

RMT Distributor Highlight: Sunset Marketing

Sunset Marketing is an industrial distributor specializing in providing high quality products to Industrial and Electronic Manufacturers. Founded in 1999, Sunset is a women owned, privately held business headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sunset Marketing's mission is to partner with end users to lower their overall acquisition costs through flexible procurement, quality products, and a wide selection of items. Sunset prides themselves with being a tremendous sourcing resource for their customers.

Rocky Mountain Twist and Sunset Marketing have had a great partnership for the past 15 years. RMT supplies Sunset Marketing with top quality cobalt and HSS Cryo treated jobbers for the Aerospace Industry.

RMT looks forward to strengthening our relationship with Sunset Marketing and expanding their RMT tool offering.



Port Congestion

It seems so simple – place an online order, and a package arrives to your business. But many transactions must occur before the package gets there, and these steps are far from simple. Any supply chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and when one link breaks, the complexity becomes apparent.

Recent delivery delays are a result of major disruptions in the maritime supply chain. Some container ships are waiting to access congested terminals at Port of Seattle or Tacoma for up to 3 weeks.

The vessel backlog is being experienced by ports across the country and demonstrates the vulnerability of the current supply chain. On the West Coast, our packages are often manufactured in Asia, loaded onto a ship, sailed across the Pacific, unloaded at a port, transferred to truck or train, moved into a warehouse, and finally delivered.

Usually invisible to the public, this system is how more than 80% of consumer goods are transported. But when the pandemic hit last year it sent global economic shock waves through the shipping industry as spending patterns changed dramatically.

Consumers went from eating out,

getting haircuts and taking vacations to purchasing personal protective equipment and making home improvements. The increased demand for retail products has caused an unprecedented surge in import-cargo volumes. The drivers of port congestion include shortages of terminal space to handle increased cargo and not enough trailers and railcars to ship cargo across the country.

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) created a task force to find ways to restore the ports efficiency. In collaboration with terminal operators and the International Longshore Workers Union (ILWU), they have established near-dock facilities to store containers to free up space and had terminals expand working hours, which also helps relieve truck traffic.

The redevelopment of Seattle's terminal 5 will add two berths capable of handling the largest container ships with the first to be completed in early 2022 and the other in 2024.

With imports forecast to remain strong and Terminal 5 slated for operation in 2022, port congestion will likely persist this year along the West Coast. The NWSA is committed to working together with stakeholders to strengthen the maritime supply chain and prevent future bottlenecks.

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Have You Heard?



The Boulder 2700 Fire that forced evacuations near Polson has burned over 1,500 acres and will change the Polson landscape for years to come. But did you realize it can also temporarily change Flathead Lake?

The Flathead Lake Biological Station has started collecting samples from Gravel Bay to see the effects the ash and smoke are having on the biological, chemical, and physical features of Flathead Lake.

The biologists say ash can cut out the light that gets into the lake, limiting primary productivity - the process in which organisms make their own food from inorganic resources.

The ash can also chemically change the lake which will have a big impact on

the waters acidic compound for some animals to make shells, so pH can affect the snails and mollusks.

Smoke can impact the lake as well, and it's not just because of the Boulder 2700 Fire, but regional fires too. The smoke can increase levels of nitrogen in the lake, which can increase algae and other free-floating plants.

The biggest factor is rivers affected by sedimentation after wildfires. Steep slopes are prone to erosion, bringing sediments, nutrients, and organic matter into the lake.

The biologists are continuing to take samples to monitor any changes to the lake but believe that Flathead Lake will fully recover from the impact of the fires and will not be forever changed.



This Month's Safety Tip

Wildfire Smoke & Ash

Wildfires can often cause very high air pollution levels that are harmful to your health. Protect your health by taking steps during a wildfire to reduce how much pollution you are breathing.

Inside: Remain indoors with the windows and door closed as much as possible.

Exercise: Avoid vigorous physical activity outdoors. Exercise inside a closed building such as a gym or your home.

Filtered Air: Run your air conditioner, if you have one, and make sure it has a clean filter. Close the fresh air intake if your air conditioner has the option so that it is recirculating the indoor air to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. A higher efficiency filter will filter out more smoke particles.

Candles: Avoid burning candles and incense that could further degrade your indoor air quality.

Outdoors: If you must be outdoors in smokey conditions, keep it brief, and use a disposable N-95 mask.

Employee Spotlight Steve Strickland



Steve worked in the Janitorial and Sanitation Department at Ashley Martin prior to joining the RMT Team a year and a half ago. Steve is an RMT Laser Operator in the Drill Finish Department, and his responsibilities include lasering all parts ordered, lasering custom parts for RMT projects, and helping in the process of creating new laser marks needed for specialized products. The best part of Steve's job is seeing his work on our finished cutting tools. He also enjoys the people he works with and the positive working environment his department has. When Steve is not at work you can find him hanging out with family, playing with his cats, meditating, or producing music! He also enjoys long walks and hiking. What you might not know about Steve is that he is a vegetarian and is very spiritual. He takes pride in using his skills learned through meditation to teach others how to better deal with loss and prior trauma's.

Thank you Steve for being part of the RMT Team!



RMT Upcoming Events

Anniversaries

Please help us congratulate the following employees on their anniversaries!

**1 year anniversary

Rotary
-John Laud

**5 year anniversary

Rotary
-Mark Neary

**10 year anniversary

Drill Grind
-Robin Burland-
Pulse

- September 6th : Labor Day - *RMT will be closed*
- October 5th – 7th : High School Manufacturing Days
- October 31st : Halloween
- November 25th : Thanksgiving - *RMT will be closed Nov. 25th & Nov 26th*
- December 11th : RMT Holiday Party
- December 25th : Christmas - *RMT will be closed Dec 23rd & Dec 24th*
- December 31st : *RMT will be closed*

Let's Take a Break

Employee Contest

All employees will have until the 15th of the month to submit their answers to the HR office. 1 winner will be drawn from all correct responses. Fun way to win some cool RMT Stuff!

We had 18 correct answers last month! Great Job!

Last months answer was: The Beatles, Abbey Road

Last months winner was: Brianda Marin

Trivia Question:

Can you name the movie from the poster on the right?

Try to solve without using Google more fun that way!

