

Conversions for AC2000, Eagle and Spectrum to COMMANDbatch

Command Alkon is committed to extending the life of your investment

By offering migration pathways to COMMANDbatch for AC2000, Eagle, and Spectrum systems, a modern, state-of-the-art batching system conversion can be had for significantly less money and time than the “rip and replace” method. As Command Alkon continues to advance the technology and capabilities of COMMANDbatch, your company, through software upgrades, will be assured of keeping pace with future changes.



What types of systems are eligible for conversion to COMMANDbatch?

Spectrum, Sprint I

Hardware	Software
EZ-Cal	Version 6, Version 4
Phase III to V*	Version 6, Version 4
Sprint I*	Version 4
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Eagle, Eagle Plus, Eagle Jr., Enhanced Eagle, Enhanced Eagle Jr.

Hardware	Software
Level 8	Level 8
Level 7	Level 7
Level 6	Level 6
Level 5	Level 5

AC2000

Hardware	Software
EZ-Cal	Version 2

Eagle Flex

Hardware	Software
Level 1	Level 1

* Hardware conversion to EZ-Cal can be added at this time, but is not required, should the customer seek to have consistent systems companywide.

Note that if you have maintained a *Priority One* Support Agreement on one of the above Command Alkon batch controls, a discount is offered on the conversion to COMMANDbatch.



Am I required to replace all of my hardware?

No. Unnecessary components will be removed and replaced with a single ‘plug compatible’ component, along with a new PC. In most cases, there are no changes to any plant wiring.



Can I add on extras that my current system does not have?

Yes. Any additional features and capabilities of COMMANDbatch can be included as part of the conversion. These features could include items such as:

- ♦ COMMANDassist (page 7)
- ♦ Remote Batching and Remote Client (page 6)
- ♦ Plant Watcher (page 9)
- ♦ Dispatch
- ♦ Multiple Plant Setup and more . . .

“We have converted four existing Spectrums to COMMANDbatch. With Command Alkon’s attention to preserving existing investments, the process was straightforward and cost effective. With these plants now converted to COMMANDbatch, we are using the advanced capabilities of this system, such as Remote Batching, to be more efficient and lower cost more than ever before.”



Do I need COMMANDbatch attached to a Network?

No. While COMMANDbatch does require a network connection between the operator PC and the system controls, connection to an office business network is not required. However, if you wish to take advantage of features such as COMMANDassist or Plant Watcher then a connection to the Internet is required.



What is the migration process?

Prior to conversion, Command Alkon requests a copy of the existing system data to prepare for the conversion. Our personnel will ensure that existing plant information (materials, mix designs, etc.) are converted and installed on the new operator PC before shipment. Command Alkon will prepare batch personnel for training by ensuring that they have the knowledge and skills needed to operate in a Windows environment. Once these preparations are made the conversion can be scheduled. The actual conversion includes:

- ◆ Install new hardware, replace PC
- ◆ Set up a LAN connection between the Junction Box and the COMMANDbatch operator PC
- ◆ Configure Incoming Links as needed for central dispatch systems
- ◆ Configure Remote Client access
- ◆ Configure any new options
- ◆ Run test material drops
- ◆ Batch support specialist will provide operators with an introduction to COMMANDbatch Basic System Operations and assist with plant startup and performance tuning

Benefits of a COMMANDbatch Conversion

- ◆ Requires little time for installation
- ◆ Creates much less disruption than a complete “rip and replace”
- ◆ Requires little or no downtime
- ◆ Involves significantly lower risk than system replacement
- ◆ Is significantly more cost effective than system replacement
- ◆ Access to the COMMANDbatch feature set can improve production output and product quality
- ◆ COMMANDbatch advanced reporting and alert capabilities provide up-to-date knowledge on plant operations
- ◆ Personnel training and substitution costs are reduced with all plants using the same system
- ◆ COMMANDbatch software upgrades assure that your company keeps pace with advancements in technology and capabilities