



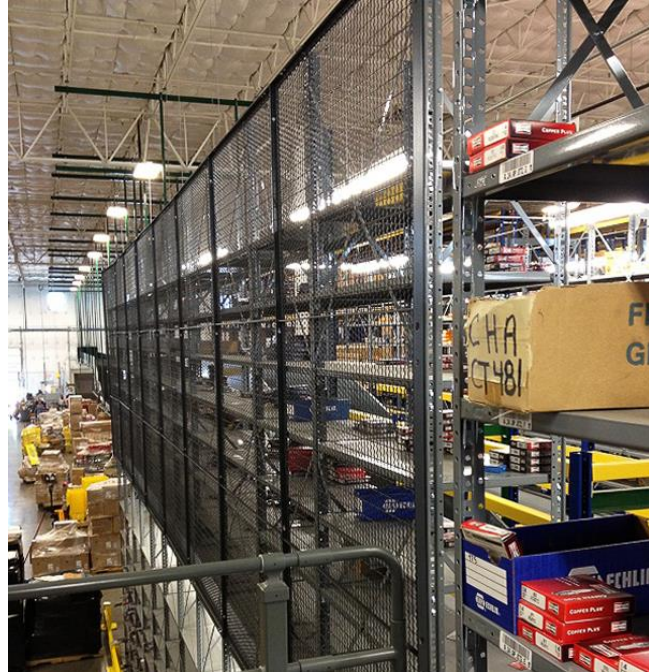
## NAPA Prevents Falling Inventory with RackBack Safety Panels

### Features and Benefits

- Protect personnel while preventing inventory spillage
- Constant Accident Prevention
- Compatible with existing Pallet Rack

**Industry Group:** Protective Guarding Manufacturers Association (ProGMA)

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*Quick and easy to install, RackBack® panels provide additional safety and secure stored items from accidental falling or shifting.*

NAPA (National Automotive Parts Association) is a leader in the auto parts industry and well known across the United States with over 6,100 NAPA Auto Parts stores nationwide. The NAPA distribution center in Coppell, Texas supplies these stores with a wide variety of boat, truck and auto parts.

### Falling Inventory Poses Danger to Employees Below

This large storage facility has very tall steel shelving for storing product inventory. A need for falling inventory protection became necessary because of the height of the warehouse shelving, the weight of the products being stored, and the nearby aisle ways used by the distribution center employees adjacent to the storage shelves.

NAPA originally planned on attaching solid shelving back panels provided by the pallet rack shelving manufacturer. This would have left the distribution area dark, stuffy, and potentially secluded because of the top of the racks' proximity to the existing overhead lighting. With the help a local material handling dealer in Texas, NAPA identified the challenges of solving this problem and worked out a

creative solution using RackBack Safety Panels to prevent stored inventory from falling off of the distribution center's shelving.

### **RackBack Safety Panels Prove to be the Perfect Solution**

RackBack Safety Panels are designed to attach to the back of pallet racks, and their lightweight welded wire design also allow them to be attached to the lighter frames of warehouse shelving. This feature led the material handling distributor to recommend RackBack Safety Panels to NAPA as the best possible safety solution to prevent stored items from falling into employee aisle ways.

NAPA liked the stability and durability of the fully welded frame, as well as the mesh being welded at every intersection, providing maximum rigidity. Four clips were provided per panel to securely mount the RackBack panel into place, and the clips were compatible with the shelving manufacturer's uprights. The shelving rack backing panels still allowed NAPA employees to view the inventory while stored, and also allowed existing lighting and air to easily flow through the facility. The design of RackBack panels provided a quick and easy installation.

### **RackBack Pallet Rack Backing Safety Panels are Extremely Versatile**

RackBack Safety Panels are extremely versatile and can be used in many different safety and storage applications. The panels were a perfect fit for this application, providing NAPA a safer facility without compromising the existing lighting and air flow throughout the facility.

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