



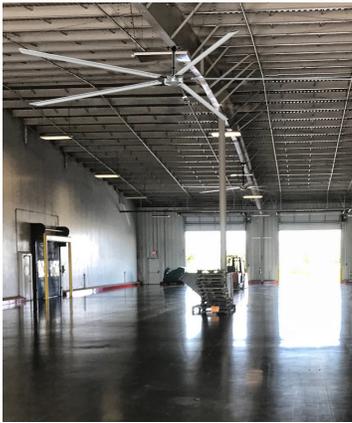
LOCATION: Lakeland, FL

INDUSTRY: Beverage;
Distribution

PRODUCT: Titan 24' Fan



Award-Winning Beverage Distributor Overcomes Humidity Concerns with Hunter Industrial Fans



BEFORE INSTALLATION:

Bernie Little Distributors, Inc. is a distributor for Anheuser-Busch throughout all of Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties in Florida. In 2011, Bernie Little Distributors was awarded by Anheuser-Busch as the No. 1 distributorship in the United States based on the Ambassadors of Excellence Program—out of 500 distributorships nationwide.

From spring to fall, humidity is ever-present across Central Florida, and the distribution center's loading area often experienced condensation build-up on its concrete floors. The team would often attempt to scrub the moisture from the floors, but their efforts only provided a temporary fix.

“Due to the condensation on the floors, our employees were constantly at risk of a safety hazard. When our team would operate forklifts, they would need to exercise extra caution because of the machines' tendency to slip on the damp floors,” said Richard Harper, operations manager of Bernie Little Distributors. “I have a couple small exhaust fans in the facility, but their air movement was only within a few feet of the fans, which doesn't help to dry the floors at all.”

After receiving a recommendation from his brother who had recently installed Hunter Industrial's products in his Frito-Lay facility, Mr. Harper turned to Hunter's HVLS fans as a solution for his 200-foot by 75-foot loading area. He was interested in how these large volume fans were able to move air to the floor and effectively eliminate moisture build-up.

AFTER INSTALLATION:

In February 2018, Mr. Harper purchased two of Hunter Industrial's premier Titan 24-foot fans. When the warm spring months increased humidity levels, Mr. Harper noticed an immediate difference in his floors with the Titan fans operating at just half-speed. There was no condensation build-up on the concrete, and employees were able to operate forklifts and execute daily tasks without the need for caution.

His staff has also paid compliment to the pleasant breeze the HVLS fans provide throughout the day—making the environment more comfortable and increasing overall productivity during the hot Florida days.

“I've been impressed with the difference Hunter Industrial HVLS fans have made in eliminating facility safety hazards,” said Mr. Harper. “Working with Hunter's team was also enjoyable. They sent a team member out to my location within two days of my request and turned around an impressive estimate within 24 hours. Hunter's service and warranty definitely set them apart from the competition, and I look forward to installing at least three more Hunter fans in the near future.”

During the summer months, just one of Hunter Industrial's fans can replace as many as 10-20 floor fans or 12 48-inch barrel fans, creating a perceived 10- to 12-degree cooler temperature environment. Equally as important during the winter months, these HVLS solutions will continually push warm air trapped at the ceiling level back down to the floor, saving up to 30 percent on heating costs and evenly distributing warm air. This kind of thermal de-stratification is essential to ensuring all employees are operating within a healthy, comfortable and, most importantly, safe environment.

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