

# Fighting Counterfeiting while Contributing to the Circular Economy

## CASE STUDY



Computing and  
Electronics



Real-time  
Alerts



Product Serialization  
and Authentication

### CUSTOMER PROFILE

#### LEADING PRINTER MANUFACTURER

**\$3.6 Billion** Annual Revenue

**12,000+** Employees

### CUSTOMER CHALLENGES

A leading developer, manufacturer and supplier of printing and imaging solutions had encountered issues with widespread counterfeit and diverted ink and toner cartridges. The illicit products ranged from genuine cartridges being illegally refilled with counterfeit ink to products that were entirely counterfeit, from the cartridge to the packaging.

Physical security features, including complex holograms, had little or no impact on counterfeiting, failed to curb the gray-market diversion and provided no support for authentication by end users. In response, the company's brand protection manager implemented OPTTEL's Verify Platform software, part of the Intelligent Supply Chain (ISC) suite of solutions, for its market-leading traceability and digital product-authentication capabilities.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Secure serialization at multiple packaging levels
- Web-based track-and-trace solution with hosted data management
- Mobile apps for product authentication
- Real-time alerts and reporting
- Global customer support in a wide variety of languages
- Integration with ERP system (SAP)



## RESULTS

OPTEL's scalable Intelligent Supply Chain (ISC) platform greatly reduced the number of counterfeit and diverted products in the marketplace thanks to its industry-leading traceability solutions. What's more, the ISC's Verify Platform serialization software proved to be the perfect tool to launch a cartridge return program, enabling the company to reduce its carbon footprint and contribute to the global circular economy.

Additional benefits included increased customer satisfaction, based on customer feedback the brand receives through the ISC's mobile authentication application. With this application, users can authenticate products worldwide in real time, leading to increased confidence in the brand.

By implementing OPTEL's ISC solutions, the company has taken an industry leadership role in better protecting products from counterfeiting and diversion, driving improvements in customer satisfaction and financial performance, and contributing to the circular economy through the return and reuse of its ink cartridges.

## BENEFITS

- Real-time, granular data collection
- Data empowerment
- Better supply chain visibility and performance
- Global product authentication
- Integrated customer loyalty program
- Increased revenue and brand protection
- Decreased product diversion
- Additional market insights
- Improved brand trust

## CONTACT US

To learn more about OPTEL's traceability solutions, contact us at [optelgroup.com/contact/](https://optelgroup.com/contact/).

The **Verify Platform software** is our **most powerful** brand protection tool, helping us **increase enforcement seizures by 20%, theft recovery by 30%** and revenue by as much as **10%**.



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