

Everything Has Its Place

Custom Reel Cabinetry for 5S Workplace Standards

Established in 1979, Lube Specialists supports all aspects of automating and supplying materials for lubrication. The company custom manufactures lubrication/fuel trucks to service off-road heavy machinery and vehicles, supplies a variety of lubrication equipment, and outfits shops with custom built units in a variety of industries such as government and fleet maintenance, mining, food, and beverage.

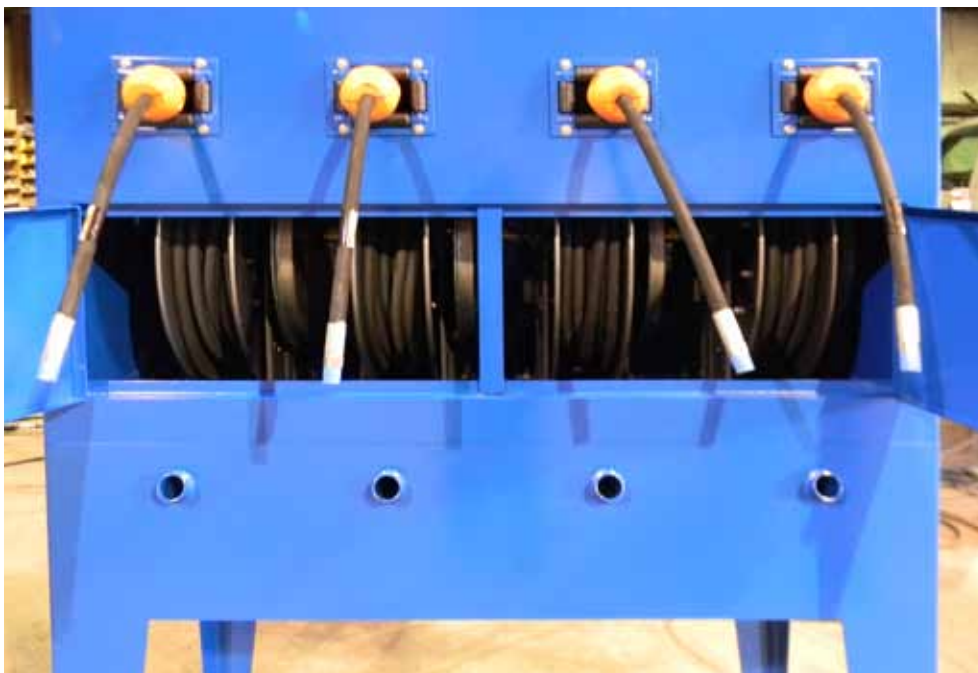
Since Lube Specialists' inception, the company has worked very closely with Hannay Reels to outfit each unit they build with an appropriate hose reel for dispensing fuels and lubricants.

Hannay Reels is the leading manufacturer of durable hose and cable reels for both OEM and aftermarket applications, offering thousands of standard models along with a wide range of custom design capabilities. Superior manufacturing processes, consistent quality, excellent customer service, and unmatched value provide customers in a variety of industries high-quality reels built to last. This formula has solidified Hannay's reputation for helping companies around the world improve the productivity, efficiency, and safety of their operations since 1933.

"Hannay Reels truly builds the world's finest reels," said Mike Lominack, Vice President of Lube Specialists. "We choose to stick with them over other competitors because of how the reels are made, their high-quality manufacturing process, quick and easy shipping options, and outstanding customer service."

One of the most recent projects Lube Specialists worked on with Hannay Reels was a custom reel cabinet for a customer in the mining industry. "This was the first time we were ever approached to create a cabinet and powder coat it like this," explained Lominack. "Sure we've built enclosures in the past but never something this specific." The customer also requested Lube Specialists meet 5S specifications, a workplace organization method and operating mindset that stands for "sort, set-in-order, shine, standardized, and sustained." It allows greater productivity and efficiency by indentifying and storing the items used in a designated location while keeping areas clean.

In this case, the customer came to Lube Specialists with their own concept to design, so Lube Specialists took their 5S requirements



Customer

Lube Specialists

Location

Lake City, FL

Customer Challenge

Build custom cabinet to meet 5S standard

Hannay Solution

N700 Series built to customer specs

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and designed exactly what they were looking for. "It's typical for our customers to come to us with what they want in mind, so we take their idea and bring it to life for them."

The cabinet stored four different N700 lubrication reels, which dispensed antifreeze, hydraulic oil, engine oil, and gear oil. Each cabinet was designed to precisely fit the reels and increase productivity by keeping hoses organized and off the floor for a safer workplace. These high-pressure, low-maintenance grease and oil reels fit a wide variety of applications in multiple settings. The N700 Series is equipped with a spring rewind, narrow frame, and compact mounting base for small areas. A non-sparking ratchet assembly and declutching arbor also prevent damage from reverse winding.



Although the reels used for the cabinet were standard, Hannay frequently manufactures custom built models for specific vehicles and other applications to suit every single need.

Whether it's just different materials and varying sizes or a completely new reel, Hannay has the capabilities and the expertise to make any reel a reality. "Usually we specify materials like aluminum or stainless steel internals for more marine and off-shore environments," said Lominack. "But sometimes we get an extremely custom order that has to precisely fit a given area."

For example, Lube Specialists needed to fit an articulated dump truck for the mining industry with a very small grease reel on the back of the ejector bed that was connected to an automatic lubrication system. The truck carries massive amounts of slurry and pushes it out the back of the truck, so the reel had to shift with the bed. Hannay Reels used one of their smallest models available that moved as the truck bed lifted and automatically retracted back in. "We were able to coordinate with Hannay Reels to fit our customer's need exactly – the results were tremendous and our customer was very happy so, at the end of the day, that's all that matters to us."

Lube Specialists explained that between the reels' quality, materials used, and overall construction, they have never had any problems. "We've been affiliated with Hannay Reels for many years, and the only feedback we ever receive from our customers is that the reels are great, high-quality products that always perform," said Lominack. "They are very accommodating to our needs and always make sure we get what we need. The longevity in a Hannay reel far surpasses the cost, so you know you really do get what you pay for."



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