

## Case Study - Nigel Dean, Design Draughtman

### 1. What benefits has DesignDataManager brought to your organisation?

As a Design Engineer, DesignDataManager allows me to quickly search for stored Pro/ENGINEER components without relying on knowing the file name and location. Parts, assemblies and drawings are all identified by descriptions, project allocation, revision, etc, thus providing a clear and well-structured database system. The possibility of part duplication is eliminated as all parts can be classified and stored in a single location. Above all, I have found DesignDataManager an excellent tool for providing document control for drawing revision trace ability.

### 2. What influenced your choice to choose DesignDataManager over alternative PDM systems?

In comparison to other PDM systems, DesignDataManager provided the most cost effective solution whilst meeting all the criteria for our needs.

### 3. Has DesignDataManager directly influenced decreased development timescales at your company?

Yes. In the past we have found that simply storing files in numerous folders are more difficult and time consuming to maintain.

### 4. Could you envisage working without data management? Please expand on this if you wish?

Definitely not. As the number of parts, drawings and assemblies continues to grow, a non-database management system would become almost impossible to maintain.

### 5. Please make any additional comments that you feel appropriate regarding DesignDataManager or of the CSI organisation/people.

During the DesignDataManager implementation stage, the CSI staff were always very responsive and solved any problems that arose. We have found DDM to be an effective and reliable data management tool for almost 3 years and continue to do so.

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