

## Messy pigeons chased away

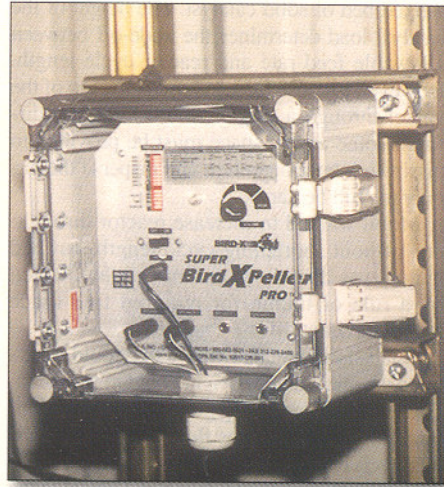
Char-Broil in Columbus, Ga., a manufacturer of gas grills for retailers worldwide, had a big problem when pigeons decided the company's warehouse was the perfect place to nest. "They were nesting throughout our 1.2 million square feet of warehouse and factory space for years," says Don Kellett, Facilities Manager of Char-Broil since 1996.

Although small in size, the pigeons made a giant mess. Their droppings spotted the company's property, causing a negative reaction from employees. "Every two weeks, we were scraping off droppings and pressure-washing the bridges that ran between buildings," Kellett recalls.

Worse than the aesthetic issues was concern over worker welfare. "The driving issues for me were health and safety," Kellett acknowledges. "I'd heard the horror stories about pigeons being major carriers of disease."

A pest-control company tried poison bait and sticky glue to discourage nesting, but the pigeons prevailed. Kellett knew something needed to be done soon, as the birds continued to multiply.

When he saw an ad for Super BirdXPeller Pro (Bird-X Inc., Chicago, Ill.), a sonic device that bothers birds and chases them away, Kellett decided to give the unit a try. The electronic device is a programmable species-specific sonic repeller that replicates birds' distress calls. Its directional speakers broadcast



*This electronic device replicates birds' distress calls and scares nuisance birds away.*

precise reproductions of birds' cries as recorded by a major U.S. university. The cries create a perceived "danger zone" that frightens infesting birds away — in their own language.

After installation, the results were immediate. "I bought three more...the following month," Kellett says. "I'm happy...; it has done the job."

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