



Getting It Right With A Work Station Bridge Crane Before Production Starts

Features and Benefits

Business: Granite Shop

Product Type: Work Station Bridge Crane

Industry Group: Monorail Manufacturers Association, Inc. (MMA)



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Application:

When John Morley decided to open Regal Granite & Marble, he did his homework first. He selected top raw material providers, chose his location carefully, and researched his equipment purchases. Having been in the industry for many years prior to opening his own business, he was aware of the risks associated with handling the heavy, fragile material, and wanted to minimize the risk. "I knew that in order to handle the granite slabs and move it from one place to another I needed a crane, and I wanted a Gorbel," said John.

Solution:

A Freestanding Gorbel work station crane with a 2000 pound capacity aluminum bridge to cover the work cell and service both machines. Along with the Gorbel crane, he purchased a Demag hoist with suction cup tooling to grip the slabs.

Problem:

- Granite slabs are very fragile and easily damaged; once cut they are very expensive to replace if damaged.
- Without a crane system it would take numerous people to lift and move the slabs around the facility causing safety and productivity issues.

Why Was Gorbel® The Smart Solution:

“There’s so many problems that the Gorbel system solves. Among the, are safety, damage reduction, and efficiency,” said Morley.

Reducing the risk of damage was another way that Morley says helps the Gorbel crane pay for itself. Some pieces are worth a few hundred dollars, other pieces could be valued at \$7,000 – and that’s just the cost of the raw material.

After six years of business, Morley is happy to report that his investment has definitely paid off, with no injuries or product damage related to handling the slabs with the crane. “The Gorbel crane is a great piece of equipment, and it certainly has paid for itself.”



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