



ARMITE LUBRICANTS

Family-Owned. Aerospace-Certified.
Modernized with Cetec ERP.

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ABOUT ARMITE LUBRICANTS

Founded in 1928, Armite Lubricants manufactures specialty lubricants and anti-seize compounds for aerospace and defense customers. The small, family-owned company relocated from California to Colorado in 2019 and achieved AS9100 certification during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Run by a team of six, Armite continues a 97-year legacy of quality while embracing modern systems to improve efficiency, traceability, and compliance.

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CHALLENGES

Armite's operations were entirely paper-based. Production travelers, purchase orders, and lot records were created in Word and Excel, stored in file cabinets, and difficult to retrieve during audits.



"Everything was paper. Customers would ask for a lot number, and we'd have to sift through spreadsheets and files to find it. It took forever."

- Megan, Operations Manager

Without a dedicated scheduling or purchasing department, Megan managed most day-to-day operations herself. QuickBooks handled accounting, but it wasn't connected to production or inventory. The lack of integration limited visibility and created inefficiencies across every part of the business.

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THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION

While completing her MBA, Megan began researching ERP and quality management systems. She needed a platform that was:

- ✓ Affordable for a small business.
- ✓ Cloud-based with automatic updates.
- ✓ Equipped with traceability and QMS functionality.
- ✓ Easy to implement and maintain without a large staff.



“I was initially looking for an EQMS, but Cetec ERP stood out because it already had those capabilities built in—along with document management,” she said. After reviewing several small business ERPs, Armite selected Cetec ERP for its value, flexibility, and ability to support aerospace-level quality standards.

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IMPLEMENTATION JOURNEY

In January 2024, Armite went live on Cetec ERP after six months of data preparation. Megan led the project herself, translating the company’s batch “recipe-style” manufacturing into structured bills of material within the system.

Armite produces lubricants in small, variable batches—sometimes drawing portions from one drum to create another product. With guidance from Cetec’s implementation team, Megan adapted those recipes into a consistent, structured format that preserved flexibility while establishing accurate inventory control and traceability.

For a company where one person manages scheduling, purchasing, and operations, the structured data became essential. Cetec's logic gave Megan instant visibility into what materials were available, what was allocated, and what needed to be produced next.



We don't have a scheduling department or a purchasing department—it's all me. So the system had to be easy to use. Cetec made that possible."

- Megan

The support from Cetec ERP's consultants was hands-on. "Our implementation consultants were super knowledgeable and available any time, even late at night near go-live. They helped us translate our processes into Cetec's framework in a way that actually made sense for how we work."

05 ACCOUNTING & DATA INTEGRATION

After stabilizing operations, Armite migrated its accounting into Cetec ERP in July 2024. The move replaced QuickBooks and unified financial data with production and inventory. Megan rebuilt the chart of accounts, gaining full control over financial reporting and visibility across departments. She now uses auto ledger entries to handle recurring transactions, payroll adjustments, and subscriptions, cutting hours of manual entry each month. This consolidation eliminated redundant work and improved accuracy—critical for a business with limited staff and complex compliance requirements.

06 KEY RESULTS

Cetec ERP has become the operational core of Armite Lubricants, transforming how a small aerospace- certified manufacturer runs its business.



1. AUDIT-READY TRACEABILITY

Real-time lot and material tracking built directly into production workflows.

Seamless AS9100 audits with complete documentation in one system.



2. REDUCED ADMIN TIME

Automated creation of COCs and COAs directly from production data.

Unified system eliminated duplicate entry across accounting and manufacturing.



3. INVENTORY ACCURACY

Live material usage data reduced monthly physical counts to quarterly.

Real-time visibility into stock levels and shelf life.



4. LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Real-time lot and material tracking built directly into production workflows.

Seamless AS9100 audits with complete documentation in one system.



Cetec ERP changed everything here. It's made us more efficient, more traceable, and more confident in our data. I wouldn't go back for anything.

- Megan, Armite Lubricants

07 CONCLUSION

Armite Lubricants exemplifies how even the smallest manufacturers can achieve aerospace-grade traceability and efficiency with the right system. By moving from spreadsheets and paper to a unified digital platform, the 97-year-old family business modernized its operations without losing the flexibility that defines its craft. Cetec ERP provided the tools—and the hands-on support—to make that transformation possible.