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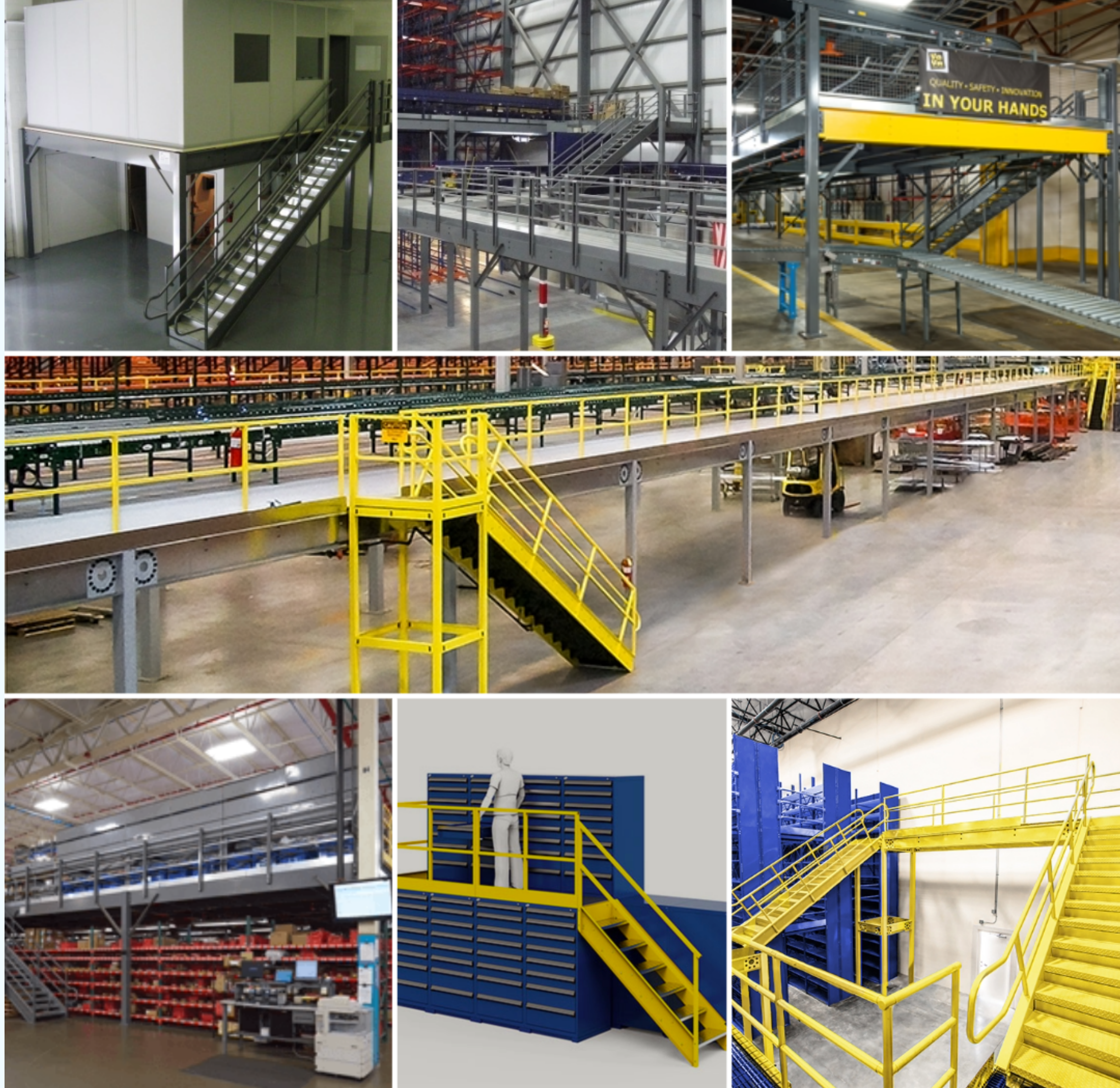
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Efficiency does not come without organization. Your facility should be organized in everything from its layout and use of space to furniture and storage choices. Problems may come from a shortage of square footage, a poorly laid out workflow, or any number of other issues.

Companies are constantly changing and what worked before may not be working today. If efficiency has dropped off or isn't where it should be, it might be time to review your facility and its workflow to see if things can be better organized.

There are easy solutions for creating space and organizing your facility and they may be simpler and more cost effective than you realize.



Build Up and Spread Out

If your facility has a space issue, you can choose to renovation or relocate. Whether you need to expand for additional space (or contract by combining two facilities into one) a mezzanine can help create a smarter, more efficient facility.

A single- or multi-floor mezzanine is a cost effective way to increase usable floor space by utilizing vertical space (building up). And with that additional floor space, you can spread out and/or reorganize in a smarter, more efficient arrangement.

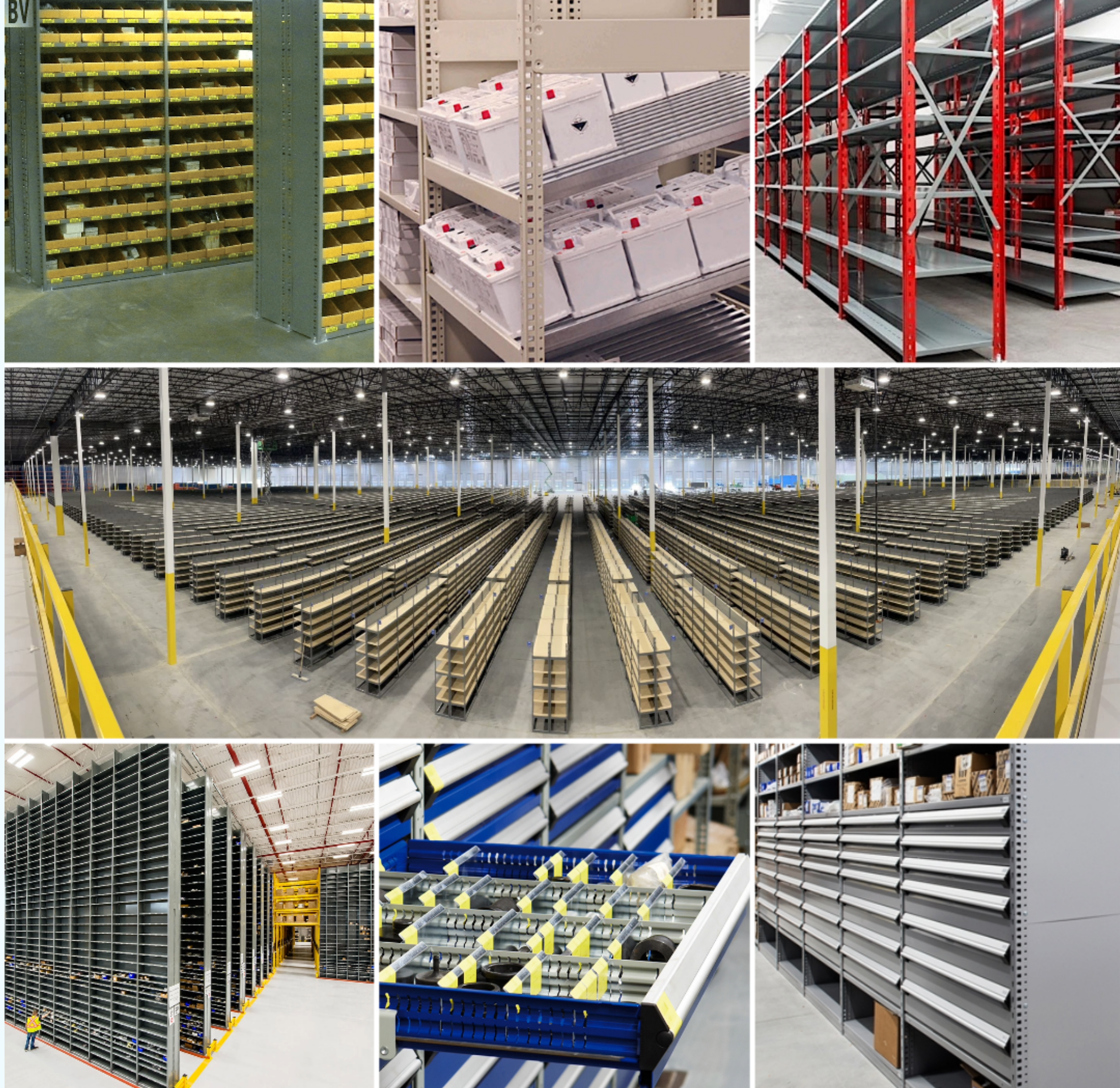
Mezzanines have many uses:

- Storage areas
- Production areas
- Administration areas
- Supervisory offices that provide an eagle's nest view of operations
- Evacuation routes

Benefits:

- Improved workflow/increased productivity - bring key functions closer (e.g., raw materials, production, & shipping)
- Easy to install, adaptable, & scalable
- Durable, built to last
- Low maintenance – regular inspections for wear & tear, structural integrity, safety features
- Increased safety – clear pathways, ease congestion
- Increased efficiency of cooling/heating & ventilation with smaller well-designed zones
- Increased square footage may increase property value
- Alternative to relocation that is costly & interrupts production

Using previously unused vertical space is an easy way to help organize your facility and make it more efficient, and installing a mezzanine provides ready-made floor space.



Efficient Storage

How inventory is organized and stored is important for workflow and space utilization. Here is a look at five popular options for warehouse shelving.

Steel Shelving

Steel shelving is highly durable, versatile, and economical. It is assembled with nuts and bolts or compression clips. Steel shelving is a great option for storing cartons or small items which might include storage for ecommerce, inventory, files, auto parts, or non-perishable food.

Rivet Shelving

Another sturdy, durable option is rivet shelving. Rivet shelving is easy to assemble, scale, and adjust. Shelves are constructed of durable steel or decking that make it suitable for storing heavy objects. (Note, with storage of heavy items, it is particularly important to always check capacity limits of your shelving prior to loading.)

Wire Shelving

Because wire shelving has accessibility from all sides, it has high visibility, very good air circulation, and is easy to clean. Wire shelving is good for cold storage, and for lighter parts, products, and materials. Wire shelving is a slightly less strong and durable option, but it's good where storage space is limited. Casters can be added to the bottom, making it mobile.

Clipless/Boltless Shelving

Clipless or boltless shelving is easy to assemble/disassemble and it's durable. It's good for lightweight items and has a large capacity per shelf.

Bulk Rack Shelving

Bulk rack shelving is also easy to assemble/disassemble and is durable. It is good for heavy-duty storage and for hand stacking boxes. Bulk rack shelving is suitable for light- to medium-duty and if storage space is limited. Casters can be added to the bottom, making it mobile.

For an added layer of organization, add drawers. Space is wasted when large and small items are stocked side by side (a common problem when items are stored in numerical order). Large items require taller space and if stored next to small items, the space required for the larger item is wasted around the smaller ones.

Storing small items in drawers and using the shelves above and/or below for large items is a more efficient use of space. Drawer dividers separate items within the drawers, helping with rotation as well as adding/removing stock items. And for added security, drawers can be selected that lock either as a group or individually.

Organization is serious business and consulting with an expert to determine what will work best for your organization is a smart choice. The experts at Kraftwerks are experienced planners. We'll talk to you and visit your organization, working with you to design and install a smart application using carefully matched products to make your facility run at peak efficiency.

Case Studies

[SUNY Fredonia Bat Lab](#)
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The year is winding down. Be sure to explore our catalog and reach out to us regarding any projects you are planning for the coming year. We can help with budget, pricing, performance details, product specifications, and lead times.

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