



## Production Scheduling Program

### *Simplifying Visual Standard Scheduling*

Most companies know that production scheduling is critically important to meeting their objectives. So why do we hear from many of our customers that “Scheduling is too complicated” or “Scheduling takes up too much of our time” and even “We’re not ready to try it”?

In many of these cases, we find that there is a common lack of knowledge of both scheduling fundamentals and software capability. Based on this gap, the scheduling system may have never been setup or may not be bringing the efficiency it should be to the organization. Individuals may spend several hours each day working their scheduling efforts outside of the ERP system instead of having the scheduling tools doing the heavy lifting.

Time lost trying to manage scheduling chaos can be redirected to proactive management and your scheduling system can be made less complicated, but it requires change. The detailed benefits in changing the approach to deploy an effective scheduling program include:

- Viewing Real Time Scheduled to Completion Dates
- Reducing Overtime and Properly Sizing Resources
- Confidently Providing Delivery Commitments
- Planning Ahead for Absences and Maintenance
- Empowering Production Employees to Follow Dispatch Plans
- Redirecting Firefighting Efforts to Problem Solving

Before deploying or improving your utilization of Visual Manufacturing’s in depth standard scheduling capabilities, it’s important to understand the scheduling basics. Our **Production Scheduling Program** covers this and more to get you from your current state to fully taking advantage of the powerful Visual Standard Scheduler.

#### **Production Scheduling Program Sequence:**

- **Scheduling Pre-Assessment** – We gain an understanding of your current state and review any actions that need to be completed prior to conducting a successful workshop.
- **Scheduling Workshop** – Training on the fundamentals of scheduling inside and outside of the Visual ERP Scheduler, including a detailed review of resources, setup, and actions that need to be completed prior to conducting a successful scheduling pilot. The outcome will be an agreed upon best approach for YOUR business.
- **Scheduling Pilot & Go-Live Support** – We support you through both a scheduling pilot and Go-Live, including training on capacity constraint, utilization and contention, and late order visibility. The end result is a system that frees up your time, as it is now focused on a smaller subset of priorities and outliers.

**What Our Customers Are Saying:** “We engaged Synergy Resources to conduct a Scheduling Workshop at Howard Glass to help us improve our shop floor scheduling process and utilization of the VISUAL Manufacturing scheduling functionality. The results have been great. We have accurate dispatch reports and have headed off many issues before they even became a problem. The ability to predict capacity and other issues is powerful. Having visibility to real issues through the late report is very helpful as well – we no longer have to rely on our memories and written notes to run down issues or risk issues falling off our radar. I’m very pleased with the results of the team’s efforts. It’s truly going to help with production planning and control, as well as improving our on time delivery.”

– Brian Antul; Production Manager at Howard Glass