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Finding a storage solution that best suits your organization can be complicated. Whether you are storing small parts or oversized/heavy items, inventory that requires a controlled environment, items that require a higher level of security, or office files, you need an application that works, or it will impact workflow.

[Watch Kraftwerks Storage & Space Solutions Video](#)

An Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) can store a wide variety of inventory. They are highly efficient, secure, and ergonomic space savers. Vertical Carousel Modules and Vertical Lift Modules (VLMs) utilize overhead space and can store a high volume of inventories of all types.

High density mobile aisle storage systems compress shelving sections by eliminating the use of multiple aisles and instead moving sections of shelving on rails, using a single "mobile" aisle.

[See how Kraftwerks can help](#)

Go Vertical to Fully Utilize Available Storage Space

It is not efficient, nor is it ergonomic to move "man to goods" in your operation. It's smarter and more ergonomically sound to move "goods to man" instead. The "Goods to Man" method focuses on eliminating the bending, reaching, and extra steps that slow down production and risk injury.

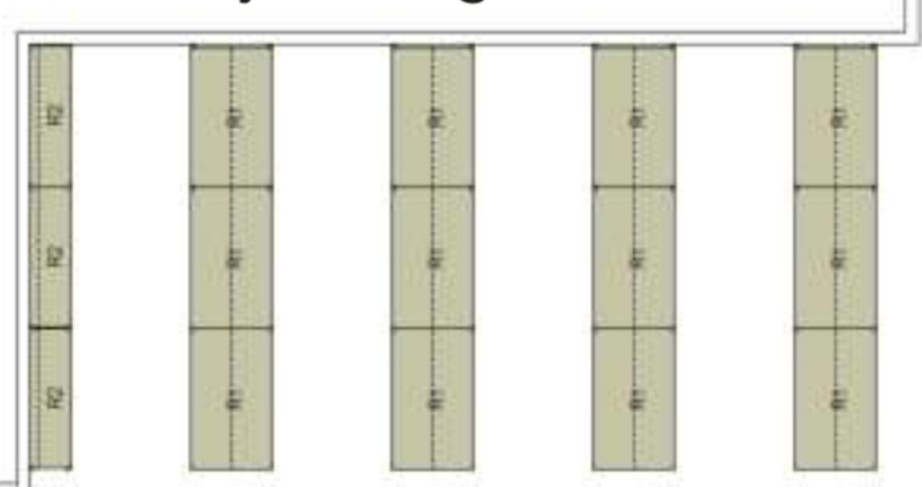
Hänel Storage Systems offers premium vertical storage applications that will transform your facility into one that is more efficient, safer, and smarter. Units can extend from the basement through multiple floors above, enabling workers to retrieve inventory without leaving their workspace. Hänel offers several models that can be installed on their own or together depending on your needs.

- Lean-Lift® - Vertical carriage 'extractor' moves up and down, accessing shelves behind or in front of it.
- Multi-Space® - Extractor moves vertically and horizontally to access items on neighboring shelves as well as behind it
- Rotomat® - Ferris Wheel style shelving
- Lockomat® - Locking sliding doors for protected inventory access

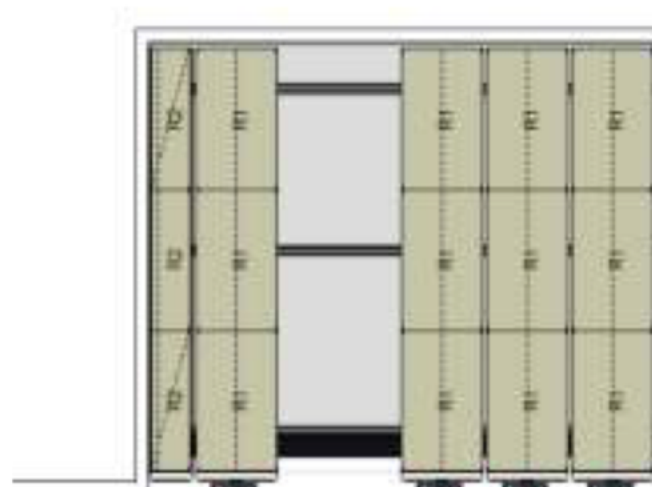
Hänel offers a variety of options for specialty storage if you have a controlled environment like ESD, require extreme cold storage, or heat for drying components. Hänel products are environmentally sound, with features designed to manage loads efficiently, as well as to save electricity and energy. Hänel's storage management software can be used as a standalone or can communicate with your own system.

[Learn more about Hänel Vertical Lifts](#)

Stationary Shelving



MobileTrak Reduces Space



Reclaim Space With Mobile Aisle Shelving

High density mobile storage is another shelving option that is a premium space saver. If you are using traditional shelving, consider how much floor space is used by each aisle in between the rows of shelves. Imagine eliminating all but a single 'movable' aisle and reclaiming all that space.

Datum Storage Solutions offers high density mobile storage options for stowing everything from production supplies to inventory to art. Units move smoothly and easily via a system of carriages mounted on rails (secured on or within flooring). Carriages are shifted left or right by a manual, mechanical, or powered system.

Rails accommodate more than just Datum shelving, if you already have shelving or racking, the system can be customized to accept a variety of other manufacturers as well. If you have low ceilings or obstacles like a sprinkler system, Datum also offers a low profile version.

In either case, opening the shelving is quick and easy.

[Datum MobileTrak Video](#)[Datum Powered MobileTrak Video](#)

Well-Thought-Out Optimized Storage

Traditional shelving solutions continue to be a great option for all types of facilities.

Warehouses facilities find Rousseau Metal's open shelving and shelving with drawers to be a sturdy reliable option for storage of inventory in a wide range of shapes and sizes.

Distribution facilities use Rousseau's workstations, mobile drawer cabinets and free-standing stations to optimize workflow.

But where the automotive industry is concerned, Rousseau Metal products can't be topped.

An automotive service department needs an organized space. There are a plethora of specialized tools and parts, and technicians cannot afford to waste time searching for misplaced items or trying to navigate a cluttered workspace.

Well-thought-out, smart storage and dedicated workstations that are optimized create the smartest workflow.

An optimized work area should be:

- Clean - Smart storage & dedicated task areas with accessible waste disposal
- Fast - Effective inventory management with accessible resources & fast, reliable internet connections
- Efficient - Organized tool storage, parts management & well placed electrical outlets
- Focused - Free of distractions & obstacles
- Professional - Clean, well-lit workstations that are sleek & well organized

Read our case study below and learn how Kraftwerks planned and equipped a 1st class automotive service department ahead of schedule and within budget.

[Rousseau Metal Video](#)[Kraftwerks Van Bortel Subaru Case Study](#)

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