

PIRANA CMMS ...nimble, fast, powerful and unbeatably affordable

If it were a car it would handle like this...



Pirana is the latest technology, browser-based Computerised Maintenance Management System (CMMS) from Shire. It's raised the bar for price-performance and ease of use. For a rock-bottom price, Pirana does just what you want and using it is pure simplicity. It's a joy.

Practical maintenance engineers from across all industry specified Pirana's functionality - engineers with the same problems and concerns as you. These no-nonsense, street-wise individuals included only what was

needed to get the job done in this revolutionary CMMS.

The need to improve

Since 2003, well over 1000 maintenance engineers have come along to Shire's free CMMS Roadshows. All came with the same objective - to find out more about Computerised

Maintenance Management and how it can improve their effectiveness and efficiency. If you've never been to one, sign up today, we'll soon be coming to a venue near you!

In talking and listening to our Roadshow guests, we've gained unparalleled understanding of the practical needs, expectations and wishlists of maintenance engineers. These user-requirements were funnelled into Pirana's Functions-and-Features specification to produce the CMMS engineers craved.

In today's viciously competitive and regulation-ridden world, being good at

practical, hands-on maintenance isn't sufficient. You have to deliver winning performance for the business - that's what brings the pats on the back. Maintenance has to be well managed and, to be effective and efficient, you need a good maintenance information system. It's a prerequisite of success whether you're running with a reactive or proactive maintenance strategy.

Paper – the friendly nightmare

Engineer-managers often develop their own paper-based systems. They schedule work on a planning board and control operations with job cards - some add electronic spreadsheets. While such systems are OK when work volume is low - and you've got the time - they're completely unwieldy when equipment and job numbers are high and you're running to stand still. However, paper's one shining virtue is its user-friendliness. It's a shame that its downside is such a nightmare.

Paper systems automatically mean high administration costs and mounds of unsharable, difficult to access information - they also lack fundamental integrity and security. With paper systems, information can be easily lost or tampered with - and there's no watertight audit trail of transactions and events. Very disconcerting when an auditor, inspector or the boss come knocking at your door.

Paper systems just can't cope effectively with the myriad of regulatory, quality assurance and other performance management demands a modern-day maintenance organisation must contend with - what you have to control.

IT is it

To do your job properly, and with the ability to demonstrate and prove the degree of due diligence your boss is looking for, a well-configured electronic information system is a must. It saves vast amounts of time, your life gets a lot easier - and it will put a smile on everyone's face.

With Pirana, Shire's vision was to reinvent CMMS with strict fit-for-purpose functionality and all the simplicity and information-at-a-glance virtues of a T-card system. Our goal was to provide awesome Information Technology (IT) with exquisite usability. We were eager to give CMMS users, particularly new ones, the ability to fully exploit the power of advanced Information Technology with utmost confidence and comfort.

Chris Lee, Shire applications specialist, sums it up: "The vast majority of engineers are looking for a compact, easy-to-use system. They don't want it complicated with mind-boggling features - bells and whistles they never asked for and have no

intention of using. What they want is a lightweight, race-ready sports car - not a Chelsea Tractor weighed down with a stack of unwanted extras”.

Chris goes on: “We set about building Pirana with the needs of this vast majority in mind. Like our F1 and motorsport clients, we weighed, drilled and fettled each component to keep Pirana’s overall mass and footprint down. That means it’s a lean and nimble tool with superb feel and handling – using Pirana is a ball of fun. It’s solid muscle and no fat – what’s in there is going to get used. With Pirana’s Dashboard display, you can immediately see the big picture and instantly zoom in on the detail – you’re really in the driving seat!”



Easy-peasey for new users

Training Manager Fraser Richardson has presented countless CMMS training courses over the years; he says: “It’s vitally important users feel instantly at home with the CMMS user-interface. Above all, a CMMS is a practical tool. New users must be able to quickly pick up the tool and use it. Our goal was to make Pirana so intuitive that new users can just press the start-button and go”.

Fraser goes on: “Maintenance engineers are key people. They’re extremely busy and can’t easily take off from the workplace. For that reason too, we aimed to provide a CMMS needing little to no training”.



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Will Cheater has been at the sharp end of things on Shire’s customer Support Helpdesk for nearly 10 years. He’s extremely enthusiastic about Pirana and says: “On the Helpdesk we’re the first port of call when a user has queries or runs into difficulties. We understand how different users think and interact with our systems. We know their needs and preferences as well as we know our own - and we share their frustrations and aspirations. It’s been great channelling all that knowledge and emotion into Pirana’s development”.

Mighty usability - tiny cost

Savvy maintenance engineers - the current hands-on users of CMMS in the workplace - specified Pirana themselves. Pirana was built to their order. Applying unique expertise and insight gained over a quarter of a century, Shire delivered a CMMS with paper-system simplicity and has made CMMS child’s play for anyone.

Alex Thompson, the Pirana Project Manager, says: “During Pirana’s development, one of the biggest challenges we faced was gate-keeping - stopping extra features from creeping into the system! But we did succeed in constraining Pirana’s waistline and kept its bulk down. We have indeed succeeded in providing awesome information technology with exquisite usability”.



In the pit - the Pirana development Task Force between them they have over 80 years of experience of Computerised Maintenance Management Systems with Shire, the United Kingdom’s CMMS leader

In terms of user-focus and value for money, Pirana delivers mega usability at nano cost. Gaining control, implementing good order

and ensuring regulatory compliance in the workplace is as straightforward as it can ever get.

Under the bonnet

Technology and power to blow your socks off!

- SQL database – highly secure; password access
- Browser-based – zero footprint deployment; instant access from anywhere
- Configurable – to fit like a glove



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