



Storage space for slow-moving SKUs reduced

Implementing a **Storeganizer** solution enables range extension and offers extra possibilities for bulk storage.

Faced with a considerable product range extension, Comline Auto Parts needed to find space in a warehouse already operating at full capacity. Operations manager Mark Chesworth identified Storeganizer as a solution to free up space by reducing the storage space required for small, slowmoving, low-volume SKUs.

In a first phase, five Storeganizer bays were introduced into the Motaquip warehouse division, totalling 710 picking locations.

Four bays intended for cables had standard pocket measurements. A fifth bay was designed as a hybrid unit, containing three rows of different pocket sizes to try out the

storage of other small and medium size components. Upon the arrival of the new range of engine management components, this bay quickly showed that Storeganizer would equally suit Comline's plans to further expand this new product range.

As a result, in the spring of 2017 another 26 Storeganizer bays were introduced in a second phase, equally divided between Comline and Motaquip. They represent another 9,532 picking locations and brought the number of m2 occupied by Storeganizer to a total of 92 m2. These bays were designed to suit specific products, resulting in a mixture of designs. In total, 17% of the warehouse's SKUs are now covered by Storeganizer. **Stand 152**
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Precise picking

December through to Mid-February marks the period in which most e-retailers garner their greatest revenue gains. This has increased pressure on the traditional warehouse and distribution market, as now products need to be optimally stored so they can be quickly and safely prepared for shipping, says **Kardex Remstar**.

This is where modern storage systems come into their own. Automation can handle the demand of peak periods fast, with highly precise picking ensuring that the right parcel arrives at the right address at an agreed time.

Automated systems are designed with retrieval processes at the workstations, and where requested items are precisely identified by an LED pointer with the aid of optional pick-by-light assistant. With accuracy of almost 100%, picking errors are now a thing of the past, pleasing both



the recipients and the returns department.

Flexible storage of goods is no longer just about peak times. With the growth witnessed in the area of eCommerce, it is hardly surprising that product ranges are also growing. Storage space is becoming scarcer and therefore more valuable, which is why automated storage has a clear advantage over conventional shelving.

For example, 80% of warehouse space can be saved by switching to modern units, which means that 400 sq m of storage space can be created on a footprint measuring just 20 sq m. Research has shown that this more than makes up for the initial cost of moving to automation. **Stand 96**
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Rugged managed print service launches

Renovotec is launching a specialist managed print service (MPS) for rugged hardware, supply chain environments, to include cloud, rental and fully outsourced options.

'Honeywell managed print' is the first Renovotec rugged MPS to launch publicly, at IntraLogisteX 2018 (27-28 February). The move follows Renovotec's December 2017 acquisition of rugged services and support company Datatrade, an MPS specialist. The acquisition makes Renovotec the UK's largest independent rugged hardware and maintenance organisation, according to the company.

Renovotec MD Richard Gilliard says: "There is industry demand for a managed print service that specialises in rugged supply chain environments. Industry experience suggests that 75%



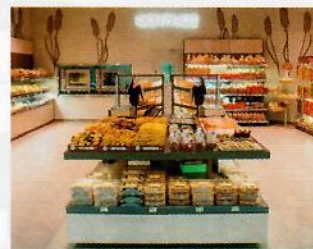
of businesses are unaware of their print costs, which for supply chain users can account for up to 20% of their organisation's total expenditure. When efficiently deployed MPS can cut print costs by more than a third as well as increasing productivity."

Renovotec has already launched a rugged printer label subscription service that includes the provision of a Honeywell industrial printer plus maintenance, support, consumables and delivery, for a monthly payment.

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WMS boosts traceability



Alphamega Hypermarkets, the largest supermarket group in Cyprus, is completing the first phase of implementing **Indigo WMS** to streamline the company's new, purpose built warehouse operations.

Indigo's WMS is initially being deployed at Alphamega's 2,200 sq m non-grocery warehouse, with a second implementation scheduled

for completion in early 2018. This will automate a new, purpose built 7,000 sq m grocery distribution centre with temperature controlled zones.

Alphamega wanted to benefit from more detailed business intelligence on an ongoing basis. The company had data on the movement of products around the business, but could not track product volume data or schedule deliveries in real-time and had no way of monitoring supply chain performance levels according to operational KPIs. In addition to increasing efficiency levels and measuring KPIs, using Indigo WMS will enable Alphamega to improve traceability levels, by enabling goods to be tracked from the moment they leave a supplier's warehouse, into their new DCs and then out onto retail stores for replenishment. **Stand 121**

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Digital seal for many products

RFID and IoT solutions pacesetter **Smartrac** has released its Circus Tamper Loop tags specifically designed for tamper detection and authentication via NFC-enabled smartphones.

Targeting a wide array of applications for packaged goods in consumer and industrial markets, Circus Tamper Loop opens the door to entirely new, NFC-based consumer experience solutions featuring higher security and additional consumer engagement at the point of sale and post-sale.

Circus Tamper Loop tags are based on the Smartrac Circus product family. While retaining

Circus' basic small form factors, the new tags come with a tamper-loop extension to the established antenna design. This loop enables advanced "digital seal" functionality for smart packaging and brand protection. The design of the loop can be customised to suit customer requirements, and can be adapted to fit a wide variety of packaging formats — from boxes to blister packs to bottles.

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