BUILDING BETTER MANUFACTURING SUPPLY CHAINS TOGETHER
Rising fuel costs, customer demands, and ever-tightening carrier capacity make it imperative to implement rigorous transportation cost management. LeanTMS® provides us the visibility across customer, internal, and carrier touch points.”

Republic Plastics Logistics Manager
LeanTMS® BRINGS SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPARENCY TO MANUFACTURING

Hard goods. Consumables. Luxury items. Whatever the manufacturing scenario, the one connecting thread is transportation. That’s why LeanTMS® is a preferred transportation management system for task automation, optimization and transparency across the manufacturing supply chain.

What’s more, LeanTMS supports the data-driven engagement with internal and external partners, which is the catalyst for sustained improvement and increased control over inventory, transportation and customer service.

We have the transportation technology, services and expertise to help you lower your costs and improve performance.
YOU CAN FIX WHAT YOU CAN SEE
We have full visibility to the P&L associated with every freight move that we do. From an ROI perspective, it’s really helped us move the needle.”

Ashley Furniture VP of Supply Chain Systems
Ashley Furniture chose LeanLogistics LeanTMS® to provide visibility to all aspects of their transportation network, allowing the company to increase efficiencies and reduce cost. The true SaaS model utilized by LeanTMS provides visibility to inbound raw material loads through the supplier inbound management module (SIM), helping Ashley Furniture ensure that they pick up the right product on the right trailer at the right time. As Ashley Furniture continues to respond to an ever-changing marketplace, the company can keep pace and sequence with their “just-in-time” manufacturing with real-time input from their vendor network. This provides savings across the board in terms of both freight costs and production efficiencies.

Additional benefits of LeanTMS to Ashley Furniture include:

- Prioritization and mode selection of transfer loads
- Data-driven decisions for routing guides
- Real-time track and trace of shipments
- Carrier and vendor compliance reporting
As a manufacturer, we need complete visibility, better collaboration, and increased flexibility with supply chain partners to continually drive transportation improvements. LeanLogistics provides the sophisticated visibility and optimization to manage our continued growth.”

AEP Industries VP of Supply Chain
AEP Industries is a large manufacturer of plastic packaging, films and one of the largest US manufacturers of stretch film. AEP decided to gain tighter control of logistics processes by bringing the management of transportation in-house, utilizing SaaS-based technology. LeanTMS® provides the best return on investment option with low up-front cost and fast implementation. AEP collaborates with carriers, customers and operation facilities, so everyone works from the same platform with complete visibility into shipment status. With the scalable nature of LeanTMS, AEP is able to quickly onboard carriers and get new facilities running sooner.

Additional capabilities of LeanLogistics LeanTMS® to AEP include:

- Gain centralized control of transportation
- Better scalability and flexibility
- Standardize and automate processes
- Improve collaboration among facilities and suppliers
- Improve integration between systems
- Attract better carriers through visibility and metrics
Our suppliers can go to the MTD portal to identify all of the shipments and releases that are due, and as they check those, it shows data from LeanTMS®. This has helped us drive the efficiencies both internally and externally. This really puts the ‘seamless’ in seamless supply chain.”

MTD Products VP Supply Chain
MTD reviewed TMS vendors and selected LeanLogistics as the best TMS to automate processes and create a seamless, more efficient supply chain. LeanLogistics LeanTMS® gives MTD complete transportation functionality, as well as transportation visibility and collaboration. MTD has improved collaboration with all of its facilities, suppliers and customers to drive the transportation network for better efficiencies, reporting, analytics and inbound material flow. Freight optimization improved dramatically. Inventory carrying costs have decreased.

Additional capabilities of LeanLogistics LeanTMS® to AEP include:

- **Improved Visibility:** Enables analysis of costs and performance for improvement.
- **Reduced Costs:** Decreased freight cost by 12% and increased productivity by 20%
- **Optimized Shipments:** Reduced LTL from 33% LTL to 25%
- **Increased Collaboration:** Central platform for 500 US suppliers and multiple production
Manufacturing production expected to increase 3.7% in 2015 and 3.6% in 2016.  
Source: MAPI Foundation

More than 50% of manufacturers say partnerships, rather than in-house efforts, will characterize the future of innovation.  
Source: KPMG Global Manufacturing Outlook

Investments that enable digitally executed manufacturing will increase 50% by the end of 2017.  

By 2016, 30% of manufacturers will invest substantially in increasing the visibility and analysis of information exchange and business processes, within the company and with partners.  

By 2017, manufacturers will actively channel 25% of their IT budgets through industry clouds that enable seamless and flexible collaboration models.  
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