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New white paper offers roadmap to adopting Industry 4.0 without impacting on current production



One of the earliest beneficiaries of Industry 4.0 manufacturing techniques has unveiled a detailed guide to adoption that avoids a negative impact on current production.

However, the Bosch Rexroth white paper "A practical roadmap for the implementation of Industry 4.0" argues that Industry 4.0 is an evolution, not a revolution, and includes practical suggestions for a three-step approach, supporting the steady implementation of connected manufacturing technologies, bolting sensors and hardware to existing production infrastructure.

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The white paper also outlines how Industry 4.0 can be scaled to meet the demands of SME manufacturers and adapted to meet specific business demands such as improved productivity, increased quality and consistency or scaling up production.

Andrew Minturn – Business Development and Strategic Product Manager for Bosch Rexroth – said: "Industry 4.0 isn't going to be a sudden change, it's a gradual but it is happening now. The ultimate step will be the complete evolution of the supply chain, from the subcontractor to the end user. Everyone will need to get involved."

For any manufacturing business the key step will be to implement those changes that will give them the biggest benefit here and now. The good news is that this doesn't mean large scale capital investment through the wholesale replacement of legacy equipment. As is shown in this latest report even a 19th century treadle lathe can be upgraded for use in the 21st century using Industry 4.0 technologies and techniques.

To download a free copy of Bosch Rexroth's "A practical roadmap for the implementation of Industry 4.0" please → click here

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