

Automating Food Safety Assurance with MC40 and TC55 Mobile Computers

REAL-TIME WIRELESS FOOD SAFETY TECHNOLOGY



THE CHALLENGE:

Assure food safety with real-time measurement and troubleshooting

Fundamental to successful food and beverage and hospitality operations is the ability to ensure food safety. Improper food handling puts both employees and guests at risk of potentially serious foodborne illness and disease. Poor food handling protocols can also increase liability and undermine the bottom line. Over the years – and in many cases still today – the norm for executing food safety procedures has been built on a process of using paper logs. In an industry where safety is both paramount and could be easily compromised, these delays can lead to significant problems, potentially including outbreaks of serious illnesses such as salmonella and E-coli.

THE SOLUTION:

Automate food safety procedures with Disney CHEFS[®]... POWERED BY ICERTAINTY AND RUGGEDIZED MC40 AND TC55 HANDHELD MOBILE COMPUTERS

As a part of its corporate citizenship focus, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts will increase availability of Disney-licensed technology and expertise on safety and accessibility for third-party use. Disney CHEFS® is an example of such technology. Invented by Disney and co-developed with software development firm iCertainty, Disney CHEFS® is a mobile application that automates the know-how gained through years of operating the largest theme parks in the world.

In the food and hospitality space, what's needed are real-time food safety solutions that allow managers to recognize issues before they become a problem and at the same time, have the ability to simultaneously improve operational efficiency. To accomplish this, progressive food service and hospitality operators up and down the supply chain are using technology such as the Disney CHEFS® solution coupled with the powerful MC40 and TC55 handheld computers.

Providing highly advanced wireless technology, including Bluetooth, the MC40 and TC55 are used around the globe to automate and improve food safety procedures. A growing number of food and beverage operations are relying on the MC40 and TC55 to collect and record measurements ranging from cooking and storage temperatures to employee sanitation procedures such as hand and ware washing.



DISNEY CHEFS® MC40 AND TC55 BENEFITS

- · Automate measurements at crucial food safety control points
- · Recognize and rectify food safety issues in real time
- Prompt and document employee safety protocols such as hand washing
- Reduce or eliminate opportunity for foodborne illnesses
- · Create easily accessible databases for accountability and traceability
- · Deliver on your brand promise and ensure satisfied guests

Enhanced food safety protocols lead to more productive employees, more delighted guests and more profitable, more sustainable businesses

MC40 and TC55 Mobile Computers Ensure HACCP Compliance

HACCP (Hazards Analysis at Critical Control Points) is a globally accepted process for assuring food safety. By following HACCP procedures, restaurants and other food and beverage providers are able to control critical temperatures, measurements and other factors that make food safe for guests and employees alike.

NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Paper-based systems can compromise HACCP compliance. Logs are filled in and checked manually at the end of the day or the next morning. When safety-related errors—such as imprecise refrigeration and cooking temperatures, incorrect holding temperatures at various stations in a food service line, and lack of compliance with sanitary procedures—are discovered, corrective action can be taken, but usually not until the next day at the earliest. These delays can be both dangerous and costly.

BOTTOM LINE IMPACT

Non-compliance with health department regulations affects more than food safety alone; it also negatively impacts the bottom line. Industry statistics show that annual food losses from errors in temperature control and other food safety protocols are staggering. Training costs are also adversely affected. Restaurants spend thousands of hours training employees in proper procedures, a fact that's especially significant in an industry where employee turnover is exceptionally high. Automated systems are proven to help reduce food losses and training costs significantly.

MC40 AND TC55 MOBILITY AND AUTOMATION

A growing number of food service and hospitality organizations are finding the antidote to the inefficiencies of paper-based systems in the use of MC40 and TC55 mobile computers with integrated food safety software. Disney CHEFS revolutionizes the way we look at food safety. Through the use of technology, Disney CHEFS streamlines the auditing and technical skills required to drive the right behavior, at the right "The combination of Disney CHEFS and Zebra's mobile computers has given Food Service Operators a 'safe made certain' solution for iCertainty to deliver a reliable platform to our customers."

- Ted Woodings, Chief Executive Officer, iCertainty

ANNUAL FOOD LOSSES DUE TO SAFETY ISSUES

FULL SERVICE RESTAURANTS: **50,000,000** POUNDS

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS: 85,000,000 POUNDS





time and place to the right person. The Disney CHEFS software uses these powerful mobile computers to collect and record measurements ranging from cooking and storage temperatures to employee sanitation procedures such as hand washing and ware washing.

RUGGEDIZED PERFORMANCE

The MC40 and TC55 are durable handheld computers designed for food and beverage environments. Ruggedized to withstand the fast pace of food service operations and exposure to issues such as drips, spills and splashes, temperature extremes and drops, the TC55 boasts a 1.5 GHz dual processor and the MC40 has a powerful 800 MHz processor. Both the MC40 and the TC55 have 8 GB flash memory and desktop-like speed for demanding food safety applications. They also feature Bluetooth technology and a large 4.3-inch touch screen display for exceptional ease of use.

TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Maintaining strict temperature control is crucial to complying with health department regulations for proper refrigeration levels for food storage in both storage areas and kitchens, proper cooking temperatures and keeping consistent holding temperatures in hot and cold food stations. The MC40 and TC55 handheld computers make it easier to accurately collect, analyze and act on this important data, not at the end of the day or the next morning, but in real time.

REMOTE TEMPERATURE PROBES

The MC40 and TC55 work with sanitized digital or Bluetooth thermometers that are inserted into food as it is being prepared or when it is holding in a food line. These remote probes work almost instantly to verify temperatures when cooking and in line spot checks, showing green when the temperatures are correct and red when they are not. The devices have corrective actions built in, showing employees exactly what procedures to follow if temperatures are not correct. They also alert users when scheduled tasks have not been initiated or completed. Real-time reports can be pulled immediately from the system, so action can be taken as quickly as possible, ensuring that quest safety is never compromised.

ACCESSIBLE DATA REPOSITORY

MC40 and TC55 mobile computers also address another major issue with paper-based food safety processes: accurate, accessible record keeping. It's not unusual for paper records to fill up fifty or more large binders with manually recorded data. Not only are these records susceptible to human error, but they are anything but quickly and easily accessible.

With the Disney CHEFS system using the MC40 and TC55, all food safety data is automatically recorded on the device, and then sent to a data repository that makes accurate information immediately accessible. Transferring data to the database is easy and immediate. Users simply press a button to document and save the data to the food safety data repository. MC40 and



Remote Temperature Probes

- Work with sanitized digital or Bluetooth thermometers
- Verify temperatures throughout cooking and in food lines
- Alert users for scheduled tasks

TC55-based systems make complete records easily available for regulatory and traceability purposes, and the historical records make it easier to recognize and implement potential new efficiencies.

EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY

Electronic data capture and automated functionalities are important factors in enhancing employee productivity. The MC40 and TC55 both prompt and document employee conformance with health department sanitation guidelines, such as consistent hand washing procedures and equipment washing. By combining real-time data and behavioral observation and documentation, the devices also provide opportunities for employee training and coaching, offering the ability to correct problem areas on the spot, while helping to reinforce positive behaviors.

BUILDING A FOOD SAFETY CULTURE

Disney CHEFS and the MC40 and TC55 mobile computers are transformative technology that helps food service ensure food safety, sanitation, product quality and service excellence from the moment the food is received at the loading dock to just before guests savor their first bites. They are fundamental components for creating a true food safety culture, helping restaurants and hospitality operations continually build the knowledge of their staff and increase their ability to work at their highest levels of productivity. Employees are continually reminded of the importance of food safety and are provided with the technology and processes to maximize food safety in every aspect of food transport, storage, preparation and service.

PROTECTING YOUR GUESTS AND YOUR BRAND

In the food and beverage business, the key to sustainable success is creating a brand promise based on providing consistent, enjoyable, delicious guest experiences. Ensuring food safety by scrupulous attention to detail in the monitoring and management of critical control points is fundamental to your ongoing success. The MC40 and TC55 mobile computers powered by Disney CHEFS are crucial technology tools for helping you assure food safety and deliver on your brand promise... for every guest every time.

For more information on how the MC40 and TC55 handheld mobile computers can help you ensure food safety, reduce liability and deliver on your brand promise, visit **zebra.com/hospitality** or **disneysynclink.com**.



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