



HOW MANUAL LABOR & AUTOMATION CAN COEXIST



START SIMPLE

Automation doesn't have to entail converting your entire production facility to robotic systems. Even equipment as relatively low-tech as basic conveyors or productivity aids can help boost efficiency and make working easier for your staff. They can move materials between points quickly and eliminate production bottlenecks that can delay your processes.



VIRTUAL ASSISTANCE

Not all automation involves heavy-duty robots. Anything that takes a task off a human's to-do list can be considered part of automating. This includes software that handles repetitive administrative tasks such as scheduling and data entry. With tedious jobs such as these being handled by applications, workers and supervisors are freed to concentrate on more important responsibilities. On the more complex automation systems, virtual assistance is on standby via remote access systems for technicians to assist.



SAFER WORKPLACES

Manual labor has never been safer than it is today, thanks in large part to automated systems. By taking on some of the riskiest elements of production, automation reduces the chances of injuries on the floor. This means fewer man-hours lost to workers' compensation absences, as well as higher job satisfaction and lower turnover rates. Simpler automation like roller and belt conveyors can dramatically reduce injuries due to unnecessary lifting and stretching.



PEOPLE POWER

Not even the most sophisticated automation can do everything by itself. People still are needed to perform countless vital tasks, many of which are related to the care and maintenance of the equipment. In myriad cases, the addition of new technology to production lines offers workers on the floor the opportunity to add to their skillsets. Most of the more flexible, simpler solutions like gravity roller conveyors can be quickly moved around to suit lean production needs.