

# Why Cash Recyclers? A Walmart Case Study



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#### **Bringing Robotics to Retail**



- 5,200 installed
- 32,000 notes
- 8 notes / second
- 39,000 coins
- 50 coins / second

## Why Cash Recyclers? A Walmart Case Study

- Why did Walmart invest in cash recyclers?
- How was this major transition rolled out?
- What challenges had to be overcome?
- What enhancements are coming next?



Why?	How?	What now?	What next?



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Why recyclers?

Defining the ROI

How?

Collaboration

**Testing** 

Configuration

**Roll out** 

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# **Building the Case for Change**

- Manual, repetitive tasks
- Errors and opportunities for shrink
- Non-customer facing labor spend

The way it has always been done

How?

## **Building the Case for Change**

- Recycler technology advancements
- Financial institution appetite
- **Executive buy in**

A new way to do cash management

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"I want you to find a bold and innovative way to do everything exactly the same way it's been done for 25 years."



# A Compelling ROI

- Labor savings
- Bank fees
- Carrier fees
- Cash shrink
- Working capital

- Capital cost
  - Depreciation
- Install costs
- Ongoing Service Fees



# Labor Savings

- Sorting
- Counting
- Register preparation
- New skills required
- Exception research



# Bank and Carrier Fees

- Lower cash deposits
- Change orders
- Carrier days of service
- Product development



# Working Capital

- Idle store cash
- Bank owned cash
- Product development



- Hardware cost
  - Model options
- Configuration choices
- Buy vs. Lease

# Capital Cost

#### Once off installation

- Shipping
- Technician time
- Training
- Ongoing services fees
  - Maintenance
  - Service fees

# **Operating Costs**

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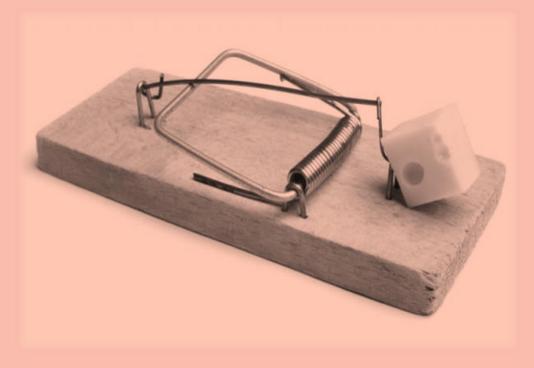


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# Strong Vendor Partnerships are Critical

- Managed Services
- Hardware Manufacturer
- Equipment Maintenance
- Financial Institutions
- Armored Carriers





# Revolution Retail Systems



# Managed Services

Hardware

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# Bankof America Merrill Lynch





# Financial Institutions

JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

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# GARDAVORLD

# BRINKS

# **Armored Carriers**

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## Test, test and test some more

- All store formats
- All geographies
- All machine configurations
- All banks
- All carriers



### Walmart Chose the Maximum Capacity Machine



- Notes on the left
- Coins in top right
- Register trays bottom right
- Touch screen
- Drop vault



## **Also Test Configuration Options**

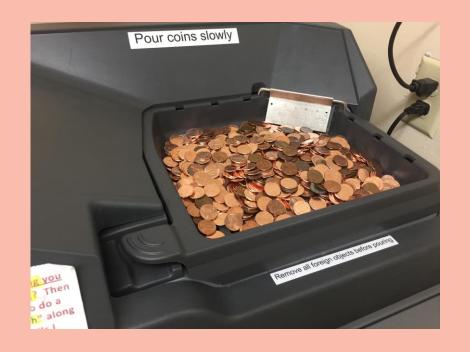
- Cassette size
- Denomination configuration
- Set inventory guards

Left	Right	
Overflow	Overflow	
\$1	<b>\$1</b>	
\$5	\$20	
\$20	\$100	



## We Learnt a Few things About Coins

- Bags vs. rolled
- Recycler capacity
- Half bags and quarter bags
- 5 billion pennies



## And We Had a Few Laughs

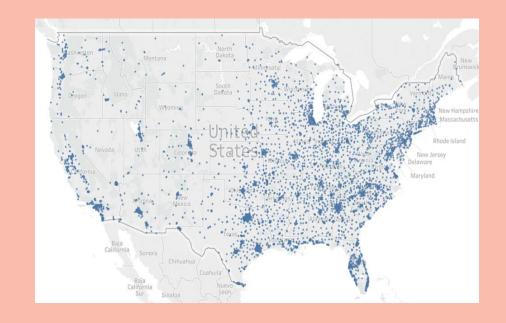






## **Rollout Takes Collective Energy**

- Contractor work
- Store associate training
- Legacy system configuration
- Call center preparation
- Checklists for the checklists



## Be ready for anything

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# Challenges Along the Way

- Fitting the machine in the cash office
- Time for installation and carpentry

# Challenges Along the Way

- Associate process change management
- "The recycler" did ...
   or didn't do...

# Challenges Along the Way

- File transfers and data flows
- Cash Reconciliation
- Accounting

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# System Integration

- Legacy systems
- POS system
- Cloud interfaces

What next?

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# Device Integration

- Self check outs
- Peripheral registers
- Multiple recyclers

What next?

Smart safes



# **Ecosystem**Integration

- Cash Visibility
- Carrier data flows
- Bank data flows
- Bag tracking

Optimize recycler inventory Dynamic register mix Refine deposit bag preparation More auto-alerting Less pennies Fuel and FX

# A white-board full of future ideas

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### What Can I Do Tomorrow...

- 1. Research hardware options
- 2. Meet with banks, carriers and industry players
- 3. Collaborate with industry peers
- 4. Put together analysis and prove the ROI
- 5. Test, test, test





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#### **Session Description:**

Walmart rolled out cash recycler technology across 4,700 U.S. stores to become the largest user of cash recyclers in the world. Their operating model was completely redesigned, including hardware selection, alignment with banking and armored carrier partners and integrating software and reporting—and it continues to be enhanced. Walmart realized savings on its in-store labor by eliminating the manual counting of coin and currency in stores. Additional working capital benefits were realized by implementing a bank-owned model where the cash inside the recycler is owned by the banking partner. Cash deposit levels were reduced significantly as the model was rolled out, which generated bank fee savings. Walmart also transitioned to a centralized, algorithmic ordering of change for all stores, creating further efficiency and reducing total order levels. In this session get all the details and insights of this major transition, including how the model was rolled out, what challenges had to be overcome and how the model continues to be enhanced.

