



RITE-WAY CONCRETE PRODUCTS, CO.

ELECTRIC CRANE SAFELY MOVES HEAVY CONCRETE PRODUCTS

INTRODUCTION

Jim Atwell started Rite-Way Concrete Products Co., in Springfield, Missouri in 1961. The company provides architectural precast work for concrete products including cement, plaster and mortar. Among their many products and services, they provide custom castings, designs, parking blocks, splash blocks and steps for general contractors.

THE CHALLENGE

Rite-Way Concrete Products Co. wanted a crane their employees could easily use to install precast steps and parking bumpers.

Atwell needed a solution that would enable him to lift a variety of heavy, custom pieces in a wide range of sizes. He had a successful experience with Venco Venturo on two previous occasions during his 50-year career and turned to them again for his specific crane needs.

THE VENTURO SOLUTION

Atwell purchased a Venturo CT2003FB heavy-duty electric winch crane from Venturo distributor Bus Andrews Trucking Equipment, Inc. in Springfield, Missouri.

The crane is equipped with a 1.8HP winch and a 2,000 lb. lifting capacity. It is rated at 6,000 ft-lbs., and features manual rotation, manual extension and a folding boom.

The CT2003FB meets ASME B30.5 safety standards and mounting sockets allow for easy removal for use at multiple

"We are very happy with the crane and have utilized it on a daily or weekly basis whenever it is needed. It works well and has suited our needs perfectly."

- Jim Atwell,
Owner, Rite-Way Concrete Products, Co.

operating locations. With the CT2003FB, Atwell can use the crane to lift heavy precast steps and parking bumpers off the truck one at a time.

"The advantage is that I can detach the Venturo crane from the truck easily," Atwell said. "We also needed the ability to store the crane as I didn't want a crane that was permanently mounted and in my way in the warehouse."

CONCLUSION

The Venturo CT2003FB is ideal for Atwell's needs, and he is able to operate it himself without additional staff. Atwell is pleased that the crane is easy to maintain.

Since it is electric, there are no service issues like those



associated with a hydraulic pump. The minimal maintenance included replacing the control plug and controller when the pins wear out and lose contact — a simple procedure with parts found at the local dealer.

Atwell also highlighted the safety benefits of the crane.

"Many people in the industry may use larger equipment, but

that isn't necessary for our needs," he said. "However, I have had a tendency to overuse lifts in the past and appreciate the safety features of the Venturo crane to ensure the truck is level so that I can operate it safely and correctly by myself."

