

Box manufacturer enjoys benefits of Sage Fixed Assets, adds Sage 500 ERP



Founded in 1922, Utah Paperbox Company (UPB) is a vertically integrated packaging and boxes manufacturer, offering a full line of paperboard packaging solutions, creative designs, and prepress services. Maintaining more than 280,000 square feet of facility space, and employing more than 200 people, the company manufactures rigid paper boxes, folding cartons, lithographic laminated corrugated boxes, and point-of-purchase displays.

UPB owns many assets across multiple locations including computer equipment, printing presses, and machinery. Because some of its largest assets are each worth millions of dollars, it had a program to automate fixed asset depreciation and ensure accuracy and compliance with government regulations. Over time, it became increasingly difficult to keep up with tax law changes and maintain the company written system in-house.

In 1986, Teri Jensen, UPB's vice president of finance, purchased Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation (then known as PC-FAS) to gain the convenience of automatic tax law updates. Impressed with the software's ease of use and accuracy, Jensen and UPB have remained loyal Sage Fixed Assets customers, continuing to upgrade their fixed asset system as new versions of the software become available.

In 2000, the company also implemented Sage 500 ERP*, a business management solution for midsized companies, to further streamline financial operations.

Great Sage Fixed Assets features give rise to a loyal customer

A Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation customer for over 20 years, Jensen frequently recommends the solution to colleagues.

"Sage Fixed Assets is so easy to install and use," said Jensen. "Even though we've gone through several upgrades, we've been able to operate the system without a lot of help. The setup wizards within Sage Fixed Assets make it simple—and when we do have a question, we know we can rely on Sage knowledgeable and courteous technical support staff for help."

*Sage 500 ERP was named Sage MAS 500 ERP when UPB initially implemented this solution. The product names have been updated in this case study to reflect current naming.

Customer

Utah Paperbox Company

Industry

Packaging and boxes manufacturer

Location

Salt Lake City, Utah

Number of locations

One

Number of employees

200

System

Sage Fixed Assets

Modules

- Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation
- Sage Fixed Assets—Reporting
- Sage 500 ERP

Challenge

Find a fixed asset accounting solution that provides automatic tax updates. Implement a flexible accounting system that allows easy data import/export.

Solution

Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation—part of Sage Fixed Assets, the industry-leading fixed asset management solution and Sage 500 ERP, a highly reliable, robust and integrated series of applications covering all areas of enterprise e-business.

Results

Continue to be happy, loyal Sage Fixed Assets customer, enjoying its ease of use and automatic tax updates. Integrate data smoothly between Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation, Sage 500 ERP, and other systems. Save time with automated reports.

These are just a few reasons why Jensen recommends Sage Fixed Assets to companies looking for a comprehensive fixed asset management solution.

UPB also brought its tax depreciation process in-house with Sage Fixed Assets. “We used to outsource the preparation of our 4562s and other tax forms. With Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation, we save at least \$500 to \$600 each year in outsourcing fees, plus the time we used to spend collecting information for the CPAs,” Jensen added.

The graphics imaging capability in Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation has also proven beneficial to Jensen. “We have very large assets worth \$4 to \$5 million each. When we need to insure these assets, we can show a picture to the underwriter so he/she can see the condition of the machinery, along with the asset’s details, including age and value. It’s a valuable tool,” she said.

UPB selects the right accounting system—Sage 500 ERP

In 2000, UPB implemented Sage 500 ERP to add efficiency to its accounting processes. Since the company does not use all the Sage 500 ERP modules, the ability to import a wide variety of data into the system was an important factor in Jensen’s decision to implement it.

“A huge advantage for us is that Sage 500 ERP makes it very easy to import and export data,” said Jensen. “We can link Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation right to our general ledger—saving us about an hour of accounting time per month.”

The reliability of Sage technical support was another factor that weighed heavily in UPB’s decision to go with Sage 500 ERP. “I’ve always been more than satisfied with Sage customer service,” said Jensen.

Jensen also felt it would be advantageous to stay with one family of products. Thus, implementing Sage 500 ERP to work with Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation was an easy choice. She added, “The report writer [within Sage 500 ERP] is a wonderful tool. I’ve created several reports that were once produced in spreadsheets. Using Sage 500 ERP, these reports autogenerate each month, saving us about two days of accounting labor.”

Sage solutions enable smooth operations

“I have a great deal of confidence in the system’s accuracy, and our accounting department has enjoyed the convenience of automatic tax law updates and smooth data integration between Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation and Sage 500 ERP,” said Jensen.

She concluded, “Most importantly, the Sage solutions save UPB time and money.”

“Sage Fixed Assets has served me well for more than 20 years,” said Jensen. “I have a great deal of confidence in the system’s accuracy, and our accounting department has enjoyed the convenience of automatic tax law updates and smooth data integration between Sage Fixed Assets—Depreciation and Sage 500 ERP. Most importantly, the Sage solutions save UPB time and money.”

Teri Jensen
Vice President of Finance
Utah Paperbox Company

About The Sage Group, plc

We provide small and medium-sized organizations with a range of easy-to-use, secure, and efficient business management software and services—from accounting and payroll to enterprise resource planning, customer relationship management, and payments. Our customers receive continuous advice and support through our global network of local experts to help them solve their business problems, giving them the confidence to achieve their business ambitions. Formed in 1981, Sage was floated on the London Stock Exchange in 1989 and entered the FTSE 100 in 1999. Sage has over 6 million customers and more than 12,700 employees in 24 countries covering the UK & Ireland, mainland Europe, North America, South Africa, Australia, Asia, and Brazil.

For more information about Sage in North America, please visit the company website at Sage.com. Follow Sage North America on Facebook, [Facebook.com/Sage](https://www.facebook.com/Sage), and Twitter, [Twitter.com/SageNAmerica](https://twitter.com/SageNAmerica).

For more info, visit: Sage.com
or contact us at 866-996-7243