

Success Story

Pioneering finance team back in the driver's seat with their budgets

Putting sustainable energy front and centre for Britain's drivers, InstaVolt share how Sage Intacct is improving their accuracy with one source of truth.



“Sage Intacct is allowing us to be on the front foot.”

Richard Ham

Project Accountant, InstaVolt



Fast growth demands software with more spark

With the demand for electric charging points only increasing, InstaVolt is growing fast. Their outdated finance system couldn't keep up; reports were far from user-friendly, clunky and impossible for the rest of the business to utilise. To support their rapid growth, they needed to make the switch to a stable system.



A solution found stateside

While looking for a better solution, they found Sage Intacct. At the time it was still predominantly US based, but unlike other options, InstaVolt could see that it had the potential to be the choice that would provide the improvements they were looking for.

Sage

Company
InstaVolt Ltd

Location
UK & Europe

Industry
Rapid EV charging

Sage Products
Sage Intacct

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About InstaVolt

Over nine years, InstaVolt has grown to become the largest electric vehicle charging network in the UK. Sustainability is a key priority. All electricity supplied through its chargers comes from renewable energy sources, including solar and wind farms.



Lagging data led to overspending

Before Sage Intacct, the team had a routine; they'd download general ledger reports weekly, provide the data, then let project managers go and build what they needed. By the time overspend showed up in reporting, it was often too late to correct. Now the business has live access to budget data and spend controls, so teams can be notified earlier when costs start to run over budget.

Clearing hurdles in record time

Thanks to working closely with implementation partners, PwC, InstaVolt was able to implement Sage Intacct within 10 weeks—one of the fastest implementation times we've heard of! InstaVolt dedicated a lot of their resources to get Sage Intacct live fast, while continuing to run day-to-day finance operations.

Familiarity ingrained

Though Sage Intacct had the robust capacity to deal with InstaVolt's growth, it also proved to be user-friendly. Colleagues adopted it quickly and were able to upload data sooner, partly because the process felt familiar to their previous purchase order workflow.



“The biggest benefit for me is accuracy. Before Sage, we simply didn’t have a proper, operational purchase order system. So, when it came to working out how much a project cost, I was spending a lot of time collecting invoices, trying to work out which invoice was for what.”

Colin Bumbieris
Head of Group Finance, InstaVolt

One source of truth

Approvals that once sat across email threads, spreadsheets, and Teams messages are now consolidated into a single source of truth in the purchasing module within Sage Intacct.

For the finance team, it’s the first step towards more consistent, reliable finance data across the business.

A future charged with promise

Putting on the brakes isn’t in the InstaVolt team’s nature, and they’re already looking ahead to phase 2 of Sage Intacct, with plans to get project managers and the wider team on board with the app to have more autonomy over their own project budgets and expenses.



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