson

Twenty SmartCart AGCs are used to help build motorcycles. All AGCs index at the same time on the production line based on PLC programmable time. The AGCs are loaded/unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators. The AGC system offers ergonomic access via a specially equipped hydraulic lift.

Model: 100 HD Custom

No. of AGCs: 17

Operational: May 2006
System Type: Assembly Line
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 20 hours per day, 5 days a week

Load: 1000 pound motorcycle

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 20-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged into

wall power at the end of day.

York, Pennsylvania



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John Deere

Eighty-eight SmartCart AGCs help build tractors. All AGCs index at the same time on the production line based on PLC programmable time. The AGCs are loaded/unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators. The AGCs are specially equipped with hydraulic lifts for easy access to work. Off path movement of the AGCs is accomplished via pendant control.

Model: 200 Custom

No. of AGCs: 88

Operational: June 2005
System Type: Assembly Line
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 20 hours per day, 6 days a week

Load: 1800 pound tractor Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 5 40-amp automatic charging stations in loop.

Horicon, Wisconsin





Johnson Controls

Fourty-five SmartCart AGCs with rotating fixtures index through multi-station assembly line. Replaced Power & Free conveyor system, due to flexible path, ease of re-configuration and portability.

Model: 100HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 45

Operational: November 2008
System Type: Assembly Line
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 6 days a week

Load: 800 pounds

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Four 24-amp automatic charging stations in loop

Northwood, Ohio







Johnson Controls

Two independent (crossing) SmartCart AGC loops receive empty shipping pallets (1 of 2 types), stop at appropriate product load stations, and transport loaded pallets to appropriate shipping sequencer. AGC preferred over fixed conveyors due to open area and flexible path.

Model: 100HD LHF with Rotating Pallet Fixture

No. of AGCs: 16

Operational: June 2009
System Type: Pallet Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 6 days a week

Load: 750 pound fixture & load

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: 12-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged into

wall power at end of day.

Northwood, Ohio



Johnson Controls

Two Model 100TT SmartCarts deliver material to the assembly lines. Operators manually hook up a trailer of kitted material for delivery. The trailers are towed behind the SmartCart. Full trailers are manually unhooked at the line, and an empty trailer is attached for return to the kitting area. The system provides labor savings by automatically delivering materials to the assembly line.

Model: 100 Tugger/Tunnel

No. of AGCs: 2

Operational: December 2009
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days a week Load: Trailer of parts for assembly line

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: off board 20 amp manual chargers used during off shift

Northwood, Ohio



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Johnson Controls

SmartCart Model 100TT deliver pallets of seats from the assembly lines to the shipping conveyor. Each SmartCart is equipped with tapped pads, which serve as a mounting point for a seat pallet fixture. The SmartCarts interface with an empty pallet conveyor system to receive an empty shipping pallet. The SmartCart then stops at robotic loading cells to get the front driver's and passenger seats, and then gets a rear seat from another assembly line. Some car models require two pallets of seats. The pallets are delivered to the shipping conveyor in the proper build / shipping sequence. The SmartCart system reduces labor by automatically delivering seats to the shipping conveyor in the proper sequence.

Model: 100 Tugger/Tunnel

No. of AGCs: 25

Operational: November 2009
System Type: Seat Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 5 days a week

Load: Pallet of seats

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Opportunity battery charging

Westpoint, Georgia



Johnson Controls

Ninety-nine SmartCart AGCs were used to help build instrument panels (cockpits) for automobiles. All AGCs indexed at the same time on the production line based on PLC programmable time. The AGCs, which were loaded/unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators, moved over 1.2 million loads.

Model: 100 LHF

No. of AGCs: 99

Operational: February 2002 - October 2008

System Type: Assembly Line Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 19 hours per day, 6 days a week

Load: 700 pound fixture & load

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 10-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged into

wall power at end of day.

Whitby, Ontario, Canada







Kubota

Nine SmartCart AGCs are equipped with a special automatic couple/ de-couple hitch and load carrying deck. Empty assembly trailers are automatically coupled and towed through parts picking zones ending with the trailer receiving a vehicle frame from an overhead lift mechanism. The AGC de-couples the trailer and travels to the unload station at the assembly line. The AGC system eliminated the need for man-aboard tow motors.

Model: 200 Tugger

No. of AGCs: 9

Operational: February 2007
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week
Load: Miscellaneous parts for assembly line

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 8-amp manual chargers stowed on cart.

Gainesville, Georgia



Kubota

Seven SmartCart AGC tow pairs of trailers from parts load station to assembly stations where operator first loads a completed assembly on the empty trailer, then unloads parts from second trailer to assembly fixture. The AGC then released to the finishing line load station where completed assembly is unloaded. It then returns to parts load station. AGC system replaced manually pushed carts, ensuring throughput with reduced labor content.

Model: 100HD Tugger

No. of AGCs: 7

Operational: August 2008
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week
Load: Parts for assembly line - 1500 pounds

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: 24-amp automatic charging in loop

Gainesville, Georgia







Yamaha

Seventeen SmartCart AGCs move All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) through the final trim section of the assembly line. AGCs index according to plant PLC indicated job interval, providing a stationary work area for line workers. Equipped with a low profile frame and manual turntable, these vehicles provide workers an ergonomic interface to the ATVs.

Model: 200 LHF

No. of AGCs: 17

Operational: May 2008
System Type: Assembly Line
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 24 hours per day 5 days per week

Load: 1200 pound all terrain vehicles

Communication: Wireless 802.11g

Battery Charging: 3 40-amp automatic charging stations in loop.

Newnan, Georgia





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Chrysler

Forty-seven SmartCart AGCs are used to deliver instrument panels. Pallets are robotically loaded onto AGCs and transported to the side of the assembly line where it is manually unloaded and inserted into an automobile. The AGC delivery system provides floor transport quicker than an overhead conveyor system. As a result, less loads need to be stored in the system, allowing for additional time in the broadcast window.

Model: 100 HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 47

July 2007 Operational: System Type: Parts Delivery Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 5 days per week

200 Tugger

Load: 400 pound IP on pallet

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 9 24-amp automatic charge stations in loop

St. Louis, Missouri



Chrysler

Model:

Engines are dressed and loaded onto SmartCart AGCs. The AGCs transport engines to the production line where they are raised into place with a customized hydraulic lift. The AGC system improved plant safety and layout because the engine dressing process was moved away from the production line.

No. of AGCs: Operational: August 2006 System Type: Assembly / Transport Guide Path: Magnetic Tape System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week Load: 1500 pound engine/transmission Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 20-amp charger stowed on AGC is manually plugged into

wall power at end of day.

Valencia, Venezuela





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GM CAMI

Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada

Fourteen SmartCart AGCs are used for a Just-In-Time (JIT) fascia delivery system. Parts are picked from the stock area and delivered to the production line. The AGCs are manually loaded/unloaded by operators. The AGCs are equipped with custom carousels for easy part access and load sensing for automatic release from the delivery point. Due to area restrictions near the production line, fascias could not be stored in close proximity to the usage point. The AGC system was less than half the price of other options and require no material handling laborers. April 2009 these vehicles were redeployed to other in-plant operations.

Model: 100 HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 14

Operational: July 2005
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 20 hours per day, 6 days per week

Load: 4 - 50 pound parts in ergonomic positions

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 5 24-amp automatic charging stations in loop.





GM CAMI

Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada

SmartCart AGCs system is used for line side testing of vehicle electrical systems (GMC Terrain & Chevrolet Equinox). SmartCarts sequence test devices alongside the assembly line where they are plugged into the car by an operator. Following test, the operator unplugs the device and releases the SmartCart which returns to the queue area. Traditionally, overhead conveyors (Power & Free or electrified monorail) have been used for this application. The SmartCart system was chosen because it is cost effective, easily modified, installs quickly and requires no overhead or floor support structure.

Model: 100 HD Unit Load

No. of AGCs: 5

Operational: February 2009

System Type: Line Side Electrical Testing

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 24 hours per day, 6 days per week

Load: Electrical Test Devices

Communication: none

Battery Charging: Two 24-amp automatic charging stations in loop.



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GM Battery Plant

Brownstown Township, Michigan

SmartCart AGC delivery system moves battery components from a pallet load area to the assembly machine. This system uses 28 refurbished AGCs that were from GM plants that were shut down.



Model: 100 HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 28

Operational: Pending

System Type: Build Line for Batteries

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: Pending

Load: Battery Cells and Completed Batteries

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Automatic charging stations in loop with additional on-

board maintenance charger.

General Motors (LDTA)

Fifty-one SmartCart AGCs are equipped with dual roller decks that receive pallets of seats or cockpits at the receiving docks. The AGCs then proceed to the main assembly line where components are unloaded with manipulators. The AGC system eliminates the need for fork truck or tow motor drivers.

Model: 100 HD w/ Gravity Conveyor

No. of AGCs: 51

Operational: July 2006

System Type: Pallet Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 20 hours per day, 6 days per week

Load: Pallet of seats or cockpits

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: 2 24-amp automatic charging stations in loop.

Lansing, Michigan









General Motors (LGR)

Fourteen SmartCart AGCs are used to assemble a hatch door on an automobile. All AGCs index at the same time on the production line based on PLC programmable time. The AGCs are loaded/unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators. The AGCs are customized with manual turntables (not shown) for easy access to work.

Model: 100 HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 14

Operational: June 2006
System Type: Assembly Line
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 20 hours per day, 6 days a week

Load: Rear hatch for automobile

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 2 24-amp automatic charging stations in loop.

Lansing, Michigan





General Motors

Twenty-six SmartCart AGCs transport hoods and deck lids from one tooling cell to another. This system utilizes AGCs from a previous GM installation at a facility that had shut down.

Oshawa, Ontario, Canada



Model: 100 HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 26

Operational: December 2008
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 20 hours per day, 5 days a week

Load: Sheet Metal Parts - Hoods and Deck lids

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 8-amp charger stowed on vehicles, plugged in at shift end

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General Motors

Fifty-three SmartCart AGCs are used to help build automobiles. All AGCs index at the same time on the production line based on PLC programmable time. The AGCs are loaded/ unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators. The AGCs are specially equipped with replaceable drive modules for easy maintenance. The AGC system provides a scalable material handling solution with unencumbered access.

Model: 200 LHF

No. of AGCs: 53

Operational: February 2005 - July 2009

System Type: Assembly Line Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: 2500 pound automobile

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 4 40-amp automatic charging stations in loop.

Wilmington, Delaware



Honda of Canada

Eleven SmartCart AGCs help build axles for automobiles. All AGCs index at the same time on the production line based on PLC programmable time. The AGCs are loaded/unloaded with operator-assisted manipulators. The AGCs are specially equipped with laser bumpers. The AGC system allows production to take place across the aisle from the main assembly line without interrupting aisle traffic.

Model: 100 HD LHF

No. of AGCs: 11

Operational: April 2004 - March 2008

System Type: Assembly Line Guide Path: Magnetic Bar

System Active: 19 hours per day, 6 days a week

Load: 1250 pound load & fixture

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: 3 24-amp automatic charging stations in loop.

Alliston, Ontario, Canada





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Nissan

Five SmartCart AGCs transport empty engine pallets to the production line where the pallets are loaded by an operator with a manipulator. Filled pallets are returned to their origin where they are traded for empties. Line rate is one pallet per minute. The AGC system saves two people per shift (over three shifts). Pay back on the investment was less than 18 months.

Model: 200 w/ 2 Conveyors

No. of AGCs: 5

Operational: September 2006
System Type: Pallet Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 23 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: 2 - 600 pound engine pallets

Communication: Wireless 802.11b

Battery Charging: Three 40-amp automatic charging stations in loop.

Aquascalientes, Mexico





Nissan

Twelve SmartCart AGCs are used to transport parts from the kitting area to line side, helping reduce material handling costs.

Model: 100 HD w/ Lift

No. of AGCs: 12

Operational: May 2008
System Type: Rack Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: Small Parts Bins
Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: 20-amp manual chargers stowed on cart

Canton, Mississippi



OTIVE



Nissan

Five SmartCart AGCs run constantly to transport racks of parts from the picking area to the production line. The AGC system eliminates the need for labor to manually push carts or tow with a tow motor.

Model: 100 HD Tugger

No. of AGCs: 5

Operational: January 2008
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 22 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: 500 pound rack

Communication: none

Battery Charging: Battery charge & swap

Decherd, Tennessee



Nissan

Five SmartCart AGCs are used to transport parts between stations, helping reduce material handling costs.

Model: 100 HD Tunnel/ Tugger

No. of AGCs: 5

Operational: August 2006
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: Miscellaneous parts for assembly line

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 8-amp manual chargers stowed on cart.

Smyrna, Tennessee







Nissan

Sixteen SmartCart AGCs transport empty trailers to a kitting area, where trailers are manually loaded. The AGCs with full trailers proceed to production line where they slow to match line speed and kits are manually unloaded. Once empty, they return to the kitting area. The system eliminates the need for labor to manually push carts or tow with a tow motor.

Model: 100 HD Tugger

No. of AGCs: 16

Operational: August 2007

System Type: Kitting/Parts Delivery

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16-20 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: 1600 pound trailer train

Communication: Wireless 802.11g

Battery Charging: Battery swap & charge

Smyrna, Tennessee



Nissan

Eight SmartCart AGCs are used to transport parts from the kitting area to line side, helping reduce material handling costs.

Model: 100 HD Tunnel/ Tugger

No. of AGCs: 8

Operational: May 2008
System Type: Parts Delivery
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 16 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: Small Parts Bins

Communication: none

Battery Charging: 20-amp manual chargers stowed on cart.

Smyrna, Tennessee







Fuji Malaysia

Model 50 SmartCart transports seat frames from frame build station to seat assembly area. The SmartCart is equipped with non-powered rails that match up to rails at the Frame Build area and the Assembly area. Workers manually transfer the seat frame on and off of the SmartCart. This system provides labor savings as the SmartCart replaces a manually pushed cart.

Model: 50

No. of AGCs: 1

Operational: September 2009
System Type: Seat Transport
Guide Path: Magnetic Tape

System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: 250 pound seat pallet

Communication: none

Battery Charging: One 12-amp manual charger



Ashok-Leyland

SmartCart AGC moves an engine between assembly cells. AGC is fitted with a cradle that allows a truck engine to be loaded using a crane, transported 50 feet, and unloaded in a similar manner. Using a SmartCart was the most cost effective and least invasive method to perform the required operation. This SmartCart application is the first full bidirectional guided installation.

Model: 300 Tugger

No. of AGCs:

Operational: June 2010
System Type: Transportation

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape with Protective Tape
System Active: 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Load: Diesel Truck Engine

Communication: none

Battery Charging: One 40-amp Automatic Charger

Karnataka, India







Chrysler JNAP

SmartCart AGCs move trains of full and empty carts between receiving and trim line. AGCs feature a timer that "wakes up" AGCs at beginning of first shift. This system is capable of running 24/7 and will achieve a payback in about one year.

Model: 300 Tugger

No. of AGCs: 27

Operational: June 2010

System Type: Multiple Car Transport

Guide Path: Magnetic Tape w/protective tape & Bar Magnet

System Active: 16 hours per day, 6 days per week

Load: Trailer Trains of Carts 6,000# Max Load

Communication: Wireless 802.11a

Battery Charging: Six 80-amp automatic chargers between drop-off & pick-up

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