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Solution Highlights

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Protected Platforms

- Windows servers
- Manufacturing applications and data

Solution

- Unitrends Recovery 813

Benefits

- Rapid restores
- All-in-one solution
- Peace of mind



The best thing about Unitrends is having one stop for issues and not having to research different areas to find out why a backup failed.

Mike Wilson
Network Manager
AGA Marvel



Customer Profile

Based in Greenville, MI., AGA Marvel is a North American subsidiary of AGA Rangemaster, a premier international consumer brands group that manufactures and distributes some of the best known kitchen appliances and interiors furnishings, including AGA Ranges, Marvel Premium Refrigeration, Heartland, La Cornue and Marvel Scientific. As a luxury brand they have a strong focus on quality, achieving certifications in ISO 9001 for quality assurance, ISO 14001 for environmental management, and OHSAS 18001 for occupational health and safety.

The Challenge

Prior to Unitrends, the company's backup solution consisted of two separate tape drives used in conjunction with two separate servers. Due to data and network growth, the backup systems' capacities were insufficient and it was nearly impossible to fully recover data. There were also repeated issues with identifying the source of backup failures.

The Solution

Mike Wilson, AGA Marvel's Network Manager, worked with an outside consultant, Trivalent, to figure out the most cost-effective, easy backup solution. As a reseller of IT solutions, Trivalent recommended Unitrends' disk-based backup and recovery appliance. "Unitrends was selected because it offered one solution with hardware and software," Wilson said. "Most of the other solutions we were looking at had two or more vendors, so you would have, 'Well, it's not the backup software's fault, it's the tape drive's fault.'"

The Results

Since deployment, AGA Marvel's level of disaster preparedness has improved dramatically. The backup appliance securely protects the company's critical systems, applications and data. The Unitrends Recovery 813 creates a daily archive of all backups required for a full system recovery. The backup is then transferred to an 1.5 TB removable SATA drive, which the company rotates to an off-site location.

"We initially tested Unitrends by purposely breaking the servers in a test environment, to check the recovery functionality," Wilson said. "We were able to recover everything, no problems there." Wilson added, "I have to say that the Unitrends' user interface is really intuitive. That has been the best part of this whole experience."