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## Process Control Extrusion Control and Laddawn

Extrusion Control by Process Control, trade name Gravitrol, changed the extrusion process for plastics manufacturers. Pipe and profile, flexible packaging, and wire and cable to name a few. Before Gravitrol, it was very difficult, near impossible, to control or monitor how much material was going into the extruder resulting in an inconsistent product. Setups and changeovers were extremely time consuming, wasteful and as a result very costly.

This week I had the pleasure of speaking with Bill Mearls, a Project Engineer with Laddawn. Laddawn is a custom plastic bag manufacturer founded in 1976 and headquartered in Devens, MA. Over the past five years Laddawn has grown to five plants around the country: Atlanta, Dallas, Boston, Iowa, and Reno, NV.

Laddawn's business model includes short runs and therefore many changeovers. For example, their Sterling facility does over 400 change overs a day between 19 lines! They needed a solution to accurately and consistently monitor and control their output and cut down on changeover time. PCC's Gravitrol system was able to help them achieve just that. According to Bill Mearls, another crucial way Gravitrol was able to help Laddawn was in reduction of start up scrap. According to Bill, "Using Gravitrol, we were able to reduce start up time by 75%".

Process Control can provide a solution to fit your business model as we did for Laddawn, customizing a 12" touch screen controller to mirror existing touch screen's in their facility. PCC's in-house software department successfully implemented D.R. Joseph's lay flat calculations to sync with Process Control equipment.

Headquartered out of Atlanta, Georgia, Process Control Corporation has been the leader in plastic auxiliary blending equipment for over 50 years. PCC can design and manufacture everything you need to get you from railcar unloading to the silo, in-plant conveying, blending and feeding the extruder. Come see why we continue to set the STANDARD for Gravimetric Batch, Continuous, and Automatic Scrap Recycling Systems.

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