



## Gorbel® Work Station Cranes: Matching Workflow and Increasing Productivity

**Industry:**  
Manufacturing

**Product:**  
Valves & Actuators

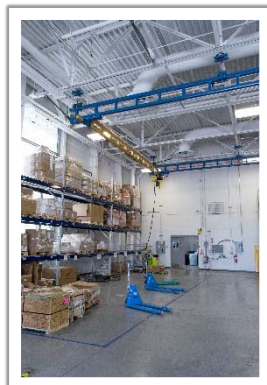
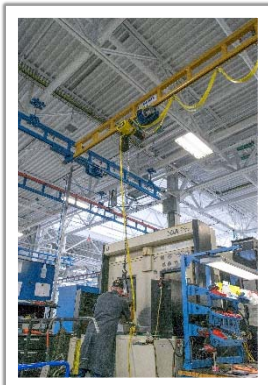
**The Problem:**  
Lower Productivity

**The Solution:**  
Gorbel® Ceiling Mounted Work  
Station Cranes



**At Woodward Inc. in Fort Collins, CO, a new facility was built and equipped with about 40 Gorbel® Work Station Cranes throughout the plant. Previously, jib and overhead cranes were in use as well as gantry cranes. Woodward manufactures valves and actuators for gas and steam turbine power plants. Wazee Crane of Broomfield, CO was brought in to design and coordinate the installation of the Gorbel® work station cranes.**

Since installation the feedback from the employees has been very positive. Where there used to be three bridges, nine were installed, allowing for a dedicated bridge to each aisle which gives an operator immediate access instead of having to stage their pieces and wait for crane availability. This has increased productivity tremendously. And, where a gantry was in use, the operator had to contend with



the extra weight of the gantry as well as moving people and other obstacles from the floor to move his product. Now with the overhead ceiling mounted system in place, it is out of the way and available for immediate use when needed.

The new facility was designed for optimal product flow and the Gorbel® cranes were able to match that flow and help increase efficiencies and productivity.