Alexander Bürkle Chooses Sonicwall For IT Security For Electrical Wholesale And Technology Services

Alexander Bürkle GmbH & Co. KG was founded 122 years ago and is now a technology service provider in the electrical engineering industry. It operates at a total of 27 locations in Baden-Württemberg, Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and Bavaria. The company has more than 1,000 employees developing and implementing solutions for the electrical trade industry and electrical retailers. As one of the largest electrical wholesalers in Germany, the company supplies more than 10,000 customers with 3.8 million products.

Business Need
The company has three large business units in the field of electrical engineering. It also has a warehouse where it stores its items and complex logistics with its own fleet of vehicles. These factors combined place high demands on IT and security. The business needs a reliable and secure connection between 27 branches and the main site, as well as network segmentation to avoid complex threats.

Solution
Initially, a competitor's firewall was replaced by various SonicWall solutions. Today, an NS*a* 6700 next-generation firewall is used at the headquarters in Freiburg as an active/passive cluster for high availability, and several TZ 500s and TZ 570s are used in the branch offices. The company uses the entire range of functions that the solutions offer, such as DPI-SSL, Gateway Anti-Virus, Geo-IP Filtering, Botnet Command and Control Filtering, Content Filtering Services (CFS), and Intrusion Prevention Services (IPS).

Results
The high performance of the SonicWall solutions allowed several smaller segments to be created in the network, which provided more security. The company is now using SonicOS 7.0 after upgrading from an NS*a* 6650 to an NS*a* 6700.

Benefits
- Optimal reliability
- Secure site networking
- Restricted access with detailed access rules for partners and affiliates

Solutions at a glance
- SonicWall NS*a* 6700
- SonicWall TZ500, TZ570

"The cooperation with SonicWall is characterized by professionalism, flexibility and speed. Updating from a legacy SonicWall solution to a newer one is always smooth and without any problems. We are also impressed by the high-performance for segmented networks."

Marc Fäßler
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CUSTOMER PROFILE

Company	Alexander Bürkle GmbH & Co KG
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