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Welcome to Furniture with Personality

Get to Know Us:

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National Office Furniture consist of 4 manufacturing locations.

- **NOF – 11th Avenue – Jasper Indiana**
- NOF – Santa Claus – Santa Claus Indiana
- NOF – Fordsville – Fordsville Kentucky
- NOF – Danville – Danville Kentucky

About Us

National Office Furniture,
A Brand Unit of Kimball International, Inc.
Jasper, Indiana-based manufacturer
of high-quality office furnishings.
Since 1980, National has built a
reputation for excellence with stylish
furniture of exceptional value; a
dedication to personalized service;
product designs that reflect a passion
for the user's comfort and
productivity; and a commitment to
environmental responsibility.



What We Do

- Education
- Healthcare
- Government
- Finance
- Day to day
- Large contract



Automated Finish Line – One of its Kind!

The new robotic automated finish line at 11th Ave is one of the first of its' kind in the United States. It combines multiple advanced technologies into one finishing line that is able to automate several steps of our finish process.

- 5 fully automatic robots
- RFID (radio frequency identification)
- Automatic on demand material mixing
- Halogen (short wave energy) ovens

Current State Finish – Manual Color Application

- Chairs moved to manual color spray
- Color and style identified by operator
- Color selected and sprayed
- Chair moved back to conveyance



Current State Finish – Manual Clear Application

- Chair removed from one conveyor and placed onto finish line
- Sealer and top coat applied (open face booths)
- Open air (ambient) flash
- Convection heat ovens



Current State Finish – Finish Curing

- Open air (ambient) flash
- Convection heat ovens
- High risk of airborne contaminates



Future State – Robotic Color Application

- RFID label already attached to chair in assembly operation
- Chair loaded onto custom carriers
- RFID label scanned prior to entry into robotic spray area
- Model and color selected
- Chair rotated and color applied
- Chair indexes to final color step



Future State – Manual Color Application

- Identify color
- Apply final color step
- Check final color to calibrated color panel
- Operator signals to the line chair is complete
- Chair continues to next operation



Future State – Robotic Clear Application

- Booths sealed (not open face)
- Supply air double filtered
- Chair model identified upon entry into booth (RFID label)
- Chair rotated and clear material applied



Future State – Finish Flash

- Chair indexes through flash tunnel
- Air pulled from ovens through tunnel into spray booths
- Tunnels lightly heated to assist solvent flash



Future State – Ovens Halogen

Benefits of Halogen Oven curing

- Quick startup
- Faster cure times
- Reduced heat soak
- Chairs cool to touch quickly
- On demand operation
 - Only operates when product present
 - Turns off once target temp is met
 - Reduction in electricity usage vs. conventional convection ovens



Efficiency Gains

- 67% capacity improvement in chairs/hour using less floor space
- Improved cycle time 65% from start to finish.
- Five high efficiency variable speed booth stacks
- AMU demand reduced 55%
- Conveyor powered by a single 1.5 hp variable speed motor
- Improved sprayed material utilization
 - Potential reduction of approximately 6500 gallons per year

Future State – Summary

- Automated color and clear material application
 - Consistent and repeatable application of materials
 - Reductions in cycle time and material usage
 - Reduced product throughput time
- RFID technology used throughout the processes
- Halogen ovens cure products in less time
- Sealed booths and flash tunnels reduce airborne contaminants
- Mix on demand system reduces material usage and waste
- Reduced energy consumption due to more efficient design

Questions / Answers

