

Modular Launches DISPATCH Underground 2015



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[Modular Mining Systems](#) recently released DISPATCH Underground 2015 Fleet Management system (FMS). Since 1989, Modular's underground dispatch system has been helping mine operations achieve their utilization and productivity goals. The latest evolution of the underground FMS gives mines a higher degree of visibility into development and production activities.

"Leveraging more than 25 years of underground fleet management experience and extensive customer feedback, Modular embarked upon a multiyear, multimillion dollar project to tailor and modernize its underground system," said Michael Lewis, vice president-product innovation for Modular. "As a result of this concentrated development effort, the DISPATCH Underground 2015 system provides our customers with enhanced tools and technologies they need to meet or exceed their operational goals."

Some of the new features and system enhancements include:

- Advanced development process management;
- Comprehensive active task management;
- Expanded workflow automation;
- Updated desktop- and mobile-application user interfaces;
- Increased flexibility, configurability and adaptability;
- Heightened data capture capabilities; and
- SQL Server 2012 and SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS) support.

The DISPATCH Underground system maximizes production through real-time, total-activity management of all mobile equipment units. Rugged RFID tags and tag readers track the movements of machines through the mine, while GPS technology monitors equipment position above ground. With the comprehensive level of equipment tracking, mines can realize more accurate time tracking, material tracking and reporting for all development and production processes.

Durable, purpose-built mobile hardware facilitates the real-time exchange of information between the operator at the working face and personnel in the central office for increased productivity, efficiency and safety. Automated tools for advanced production, material movement; and crew and locations management help mines keep operations running at optimal capacity and according to plan.

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