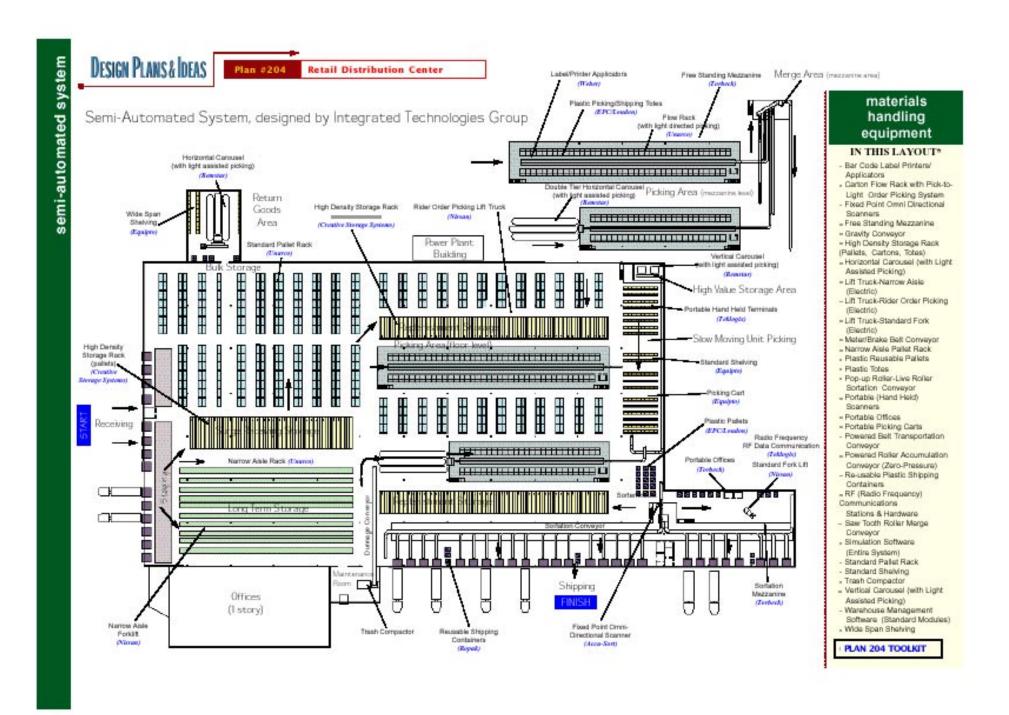
#### Retail Chain Distribution

- E.g., Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc.
- all products except clothes and tobacco
- batteries, CDs, brooms, screws, TP, cosmetics, etc.
- retail stores place order with DC each day
- pick in waves, zones, and sort to store
- WMS to control system
- everything is bar-coded and RF technology used

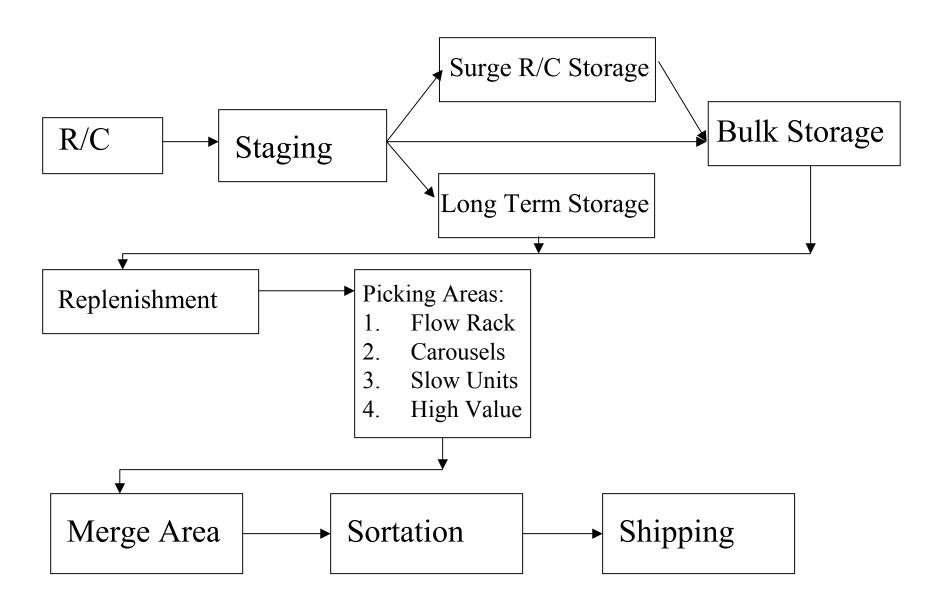
## Retail Distribution Center

- Semi-automated facility
- 40 acre complex
- Facility:
  - -148,000 sq. ft. ( $\sim$ 100 yds by 100 yds)
  - Max # of SKUs 24,000
  - Max Tput 98,600 units picked/shift



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#### Process Flow



# **Estimate System Costs**

- 1. Building Units (DC, offices, land, etc.)
- 2. Pallet Jacks
- 3. Walkie Stackers
- 4. CB Lift Trucks
- 5. NA Trucks
- 6. Rider OP Trucks
- 7. Picking Carts
- 8. Conveyors
- 9. Pallet Rack
- 10. Picking Racks & Carousels

## Retail Distribution Center

- Manual facility
- 40 acre complex
- Facility:
  - -135,000 sq. ft.
  - Max # of SKUs 18,000
  - Max Tput 50,000 units picked/shift

# Design Comparison

- The cost estimated by the designer of the manual system was: \$3.2M (excluding land, building).
- The designer estimated the number of employees at 92 (76 R/C & picking; 16 loading & shipping).
- The designer estimated the order accuracy at 87%.

## Side-by-Side Comparison

#### Manual:

- 135,000 square feet
- \$3.2M installed MH
- 18,000 max SKUs
- 50,000 picked/shift
- 92 employees
- 87% order accuracy

#### • Semi-Automated:

- 148,000 square feet
- \$5.8M installed MH
- 24,000 max SKUs
- 98,600 picked/shift
- 134 employees
- 96% order accuracy