

Medline Industries, USA: Healthcare Distribution Center Automates with AutoStore

The Customer and Their Requirements

Medline Industries Inc. is the largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of healthcare supplies in the United States, with more than \$7 billion in annual sales. Its distribution centers serve as regional hubs providing next-day service to hospitals, physicians' offices, surgical centers, care facilities, big box retailers and pharmacies. It chose the Swisslog robot-based AutoStore system to automate its Libertyville, Illinois distribution center.

The 600,000-square-foot distribution center in Libertyville utilizes 47 AutoStore mobile robots moving 27,570 storage totes in and out of 37,750 storage locations.

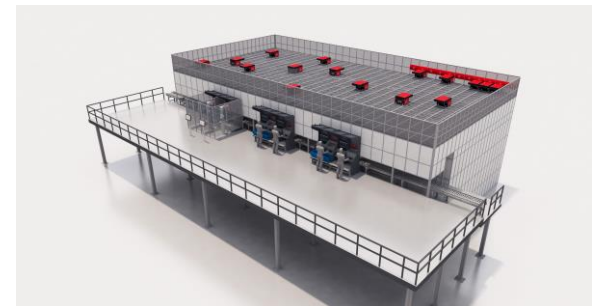
Since going live, volume in the AutoStore has increased storage by 25 percent, peaking to as much as 12,500 less-than-case lines per day. Medline has also been able to accommodate growth in volume without adding to its head count.



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"AutoStore has allowed us to continue to increase our cutoff times, expand our product offering in a temperature-controlled environment and cover our expanding customer base."

- Bill Abington, President of Global Operations, Medline



Growth & Impact



SynQ Software
27,570 totes in and out of 37,750 storage locations



Increase in Storage
25% increase and peaking 12,500 less-than-case lines per day



Efficiency
Reduced labor for piece pick by 2/3 while also being energy efficient