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VERTICAL MARKET:ManufacturingBUSINESS APPLICATION:Digital Packaging

#### **BUSINESS OBJECTIVES**

BURNDY, headquartered in Manchester, New Hampshire, has three US manufacturing sites along with one each in Mexico and Brazil. They offer high quality, competitively priced connectors, wiring accessories and installation tooling that have solved connection problems for over 85 years.

To kick off their annual sales initiative BURNDY needed a way to capture the attention of sales representatives and get them excited about the coming year.

#### RESULTS

Working with The Colad Group, a dimensional mailer was developed that tied in with BURNDY's baseball-themed sales campaign. The launch was considered a success, with high praise and positive feedback from the sales force.

#### **CAMPAIGN ARCHITECTURE**

Designed as a launch piece for a yearlong baseball sales campaign, the BURNDY dimensional mailer was a personalized way to introduce each salesperson to the goals for the year ahead and provide a hint of what was planned without giving away upcoming promotions.



The box featured a clean, sleek design that continued to bring the corporate standards and preferences forward into a more modern look and feel. Intended to be a keepsake—to be displayed in offices—the shape and

construction of the box were carefully considered with unobtrusive corners and internal, magnetic closure.

The first name of each salesperson was printed on the inside lid of their box, above the "Knock it Out of the Park" headline. A baseball with BURNDY's logo was presented in the box. Also included in the box was a brochure "Are You Ready to Step Up to the Plate"

Other sales promotion pieces for the year reflected this look and approach, creating a tie back to the box as well as reinforcing a visual and contextual consistency.



#### TARGET AUDIENCE AND MESSAGING

The audience for this campaign was BURNDY's 170+ sales force. The copy within the brochure encouraged salespeople to watch throughout the year for more information on new products, sales contests and promotions.

#### PRODUCTION

One unique aspect of this project was the creation of a 3D PDF that shows the box from any desired angle and helps ensure a successful project. The 3D PDF is particularly useful during the design and proofing stage to illustrate to the customer the dimensional mailer. It can also help save time by eliminating the need to build prototypes.

3D PDFs are generated through The Colad Group's Artios CAD program. After a flat die line is completed they can use the 3D module to fold up the box. If low resolution graphics are already set up to the die line a virtual prototype can be made by having the graphics imported into CAD before folding the design. Then a 3D PDF can be exported.

#### **REASONS FOR SUCCESS**

This solution won a won a PEAK Award from PSDA in the digital VDP category. Best practices learned from this solution are:

- USE DIMENSIONAL MAIL TO GET NOTICED. The more a recipient interacts with your communication the more likely they are to remember and act on the message. Dimensional mailers are intriguing and recipients will want to open them to find out what is inside.
- USE THE POWER OF DIGITAL PRINT AND PERSONALIZATION TO CREATE A CONNECTION. The name personalization that was used on the Burndy Box gained the attention of recipients and enhanced the keepsake quality of the package that Burndy wished to achieve.

CLIENT	<b>BURNDY</b> , <u>www.burndy.com</u> . BURNDY® is headquartered in Manchester, New Hampshire, and has 3 US manufacturing sites along with one each in Mexico and Brazil. With a long history of engineering excellence along with top notch customer and technical service, BURNDY® has factory-direct sales representatives along with top manufacturers' representatives. They offer high quality, competitively priced connectors, wiring accessories and installation tooling that have solved connection problems for over 85 years.
SERVICE Providers	The Colad Group, <u>www.colad.com</u> . Colad designs and manufactures custom presentation and promotional packaging. They specialize in paperboard, corrugated and rigid packaging. Their Dynamic Digital Packaging offers unmatched variable data and short-run packaging solutions. Colad's new Channel Partner Program is focused on making it easier for resellers to increase their sales by utilizing Colad's services.
	<b>Clients First Inc.,</b> <u>www.clientsfirst.com</u> . Clients First Inc.is a Colad Channel partner and provides complete solutions for 3 Dimensional Mailers including strategy, custom packaging, promotional products, fulfillment, distribution, landing pages and tracking.
	<b>Marcom4</b> , <u>www.marcomfour.com</u> . Marcom4—a full service marketing agency, based in Greenland, New Hampshire— conceptualized, designed, branded, and executed a yearlong internal campaign for BURNDY. The baseball box was designed to make a strong, lasting first-impression with a keepsake that was worthy of display in client offices. At the same time, the launch provided a hint toward what was to come—specifically, a quarter-long baseball- themed internal sales promotion.
	With clients in the manufacturing, transportation, health care, and nonprofit fields, Marcom4 brings an organic approach to their work—building on the relationships formed with a client's in-house marketing department to promote specific messages and goals. They were founded in 2010 with more than 60 years of collective experience.
HARDWARE	<ul> <li>Dimensional mailer: Xeikon 6000 using Dry Toner Electrophotography</li> <li>Brochure: HP ElectroInk Press using Morgana Magic Gloss UV</li> </ul>
PAPER	<ul> <li>Dimensional mailer: Amerigloss 100# Text FSC Certified from Deltacraft with gloss polyester film lamination mounted to White Eflute</li> <li>Brochure: Ultra Digital 130# WH gloss cover by GPA</li> </ul>
AUDIENCE	Burndy salespeople
DISTRIBUTION	170
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