





### **Understanding Warehouse Automation Options**

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# Today's Agenda

- 1. Semiautomated and fully automated pallet runners.
- 2. Voice picking.
- 3. Pick-to-light and put-to-light.
- 4. Transportation conveyors.
- 5. Accumulation conveyors.
- 6. Sortation conveyors.







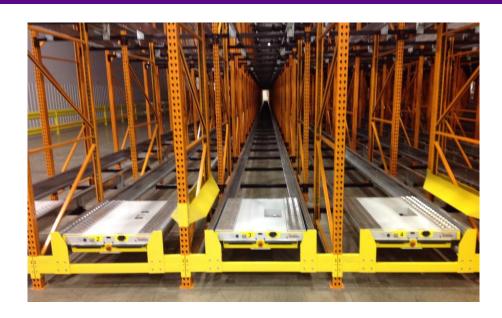




## SEMIAUTOMATED PALLET RUNNER

#### How It Works

- •Delivers the product via a cart that runs on a track within the racking system.
- •Pallets are loaded into the system by a lift truck then transported and placed on the rack by an automated cart.



•Unloading is the same: the cart collects and transports pallets out of the system while an operator moves between the lane and the shipping dock or other destinations.



## FULLY AUTOMATED PALLET RUNNER

#### How It Works

- Utilizes AGVs to load product on carts.
- •The product is transferred throughout the rack system via a cart that runs on a track.
- •Carts include a Wi-Fi device that allows for full automation.





### Ideal Operation Features: is it right for you?



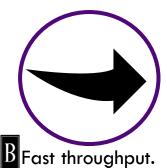
High number of pallets of the same SKU.



Low number of SKUs.



Require specialized pallet configuration.





Maintain good-quality pallets.

### Commonly Seen Advantages Over **Drive-in Rack**

Each level is independently accessible, resulting in less honeycombing.



Deeper lanes, providing higher storage density.

Reduced rack and product damage.



### Commonly Seen Advantages Over Push Back Rack

Can be designed for both FIFO and LIFO.



Deeper lanes, reducing aisle requirements.

Does not require particular lift trucks.



Does not require product-to-product contact to work correctly.

### Commonly Seen Advantages Over Pallet Flow Rack

Pallet runner is not affected by varying pallet weights.



Controlled product flow, no relying on gravity.

Level system, no need for pitch.



### **VOICE PICKING**

#### How It Works

- Utilizes headsets and wireless scanners.
- Operator is directed by the voice command via the headset for each step in the process.
- Voice command can be customized to each company's specific operation.

Voice command: 'cart pick'.

Operator:
indicates
they've made
it to the cart
pick location.

Voice command: put box size A in position 1, box size C in position 2.



Operator: completed.

Voice
command: go
to pick location
1, place item
in position 1.



## **VOICE PICKING**

### Commonly Seen Advantages

New employee training time reduced by up to 50%.

Safety incidents reduced by 5% to 520%.



Increased pick accuracy – up to 99.9%

Increased pick volume per worker.



## **VOICE PICKING**

### Ideal Operation Features: is it right for you?



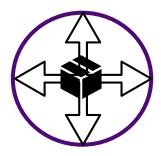
DCs that distribute items which are regulated and require a scan verification.



Large DCs that distribute high volumes of SKUs.



DCs that fluctuate the number of workers needed based on seasons.



DCs that regularly reconfigure pick locations.



## PICK-TO-LIGHT

#### How It Works

- Comprised of lighted displays attached to the pick face of each SKU.
- Lighting configuration can be customized to the distribution center's needs.



Operator scans order identifier in zone 1.

for items turns from red to green.

Operator goes to first location, scans barcode on pick face.

Numbered display on pick face will indicate the quantity of item to pick.



## **PUT-TO-LIGHT**

#### How It Works

Totes of product are brought to the put wall.

Operator scans first tote.

Each cube lights up that requires that product.





## PICK-TO-LIGHT & PUT-TO-LIGHT

### Commonly Seen Advantages

Reduction in picking and placing errors.

Reduced training time for new employees.

Reduced labor costs. 1

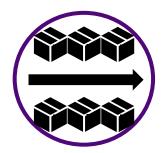


Shortened order fulfillment cycle times.



## PICK-TO-LIGHT

### Ideal Operation Features: is it right for you?



High-density, high-speed picking applications.



DCs that have a team-based approach to order fulfillment.

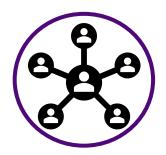


DCs that fluctuate the number of workers needed based on seasons.



## **PUT-TO-LIGHT**

### Ideal Operation Features: is it right for you?



Operations
that pick across
multiple zones
to a central
location.



DCs that have a team-based approach to order fulfillment.



DCs that fluctuate the number of workers needed based on seasons.



## TRANSPORTATION CONVEYORS

#### How It Works

### Gravity

Pitched so that gravity moves product from one point to the next or allow product to be moved manually down the line.

#### **Belt**

Uses pulleys supported by rollers to move materials at a set speed on an incline or decline.

#### Live Roller

Applies power to either some or all the rollers to move products from one point to the next.



## ACCUMULATION CONVEYORS

#### How It Works

#### **Zero Pressure**

Allows for light contact between products when the system signals the queue to accumulate.

#### **Zero Contact**

Leaves space between products when the system signals a queue to accumulate by dividing the conveyor into zones.

#### Minimum Contact

Maintains a light but constant drive force on products waiting in accumulation.



## SORTATION CONVEYORS

#### How It Works

### **Shoe Sorter**

Supports product on tubes and a "shoe" positively diverts product to either side of the sorter by sliding across the tubes.

### Pop-Up Wheel

A belt conveyor with added rows of angled wheels which pop-up to direct each load to its required route.

## Right Angle Transfer

A transfer head pushes the product off a conveyor onto a perpendicular or parallel conveyor.

### **Pusher Style**

As product moves in front of the divert lane, the pusher extends to quickly send the product down the desired divert lane.



## SORTATION CONVEYORS CONT.

#### How It Works

#### **Narrow Belt**

Wheels rise up between the belts at the divert areas to move product at a 30- to 90-degree angle down the divert lane.

### Tilt Tray

Utilizes a tilting tray at divert points to slide each item onto an appropriate chute.

#### **Cross Belt**

Activates a series of individual belted trays when an item needs to divert off one conveyor onto another.



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