

## Challenge

### Background

This foundry was experiencing problems with the fan bearings in their six heat treatment ovens.

- The previous grease was hardening due to high temperatures of 150-170°C (302-338°F).
- As a result, the lines are shut down for 6 days each year to replace bearings and clean out old grease.
- Annual cost: **\$38,800**

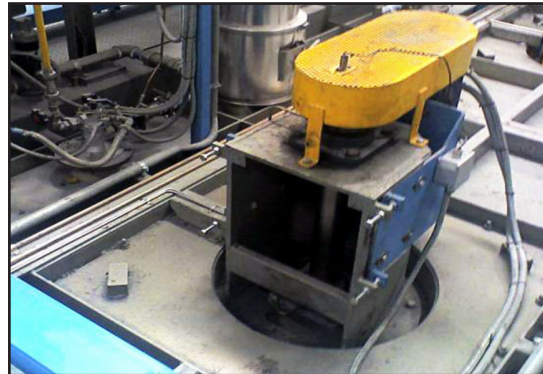


*Heat treating alloys requires a controlled rate of heat-up and cool down.*

## Solution

### Product

- Deliver **Chesterton 615 High-Temperature Grease (HTG) #1** to the bearings through a central lubrication line.
- Chesterton Technical Services recommended adjusting the central pump to re-grease the bearing with small amounts of “make-up” grease 6X per day. This approach keeps fresh grease in the bearing and purges old grease.



*Fans are used to circulate hot air in the oven to evenly heat the oven internals.*

## Results

**Chesterton 615 HTG #1** solution has performed flawlessly:

- No clogs in central grease lines for 2 years
- No shut downs from bearing failures
- No hardening of grease
- No replacement fan bearing in last 2 years
- No shut down to replace bearings

**Previous Annual Replacement Cost: -\$38,800**

Lubrication with 615 HTG #1: **\$ 2,400**

**Annual Savings: \$36,400**

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*Reliability, dependability and cost-effective solutions.*