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Smarter, More Efficient Storage

Storage solutions must keep inventory organized. Without that, time and money are lost. When you need to store large amounts of inventory, management of stock can become unwieldy, making it difficult to rotate stock or find what is needed in a timely manner.

Standard shelving solutions are effective yet can be made better by adding drawers and doors or panels.

Vertical and mobile aisle shelving are high volume solutions that are highly organized and efficient, and they 'create' space out of nothing either by utilizing vertical space or by eliminating the aisles in between stationary shelving.

The Kraftwerks team of experts has experience with standard shelving solutions as well as vertical and mobile aisle storage installations in a variety of environments including healthcare, pharmaceutical and laboratories. It may surprise you how affordable these applications can be.



Make Standard Shelving Better

Deep, open shelves can make finding items and rotating stock more difficult. Imagine instead, simply opening a drawer that has 100% visibility of what would otherwise be stacked on a shelf.

Shelving that has a combination of close-set and wider spaced shelves (for larger items) with drawers in between offers a better, more organized solution for storage of a wide range of related, but different-sized items.

Rousseau is a well-known name in heavy duty, durable storage solutions. Units are versatile and suitable for storage of a wide variety of inventory including surgical kits, scrubs, medical or pharmaceutical supplies, and much more.

Here are a few Rousseau storage options:

- Shelving with drawers (horizontal or vertical), roll-out shelves, cabinets
- Shelving with polycarbonate doors, steel doors, or sliding panels
- Workstations – fixed or mobile
- Carts – MultiTek & R-Go motorized

Kraftwerks has planned and performed installations using Rousseau products in a variety of industries from pharmaceutical to automotive. Ask us if we think a Rousseau solution is right for your organization.

[Rousseau Metal Configurator](#)


Using the Space Between

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 a high volume of inventory of all shapes and sizes. And there are locking mechanisms for added security.

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 though, 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, that's OK! Datum also offers a low profile version.

Ask us about the installations we've completed using Datum products.



Using the Space Above

Hänel's vertical lift systems can be installed as single or multi-floor units that occupy only a small footprint of valuable floor space. The units expand storage capacity exponentially; able to hold vast amounts of inventory that can be retrieved quickly and efficiently. Different models offer different methods of retrieval:

- 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

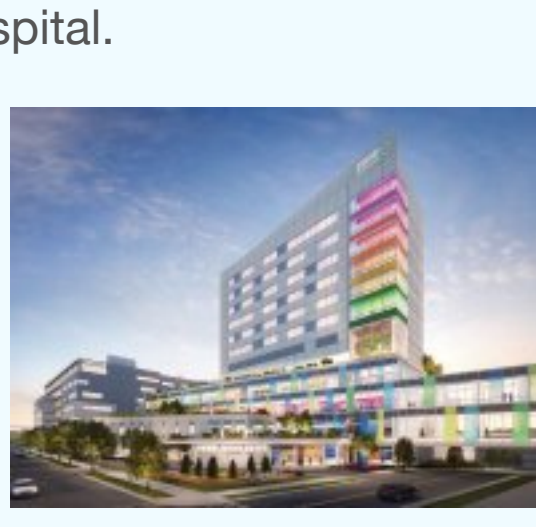
Hänel offers intelligent software with controlled user access and inventory management/control protocols to safeguard the organization and reduce errors.

Operators will find Hänel systems easy and efficient to use, and the units are ergonomically designed to reduce workplace injuries.

Hänel's Rotomat® is especially well-suited for storing heavy anodized aluminum cases that stow sterilized surgical instruments, as well as surgical wraps, medical products, and pharmaceutical or other supplies.

Hänel also offers specialized solutions for storage in climate and air-controlled environments such as heat, cold, and extreme cold storage. And to promote sustainability and conservation of natural resources, Hänel developed EcoConcept systems that reduce energy consumption, which can also impact operating costs and amortization.

Read our case study to see how we used Hänel lifts to increase storage capacity at a children's hospital.


[Kraftwerks Children's Hospital Case Study](#)

Making use of vertical space can solve another common problem for hospitals — hospital beds left in hallway corridors due to lack of storage space. So called "hallway beds" create clutter that violates the NFPA 101® Life Safety Code® and could lead to fines or worse, the loss of accreditation.

Hospital beds are heavy and large, so you may not imagine storing them one on top of the other, but with Vidir BedLifts, you can! The lifts provide safe, dedicated storage for hospital beds in a small footprint (saving up to 70% of floor space per unit).

The lifts are easy to use. The semi-automatic system lowers/raises beds at the push of a button. Different models accommodate beds from narrow to large capacity (up to 900 lbs). The lifts can load from the front or side (depending on the model) and allow up to five beds per lift.

Read our case study and learn how we helped eliminate "hallway beds" at a Rochester Hospital.


[Kraftwerks U of R Highland Hospital Case Study](#)

Kraftwerks is an experienced and authorized distributor for Rousseau, Hänel, Vidir and Datum products. Our team of experts can design and install a solution that will reclaim valuable space in your facility.

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[Kraftwerks & Vertical Lifts](#)
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