



Vendor Managed Inventory

Always the First Choice™



Our Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) provides a streamlined system tailored to significantly improve production performance, delivering what your manufacturing needs when they need it.

Manufacturing Freedom

AFC VMI solutions simplify your supply chain, facilitate capacity growth, streamline business processes, and enhance profitability. Working with AFC, the UK's fastest-growing Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) solutions provider, means placing your trust in the best possible hands.

With many clients in the UK and worldwide, AFC has helped companies achieve significant benefits associated with implementing an approved, high-performing VMI system combined with the purchasing, stock holding and handling of a wide range of products and components.

Whether referred to as Direct Line Feed (DLF), Just In Time (JIT) or KanBan, our VMI has recognised that a "one-size-fits-all" approach is not the answer. We design our solutions to offer a flexible VMI system that caters to your specific requirements captured during a comprehensive site survey.

Global Reach, Local Support

As part of AFC Industries, we are one of the world's largest providers of VMI solutions. Our philosophy is to bring the benefits of a vast, global supply chain to the doorstep of our customer via a local branch team that deliver close, personal and attentive service, continuously creating value from your supply chain..

"We chose AFC for our VMI systems because they listened to our needs and customised the solution accordingly."

Agricultural machinery customer





The Personal Touch

AFC offer a service to work closely with you to achieve your production and supply goals via our regional service centres delivering the benefits of VMI with a local personality.



What VMI means to you:

- A system that makes your supply chain work for you
- Streamlining internal processes and administration
- Ensuring material availability to enable capacity growth
- Consolidates your supplier base
- Smart stock management and control
- Access to a proven, high-quality global supply chain
- Partnering to create continuous value

VMI Smart Solutions

AFC VMI enterprise-level cloud-based Vendor Managed Inventory solution takes managing your inventory and assets to another level. AFC's customisable portfolio of Smart Solutions combines one of the most flexible inventory management systems available with industry-leading intelligence software to improve your control, leakage, security, compliance and availability.

- Peace of mind that high-value inventory is secure and controlled
- Reduction in the unnecessary turnover of inventory
- Improved forecasting and demand schedules, linked to AFC Service Centres to oversee stocking
- Improved compliance for H&S



Case Studies:

Our Work in Practice

A Customers Logistical Challenges

This electronics manufacturer experienced growing logistical challenges around purchasing and handling over 400 stock lines of C-Class fastener products. Regular stock shortages caused constant production downtime and service failures.

The Solution

After conducting a thorough site survey, AFC proposed a VMI system tailored to the customer needs. The existing system was removed and relocated closer to point-of-use with purpose-designed bins and racks. Part of the agreed proposal allowed for barcoding of each component, giving complete control of stock levels and stock rotation to help achieve optimal inventory performance.

Customer Outcome

The solution was a streamlined VMI stock system that eliminated stocking costs, removed stock shortages, improved production efficiency, and delivered positive cash flow benefits. The reduction in overheads means the customer has benefited from soft cost savings. AFC could reduce unit pricing through years of product knowledge and worldwide manufacturer partnerships with further sourcing work. The net result for the customer teams was significant bottom-line savings and improved working practices.

Customer Challenged with Full Batch Traceability

Despite having set a goal to replace traditional in-house stores with a VMI based system, the need for full batch traceability on the small component items posed a significant problem for a leading manufacturer of military and industrial connectors.

The Solution

Having been a leading supplier for 60 years, AFC were fully aware of their customer's unique requirements. The flexible solution provided advanced delivery notes containing AFC batch trace codes, allowing the VMI parts to be pre-booked and loaded into the appropriate VMI bins.

Customer Outcome

The flexibility of AFC's approach to their unique problem has resulted in a streamlined VMI stock system for standard/ regular parts. Reducing overstocks and stock shortages allows the customer to boost the quality of their service, improves internal efficiency, and reduces costs by not having to deal with multiple suppliers of relatively low-priced items.

1. Scope Defined

2. System Installed

3. System Managed

4. Monitored Optimised

Tailored VMI Systems

AFC, an AFC Industries Company, logistical expertise is matched by its technical know-how. We can design a system to suit your specific needs, no matter the component, application or quantity. Whether you operate a track-line feed, direct-line feed or cellular manufacturing, we can arrange a bespoke stock replenishment system using the latest technology to ensure an efficient, continuous and worry-free supply of stock.

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