



### Case Study

# **Advanced Process Monitoring Helps Heat Pump Manufacturer To Improve Productivity**

When a leading manufacturer of heat pump cabinets was looking to improve the assembly line of their cabinet doors, they turned to STANLEY Engineered Fastening for a system solution.

#### **Previous Assembly Solution**

The customer had been utilizing shouldered riveting as a means of assembling the heat pump cabinet doors. However, they were seeking a tooling solution that could integrate with their Programable Logic Controller (PLC) system to keep track of the quantity and quality of the rivets installed in each door.

#### **Customer Challenges**

The main challenge was to improve productivity through process monitoring and automation for the heat pump door assembly process.

- Quality control of the number of rivets correctly installed on each door
- Record of data including force, distance, speed, current and bus voltage in real time for each rivet installed
- Connectivity of the blind rivet tool with the customer Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) system for centralized quality monitoring and auditing purposes
- Ensure joint reliability by achieving excellent hole fill with one side installation
- Vibration resistant solution with a fastener with bulbing tail formation

#### The STANLEY Solution Value

STANLEY Engineered Fastening provided a turnkey full system solution with a high level of process monitoring by introducing The STANLEY Process Monitoring System Solution consisting on Avdel® Avibulb® 4 mm Aluminum/ Steel Shouldered Rivets, the SAT® BR12PP-8 Process Monitoring Smart Blind Rivet Tool with Barcode Scaner and a QBE-Series Controller to perform the heat pump door assembly.

The results were impressive:

- Reduced risk of quality issues thanks for full error-proofing capabilities, ensuring each door is correctly assembled to specifications
- Increased quality control and process monitoring by collecting fastening cycle information and allowing full data traceability
- Enhanced assembly strength and increased resistance to vibration and corrosion
- Improved efficiencies by choosing one single leading supplier with global footprint for fasteners and tools









#### SAT® BR12PP-8 Process Monitoring Smart Blind Tool with Barcode Scanner

Ensures correct rivet placement & links rivet results to serial numbers for quality control.



#### SAT® QBE Controller with Alpha Toolbox Software

Collects fastening cycle and allows data integration with customer PLC system.



Avdel® Avibulb® 4 mm Aluminum/ Steel Shouldered Rivets

Providing high shear and tensile strenght for strong, vibration resistant joints.



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