

Airbus Procurement Department

Manufacturing sites across the UK, France , Spain and Germany



We performed a review of the individual manufacturing sites, which were fairly autonomous and as a result the manufacturing maintenance spares were all managed differently. Our remit was to investigate how the spares were managed from the initial procurement through to the issue for use by the maintenance teams on site. Once this was completed we were to developing a strategy to harmonise the procurement and management of manufacturing spares across all of the sites.

Due to the autonomy of the sites, we found there were varying levels of maturity in each of the phases of the management of manufacturing spares as well as varying levels of implementation of EAM systems. As a result we needed to find a solution that would meet the timeline for the project as well as working within the constraints of the existing systems and procurement rules.

Our advice was to outsource the manufacturing spares procurement process, which allowed Airbus to improve their purchasing power by combining the purchasing from all sites through a single supplier, harmonise the spares numbering system, simplify the procurement and specifications and standardise the spares request process.

Strategic Maintenance Ltd helped develop the RFP requirements documentation, and assisted with the evaluation and vetting of the responses, in order to identify the best solution.