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Product knowledge that scales with your line

Learn how manufacturers turn specs, IOMs, and engineering guides into faster answers for sales, service, and applications teams.

● Live in 3 weeks ● Cited ● Isolated

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A quote is only as fast as the spec behind it

Manufacturers with deep product lines compete on catalog depth — and on how fast that depth turns into a confident answer.

Load ratings, configurations, tolerances, and warranty terms live across catalogs, IOMs, and engineering guides that rarely share a common index. A sales rep needs a rating before a quote goes out. A service tech needs an install tolerance before a customer call ends. An inside sales rep needs a warranty term before an email sends. All three answers usually exist — somewhere. Industry research suggests as many as 2.1 million U.S. manufacturing jobs could go unfilled by 2030, putting an estimated \$1 trillion in economic output at risk, according to skills-gap research from Deloitte and The Manufacturing Institute. Every one of those open roles is a place where product knowledge either gets written down and shared, or leaves with the person who retires.

This whitepaper introduces **Alessia**, Back Bay Automation's AI coworker for manufacturers with deep product lines. Alessia indexes catalogs, IOMs, and engineering guides and turns them into cited, page-sourced answers — so sales quotes with proof, service resolves without waiting on engineering, and new hires ramp on real, searchable documentation instead of shadowing a senior engineer.

We look at three places where shared spec knowledge changes the outcome for a manufacturer — the sales quote, the service call, and the engineering review — and how Alessia turns each one into a cited answer instead of an open question.

01

Why spec knowledge doesn't scale with the product line

The deeper a manufacturer's catalog, the more valuable it is to customers — and the harder it is for any one person to hold all of it in their head. Load ratings, seal variants, tolerance stacks, and warranty terms accumulate across decades of SKUs, revisions, and engineering guides. Sales, service, and customer support all need the same underlying specs, but each team searches for them differently, and none of them search the same way engineering filed them.

FIELD AND INSIDE SALES

Before Search shared drives for the right spec sheet

With Alessia Cited catalog answer before the quote goes out

TECHNICAL SERVICE

Before Repeat the same tolerance and install answers daily

With Alessia Teams self-serve from indexed IOMs

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Before Escalate warranty questions to a specialist

With Alessia Open the policy page and reply with confidence

79%

of manufacturing executives now call the skilled-labor shortage their single biggest challenge — and the people who know a product line's specs by heart are the hardest to replace.

CADDi & SME, 2026 Manufacturing Industry Report

None of this is a knowledge problem — the specs, tolerances, and warranty terms are documented somewhere. It's an access problem, and it compounds every time a plant hires someone new or a product line adds a variant.

Alessia gives manufacturers a shared layer of spec knowledge — indexed catalogs, IOMs, and engineering guides, searchable in plain language, with every answer traceable back to the page it came from.

02

Alessia: an AI coworker for manufacturers

Alessia is built for manufacturers with deep, dense product lines — where the right answer exists in the documentation, but not in a place anyone can search quickly.

2.1 — Bring spec context into every quote

Sales shouldn't need to page an engineer to confirm a load rating or a configuration option.

Alessia surfaces load ratings, configurations, and warranty terms from indexed catalogs the moment a rep needs them, so the quote goes out with proof attached instead of a promise to follow up.

2.2 — Resolve questions faster

Technical service teams answer the same tolerance and install questions daily. Alessia turns install steps and troubleshooting guides into cited next steps without waiting on engineering, so the same question gets the same accurate answer whether it's asked by a new hire or a twenty-year technician.

2.3 — Scale expertise across plants

A best practice discovered at one plant shouldn't stay there. Alessia captures institutional knowledge as it's used, so best practices travel with your documentation across sites instead of living with whoever happens to answer the phone.

What that looks like day to day

Four ways Alessia shows up in a manufacturer's daily sales and service workflow.

01 Answer spec questions fast

Sales and service ask about load ratings, configurations, and compatibility in plain language, and get a cited answer instead of a callback.

- Search across your whole library
- Cited replies only from your docs
- Works on desk, tablet, or phone

02 Support engineering reviews

Engineers pull tolerances and install steps while reviewing a design or a customer request, without leaving their current task to go dig through a shared drive.

- IOMs and guides searchable together
- Compare standard vs. extended options
- Follow ups reference earlier answers

03 Quote with proof

Citations on every answer mean inside sales can confirm details before sending a submittal, instead of hoping the spec they remembered is still current.

- Source page on every reply
- Inline PDF viewer
- Share answers with references

04 Onboard new hires

New plant and corporate staff ask Alessia instead of interrupting senior engineers, so ramp time depends on the documentation, not on who happens to be free.

- Real questions from your library
- Same tool across sites you index
- Live in weeks from doc handoff

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01 Secure document upload and indexing

Hand off your existing catalog and engineering library as-is.

02 Pilot with one product line first

Prove the model on a single family before expanding to the rest of the catalog.

03 Typical rollout in about three weeks

From document handoff to a working pilot your team can pressure-test against real quotes.

Conclusion

The spec you can prove is the quote you win

The manufacturers who win on service are the ones whose people can answer with proof — on the first call, with a page they can point to. The documentation to do that already exists across your catalogs, IOMs, and engineering guides. What's been missing is a way to put it in front of the person who needs it, at the moment they need it.

Alessia is that layer: a shared, cited, AI coworker for manufacturers, built on your own documentation.

See Alessia on your documentation.

Hand off your catalog library and pressure-test Alessia against how
sales, service, and applications work today.

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