



Summary

<b>Industry:</b>	Automotive
<b>Application:</b>	Conveyor chain
<b>Actual Saving:</b>	£12,014
<b>Payback Period:</b>	Immediately



# ERIKS Know-How Reduces Inventory and Overall Costs

Off-the-shelf solution reduces delivery lead times

## ISSUE

ERIKS received a large number of orders for chain to be sourced from KRUPPS in order to support the new B6 assembly line on-site at a large automotive manufacturer. Usually ERIKS would place the orders with KRUPPS and supply the parts as requested to the plant, however, with almost 50 individual parts ordered delivery lead times were being quoted as 6 weeks with a total carriage of £1200. In addition once on-site the stores team would need to create 50 new locations to hold the different lengths of chain until they were required.

## SOLUTION

ERIKS noticed that a large number of parts seemed to be standard chain simply cut to different lengths. We requested a quotation from KRUPPS and from the quotation ERIKS were able to determine that all the parts were in fact for the same standard 1/2" pitch chain but each length was different.

ERIKS spoke with the on-site engineer to explain the chain was a standard off the shelf item and could be readily supplied in any length for breakdown situations or planned maintenance. The decision was taken to cancel the orders saving over £12k just on the cost of the chain. The added benefits included the stock availability from ERIKS direct and the fact the customer didn't need to hold the stock keeping their inventory levels down.

## OTHER BENEFITS

- Reduction in costs and stockholding
- Reduced delivery time
- Simple off the shelf solution with Fenner chain

## FURTHER COMMENTS...

The outcome was that the customer had the standard chain coded and since has ordered over 300 foot of Fenner branded chain. This has been delivered as required, next day.

## MORE INFORMATION

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