

# MACHINE TOOL MANUFACTURER FOR FORD, CHRYSLER STAYS ON THE CUTTING EDGE WITH THE HQ ACCOUNT



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- Supplier of machine tools for top global automakers
- Dynamic workforce that varies by project
- An MSDSonline user since 2010

With locations in Port Huron and Sterling Heights, Michigan, MAG Automotive USA (MAG) is a supplier of machining centers, turning centers, boring mills, cutters, and other machine tools used by leading automakers like Ford Motor Company, Cummins Diesel, and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. MAG also provides solutions for companies throughout the metal cutting, manufacturing, and machining markets.

In an industry driven by technology, MAG prides itself on staying connected to innovations that can drive efficiencies and productivity across their organization. Seeking to apply this ethos to their safety data sheet (SDS) management, MAG began using MSDSonline, a VelocityEHS solution, in 2010. Jim Kamon — Facilities & Quality Systems Manager for MAG and a 37-year safety veteran — was among those who spearheaded the transition.

“I was looking for a better solution to managing safety data sheets than paper binders, and the MSDSonline solution was recommended to me,” explains Mr. Kamon. “I had been taking some classes on OSHA compliance. One of them was focused on keeping SDSs on-site and accessible for all employees. A fellow student in my class — a safety director for [a large Michigan utility company] — said that MSDSonline had worked out very well for them. That’s when I decided to learn more.”

After some investigating, Mr. Kamon came to believe that the MSDSonline HQ Account could provide the seamless, cloud-based solution that MAG was looking for.

“We have 190 full-time employees, and a large contract employee base that can be anywhere from 25 to 125 people, depending on what projects we have,” says Mr. Kamon. “I realized that the MSDSonline product would bring

advantages around speed and accessibility for this sort of workforce. We’re a bunch of skilled tradespeople, so we’ve got a work atmosphere where there’s a lot of freedom — but at the same time we have to keep compliant and make sure everyone knows that before they bring a new chemical into the facility, it needs to be listed.

“Part of my job is to ensure we control and document all incoming chemical products. For example, a new customer may want a certain type of lubricant or coolant, and we’ve got to make sure we have the SDS.”

Since adoption of MSDSonline’s HQ Account, Mr. Kamon reports that MSDSonline has provided his company with a number of advantages for SDS management.

“We’re very comfortable with MSDSonline and it’s working very well,” says Mr. Kamon. “It’s really improved our discipline. It gives



us real-time access to what we have where, and I like the process for providing updates to our SDS library. We've got computers all over our facility, even in manufacturing, and we've put shortcuts [to MSDSonline's HQ Account] on all our computers. That works well. Everybody in the company can look something up very quickly and easily. It's become part of our culture of emergency preparedness and response."

As MAG keeps its eye on the future, Mr. Kamon is confident that *VelocityEHS* will be a part of it.

"We've been in the process of getting ready for the [GHS-related] changes," he explains. "The HQ Account has been able to help us take care of that too. It's a good feeling!"



## COMPANIES WITH DYNAMIC WORKFORCES STAY SAFE AND COMPLIANT WITH MSDSONLINE

Managing worksite chemical safety is a challenge for companies of all sizes and types, but can be especially difficult for businesses that must regularly adjust the size of their workforces based on the size of the project. Businesses that use temporary workers from staffing agencies, or that bring workers from a different company onto their worksites, can also face the same issues. OSHA has made it clear that new, temporary, and visiting workers must be brought up to speed on HazCom compliance. OSHA has maintained for many years that new employees, even ones brought aboard for the short-term, need to be trained on HazCom. In a July 9, 2015 enforcement directive, OSHA also further clarified that businesses with multi-employer worksites must have a system in place for providing chemical safety information to all on-site employees, and for providing access to SDSs. OSHA maintains that staffing agencies and host employers share control over temporary employees and are jointly responsible for ensuring they are informed and trained on workplace chemicals.

That's a lot to think about, but *VelocityEHS* can help! Our award-winning suite of seamless solutions helps companies by simplifying the organization of, access to, and deployment of chemical information and safety materials across shifting employee-bases and worksites. Our cloud-based solutions make it easy to meet ever-evolving local, state, and federal compliance requirements, provide required safety data sheet information, and keep your workplace safe, compliant, and running smoothly.

## Benefits of the HQ Account

### Millions of MSDSs at Your Fingertips

24/7 access to the industry's leading database of safety data sheets ensures your company's library is up-to-date and in compliance.

### Simplify Compliance

Easy-to-use tools help you meet hazard communication requirements (OSHA / WHMIS / GHS), including hazard determination, right-to-know access, labeling, safe chemical handling, PPE, and more.

### Improve Chemical Management

Robust chemical management tools provide greater container-level control over the location, status and risk associated with the chemicals you use. Our free mobile Chemical Inventory Scanner app lets you scan barcode/QR code labels for in-the-field container management.

### Mobile Access

Our online accounts are mobile optimized, and our free eBinder mobile app makes it possible to access SDSs and chemical inventory information offline, when internet connectivity is limited. With these mobile capabilities, critical chemical safety information is always at your fingertips.

### Regulatory Compliant

Multiple back-up options mean your system meets OSHA, WHMIS and other regulatory requirements for electronic safety data sheet /chemical management.

### Quick ROI & Low Cost of Ownership

The HQ Account pays for itself by eliminating time-consuming, manual administrative tasks. Plus, there's no software to install or maintain, and you get immediate access to new features.

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