

Product Installation Study

PowerTracker® Digital Power Filter

Project Information

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Executive Summary

Electronic equipment of all types suffer damage and disruption due to powerline disturbances. This fact is unchallenged throughout the electronics industry yet it is very difficult to quantify the costs associated with downtime, parts replacement and service calls for various types of electronic equipment. In an attempt to quantify the effect of the EFI Digital Power Filter (DPF) on the operation of digital copiers, EFI Electronics Corporation conducted an installation study to compare the frequency of copier malfunction and damage requiring a service call between digital copiers installed without DPF protection verses copiers protected by a DPF.

The results of the 9 month study of 40 installations determined a 37% reduction in service calls when protecting the copier with the DPF.

Background

Les Olson Company, an authorized dealer for Sharp copiers located in Salt Lake City, Utah monitored 40 copiers, 20 of which were not protected by a DPF and 20 of which were protected by a DPF. The non-protected and protected copiers were similar equipment installed in similar environments.

The copiers were monitored between 8/13/2002 and 6/30/2003. The combined number of months that the non-protected copiers were monitored was 181 months, while the protected copiers were installed and monitored a total of 205 combined months.

Data Results

The 20 copiers that were not protected by a DPF experienced 56 service calls, while the 20 copiers that were protected by a DPF experienced 40.

This means that the copiers that were not protected by the DPF operated an average of 3.23 months without a service call while the copiers that were protected averaged 5.13 months without a service call.

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Conclusion

The copiers that were not protected by a DPF were serviced a total of 56 times during the 181 combined months that the copiers were installed, for an average of 3.23 months between service calls. This equates to each copier being serviced 3.71 times a year.

The copiers that were protected by a DPF were serviced a total of 40 times during the 205 combined months that the copiers were installed, for an average of 5.125 months between service calls. This equates to each copier being serviced 2.34 times a year.

	Copy Machines	Number of Service Calls	Copier Combined Operation Months	Operational Months between Service Call	Service Calls per Year
Non –	20	56	181	3.23	3.71
Protected					
DPF	20	40	205	5.13	2.34
Protected					

Service Calls per Year By protecting the copier with a DPF, **DPF** Protected 2.34 Les Olson Company decreased service calls by 37% and eliminated 1.37 service calls for each DPF 3.71 Non-Protected protected copier. 0 1 2 3 4 5

Business Impact

Installing the DPF has a significant impact on service contract profitability through decreased service calls. Installing the DPF on a copier for 3 years would eliminate 4 service calls and installing the DPF for 5 years would eliminate 7 service calls.

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Extrapolated Service Calls Savings		
3 Year	5 Year Installation	
Installation		
4 Service Calls	7 Service Calls	