Technology Consulting Analytics solutions for manufacturing and industrial products







Overview

Technological and digital innovations are transforming the manufacturing and industrial products subindustries. One byproduct of this transformation is the vast amount of data that is being generated from new resources such as sensors, controllers, networked cameras and radio-frequency identification (RFID) readers. By using analytics to harness and convert this data, companies can generate knowledge and actionable insights about their customer base. As a result, they can develop higher-value products and services and marketing campaigns that are more effective in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

Let's look at a few scenarios where analytics plays a crucial role in solving some manufacturing and industrial

Demand forecasting Predicting future vehicle/component demands

Business challenges

1.

- Identify a scientific methodology to accurately predict future sales volumes of vehicles/components
- Improve target setting for the sales team by identifying current market conditions and their impact on customer demand

Analytics solution and results

- Develop a robust demand-forecasting model through aggregation and statistical analysis of data
- Develop a structured what-if analysis mechanism to create multiple scenarios

The results: Improved planning

- Predicted sales volumes based on critical demand drivers
- Improved decision making through structured scenario analysis

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Identify key events, causal factors that impact demand



Develop model-driven scenario analysis to analyse their impact on demand





Inventory optimisation

Estimating ideal inventory levels to be maintained

Business challenges

2.

- Align inventory planning, forecasting and execution capabilities across the organisation
- Obtain insights from vast volumes of data at the SKU location on a weekly/daily level to improve inventory forecasting

Analytics solution and results

- Employ statistical modelling techniques to perform inventory stock level vs lost sales scenario analysis
- Develop robust demand forecasts through statistical analysis of data across outlets

The results: Improved inventory management

- Suggested order quantity recommendations to reduce out-of-stock frequency
- Stock products demanded rather than selling what is stocked

Sample snapshots and reports







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Pricing optimisation

Finding the ideal price point for the vehicles/components

Business challenges

3.

- Understand impact on sales for a given change in price (pricing elasticity) across products, and understand impact on contribution margin
- Ensure a consistent scientific methodology is being applied to pricing decisions across categories/outlets

Analytics solution and results

- Build a pricing model to enable an effective pricing structure for various product categories
- Optimise pricing to improve margins and bottom-line profitability

The results: Improved planning

Data-driven pricing suggestions that drive greater sales and an incremental contribution margin

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Predictive maintenance

Forecasting machinery failure

Business challenges

4.

- Reduce business disruptions due to unplanned machinery failure incidences
- Prepare a scientific approach for maintenance of the machinery to ensure optimum spend

Analytics solution and results

- Build a predictive model using data related to machine performance and downtime history
- Generate and send alerts in case of a likely failure of equipment

The results: Reduced machinery downtime and improved overall efficiency

- Provided early warning signals to avoid unplanned downtime
- Detected predictive maintenance activity to help reduce cost incurred due to serious machine failures

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Detecting machinery performance





2 Sending alerts and early warning signals





5. *Warranty analytics* Improving the accuracy of warranty forecasts

Business challenges

- Improve the accuracy of warranty forecasts by leveraging defects and claims data
- Identify and resolve product problems early to avoid warranty claims
- Reduce warranty reserve and addition to the bottom line
- Improve supplier chargeback processes by tracking suppliers of faulty parts

Analytics solution and results

- Analyse the historical defect and claims data to forecast warranty reserve
- Determine fraudulent probability of a claim, detect patterns of fraudulent claim behaviour

The results: Fewer warranty claims

- Early issue detection helped manufacturers reduce repair costs and improve customer loyalty
- Identified the root cause of the claims—whether it was a delivery or production-related issue—and resolved them early on in the product life cycle, leading to fewer warranty claims

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6. *Vendor selection model* Identifying the most suitable vendor

Business challenges

- Find a vendor evaluation method to facilitate an objective, unbiased selection process
- Identify the key metrics of vendor performance that can help during the negotiation with vendors on specific points
- Finding a robust framework that can measure the vendors' performance

Analytics solution and results

- The analytic hierarchy process (AHP) is a prominent approach in solving multi-criterion decision-making problems.
- The method allows the incorporation of judgements on intangible qualitative criteria alongside tangible quantitative criteria.

The results: A tool for vendor negotiation

- Helped avoid conflicts through collaborative • decision making
- Generated a repeatable process that saves time
- Measured vendor performance among peers and across time

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Defining and ordering criteria



Evaluating vendors and selecting the best



Production optimisation

Optimising production processes that are inefficient and under-resourced

Business challenges

7.

- Optimise production processes that are inefficient and under-resourced and maximise production volumes
- Recommend changes in parameters that would lead to maximisation of production

Analytics solution and results

- Use process improvement techniques and data insights, combined with significant industry knowledge, to identify constraints
- Use optimisation to maximise production volume

The results: Improving production volumes

- Maximised production at every stage of the manufacturing process
- Chose various parameters to improve overall production levels of the plant

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2 Optimising production volumes





Early issue warning

Analysing the defects of raw materials and unfinished inventory quickly

Business challenges

8.

 Analyse the defects of raw materials and unfinished inventory to quickly predict any potential issues during refining operations

Analytics solution and results

• Develop a logistic regression algorithm that can take into consideration various characteristics of the raw material and unfinished inventory, and predict the likelihood of any potential issues during the refining process

The results: Early issue identification

The results of the solutions can be used to take immediate action and to avoid any problems in the future based on the likelihood of recurring issues.

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1 Various thresholds are defined to assign severity levels

Failure likelihood	Severity level	
More than 0.5	Critical	
0.35 to 0.	Severe	
Less than 0.6	No action required	

Predict the likelihood of issues that impact the refinery process



Service parts optimisation Ensuring availability of spare parts when required

Business challenges

9.

- Improve the availability of spare parts across the service network of the organisation
- Reduce stock-outs and back orders which lower customer confidence and create a negative brand image

Analytics solution and results

- Predict the demand for spare parts in the future using a service parts optimisation model
- Identify the optimum inventory levels required across the network

The results: Reduced spare parts stock-outs and improved customer satisfaction

- Charted out the policy for optimum inventory replacement
- Reduced excess inventory carrying cost as well as incidences of stock-outs

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Forecasting spare parts requirements in the future



2 Suggesting optimum inventory levels

Product	Reorder quantity	Reorder level	Lead time	Available quantity
Clutch pedal	25	28	5	20
Brake oil	40	20	2	10
Bumper	50	20	10	9



10. Cost of service optimisation

Faster resolution of service-related issues

Business challenges

- Reduce cost and effective anticipation and planning of aftersales service requirements
- Improve overall customer satisfaction by providing services in a timely and efficient manner

Finding service driver patterns

Analytics solution and results

- Study customer complaint patterns and identify the root cause of the problems using an analytical model
- Forecast the services and components required for servicing the customer and optimising the total cost incurred

The results: Improved customer experience

- Reduced the time taken to service a vehicle, leading to the servicing of a greater number of vehicles
- Reduced the overall cost of servicing due to improved planning

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2 **Optimising service drivers**





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Our consultants have a proven track record of working with leading providers in India and have strong domain knowledge in the manufacturing and industrial products space.



Scalable, flexible and costeffective offerings

Our analytics solutions can be customised as per a provider's specific needs across areas.



Cutting-edge technology

We have expertise in implementing manufacturing and industrial products analytics through leading market tools by aligning them to the client's technology landscape.

The PwC approach to advanced analytics

PwC's approach constitutes a well-defined process of using analytics to identify opportunities for value creation, demonstrate quick wins and scale solutions to meet the needs of the business.



Out Data and Analytics offerings



Data and Analytics key industry-wise services



Cross-industry offerings

- Big data strategy and implementation
- Data management
- Business intelligence and data management strategy
- Vendor evaluation

- Social media analytics
- Master data management
- Financial planning, budgeting and consolidation
- Analytics competency centre set-up

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