

System 1: Selective Pallet Racking (SPR)

**System Elements**

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Storage system:	Pallet rack, wide-aisle, single-depth	
Forwarding system:	Reach Truck	
Picking System:	Allocation:	static
	Movement:	two-dimensional
	Goods removal:	manual
	Delivery:	central

Attributes

Storage density	low
Ground space utilization	low
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	medium
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	high
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	medium
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	high
Susceptibility to disruption	low

Specification

- The only limiting factor for the expansion potential are
- Long access time
- Storage density depends on the building of the unit loads
- Available with withdrawal devices

Suitability examples

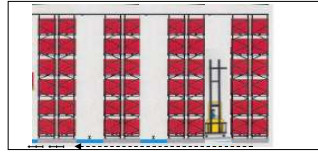
Industry and trade
Buffer stock

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR, FZ
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3-4m
Max Height (m)	12m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	> 50%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more

Level 1 only

System 2: Very Narrow Aisle (VNA) & Truck

**System Elements**

Storage system:	Pallet rack, narrow aisle, single-depth
Forwarding system:	Very narrow aisle truck
Picking System:	-

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	medium
Manpower requirements	medium
Investment costs	medium
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	medium
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	medium
Volume expandability	medium
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	low

Specification

- Operational safety because there is only one person in
- Long access time
- Storage density depends on the building of the unit
- Investments for the aisle safety are necessary

Suitability examples

Industry and trade
Buffer stock

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	2.2-2.8m
Max Height (m)	12m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	> 50%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more

Level 1 only

System 3: Very Narrow Aisle (VNA) & Man-Up Order Picker

**System Elements**

Storage system:	Pallet rack, narrow aisle, single-depth	
Forwarding system:	Automated storage and retrieval system man up	
Picking System:	Allocation:	static
	Movement:	two-dimensional
	Goods removal:	manual
	Delivery:	central

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	medium
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	medium
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	medium
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	medium
Volume expandability	medium
Throughput expandability	medium
Susceptibility to disruption	medium

Specification

- Operational safety because there is only one person in the aisles
- Better access time than trucks because of the diagonal movements
- Investments for the aisle safety are necessary
- High building ground requirements

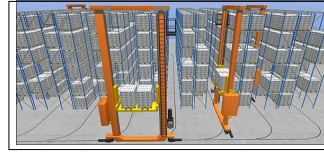
Suitability examples

Industry and trade

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	2.2-2.8m
Max Height (m)	12m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more

System 4: Automatic Storage Retrieval System (ASRS)

**System Elements**

Storage system:	Automated storage and retrieval system
Forwarding system:	Automatic Cranes
Picking System:	-

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	medium
Manpower requirements	low
Investment costs	high
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	low
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	high
Volume expandability	medium
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	high

Specification

- Operational safety because there is no person in the aisles
- Better access time than trucks because of the diagonal
- Storage density depends on the building of the unit loads
- Investments for the aisle safety are necessary
- High building ground requirements

Suitability examples

Industry and trade
Buffer stock

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	2.2-2.8m
Max Height (m)	40m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more
Pallet Quantity	30000 or more

System 5: Double Deep Rack



Storage system:
Forwarding system:
Picking System:

Storage density
Ground space utilization
Manpower requirements
Investment costs
Product range
Flexibility (regarding product range)
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)
Volume expandability
Throughput expandability
Susceptibility to disruption

Operational safety because there is no person in the aisles
Better access time than trucks because of the diagonal
Storage density depends on the building of the unit loads
Investments for the aisle safety are necessary
High building ground requirements

Industry and trade

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	2.2-2.8m
Max Height (m)	12m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more

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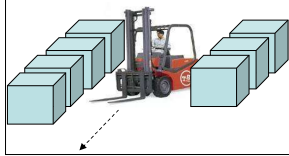
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Double Deep
Reach Truck

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR, FZ
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3-4m
Max Height (m)	8m

Percentage	
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	2 or more

System 6 Ground Storage



System Elements

Storage system:	Ground line storage, unstacked
Forwarding system:	Forklift
Picking System:	-

Attributes

Storage density	low
Ground space utilization	low
Manpower requirements	medium
Investment costs	low
Product range	small
Flexibility (regarding product range)	high
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	low
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	high
Susceptibility to disruption	low

Specification

- Limited filling level if only one SKU in one canal
- Low requirements regarding the warehouse
- The storing of different SKU's in one canal causes
- A large stock might cause longer access time for

Ability for

- Open spaces and constructions with low headroom
- Short-term storing and intermediate buffering
- Seasonal goods

Suitability examples

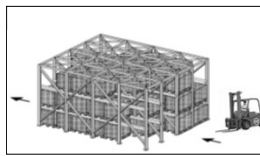
Building material
Beverage
Paper, barrels, tires

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR, FZ
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3-4m
Max Height (m)	3m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	> 50%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more

Level 1 only

System 7 Drive-Through Rack



System Elements

Storage system:	Drive-through rack
Forwarding system:	Forklift
Picking System:	-

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	medium
Manpower requirements	medium
Investment costs	medium
Product range	small
Flexibility (regarding product range)	low
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	low
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	low

Specification

- Does not allow free placement

Ability for

- Given headrooms that can not be used completely
- Storagements with high operating costs (e.g.
- Seasonal goods
- A delivery volume of at least 20 pallets per article

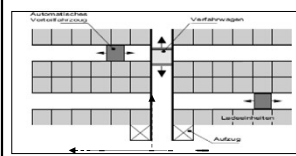
Suitability examples

Buffer store in inbound/outbound

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3-4m
Max Height (m)	8-12m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	5 or more

System 8 Shuttle Storage System



System Elements

Storage system:	Shuttle storage system with aisles
Forwarding system:	1 shuttle per level + 1 traversing carriage per level + elevator + forwarding system pre zone
Picking System:	Allocation: dynamic
	Movement: one-dimensional
	Goods removal: manual
	Delivery: decentralized

Attributes

Storage density	medium
Ground space utilization	low
Manpower requirements	low
Investment costs	high
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	low
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	high
Volume expandability	low
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	medium

Ability for

- Storagements with high operating costs (e.g. refrigerated
- Automated storage for picking purpose

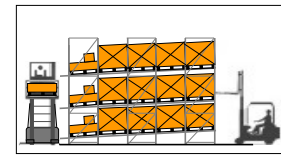
Suitability examples

Buffer store for production

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	1-5m
Max Height (m)	8-12m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more
Quantity	10000 or more

System 9: Drive Through Racking with Forklift & Order Picker



System Elements

Storage system:	Gravity flow-through rack with roll conveyor
Forwarding system:	Forklift and order picker
Picking System:	Allocation: static
	Movement: two-dimensional
	Delivery: central

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	medium
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	medium
Product range	medium
Flexibility (regarding product range)	low
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	medium
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	high
Susceptibility to disruption	medium

Specification

- One type of article per row is advantageous
- Requires uniform pallet measurements
- Laborious picking process if partial takings
- Pallets need a stable centre of gravity

Ability for

- Goods dispatch centre
- Distribution warehouse with pickings
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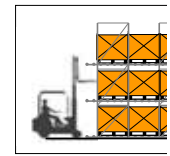
Suitability examples

Seasonal goods
Central warehouse for food

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3-4m
Max Height (m)	8-12m

Order Profile	Percentage
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	5 or more

System 10: Drive Through Rackin



System Elements

Storage system:	
Forwarding system:	
Picking System:	

Attributes

Storage density	
Ground space utilization	
Manpower requirements	
Investment costs	
Product range	
Flexibility (regarding product range)	
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	
Volume expandability	
Throughput expandability	
Susceptibility to disruption	

Specification

- One type of article per row is
- Requires uniform pallet mea
- Laborious picking process if
- No ram pressure

Ability for

- Goods dispatch centre
- Distribution warehouse with
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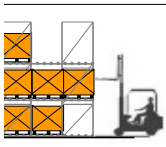
Suitability examples

Seasonal goods
Central warehouse for food

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	
Product Type	
Aisle Distance (m)	
Max Height (m)	

Order Profile	
Pallet	
Outer	
Loose	
No Pallets / Batch	

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Powered flow-through rack with roll or chain conveyor	Forklift
Allocation:	static
Movement:	one-dimensional
Delivery:	central

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partial takings

pickings

AC, NAC, CR
All
3-4m
8-12m

Percentage
> 50%
0%
0%
5 or more

System 11: Mobile Rack



System Elements		
Storage system:	Mobile pallet rack	
Forwarding system:	Order picker	
Picking System:	Allocation:	static
	Movement:	two-dimensional
	Goods removal:	manual
	Delivery:	central

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	high
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	high
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	high
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	medium
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	medium

Specification

- Several narrow picking corridors can be opened
- It is recommended to use one corridor for 8 rack
- It is possible to keep the goods under lock and key

Ability for

- Products with a low turnover ratio
- Slow movers
- Long term storage of products that are rarely used

Suitability examples

Archive
Spare parts

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3-4m
Max Height (m)	8-12m

Order Profile	
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	5 or more

System 12 High Bay Pallet Rack



System Elements		
Storage system:	High bay rack, single-deep	
Forwarding system:	Reach Truck	
Picking System:	-	

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	medium
Manpower requirements	low
Investment costs	high
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	medium
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	high
Volume expandability	medium
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	high

Specification

- Operational safety because there is no person in the aisles
- Limited expandability (only whole lanes)
- Inflexible regarding different handling units (because of
- High need of forwarding system

Ability for

- Multiple shift operations

Suitability examples

Industry and trade
Buffer stock

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3-3.4m
Max Height (m)	8-12m

Order Profile	
Pallet	> 50%
Outer	0%
Loose	0%
No Pallets / Batch	1 or more

System 13: Flow Rack



System Elements		
Storage system:	Carton Flow Rack	
Forwarding system:	Manual handling with conveyor belt (picker stays at his position)	
Picking System:	Allocation:	static
	Movement:	one-dimensional
	Goods removal:	manual
	Delivery:	central

Attributes

Storage density	medium
Ground space utilization	high
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	medium
Product range	medium
Flexibility (regarding product range)	low
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	low
Volume expandability	medium
Throughput expandability	high
Susceptibility to disruption	high

Specification

- Requires uniform goods measurements
- Goods movement during the storing

Ability for

- Goods dispatch centre
- Distribution warehouse with pickings
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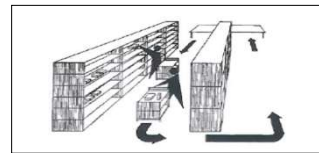
Suitability examples

Seasonal goods
Central warehouse for food

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	3m
Max Height (m)	3m

Order Profile	
Pallet	0%
Outer	0%
Loose	> 50%
No Pallets	0

System 14 Shelf Rack



System Elements		
Storage system:	Shelf rack	
Forwarding system:	Picking trolley	
Picking System:	Allocation:	static
	Movement:	one-dimensional
	Goods removal:	manual
	Delivery:	central

Attributes

Storage density	low
Ground space utilization	low
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	low
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	high
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	low
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	high
Susceptibility to disruption	low

Specification

- Huge selection of accessories available
- Limited picking possibilities on the top and at the bottom of the
- A large circulation area is needed
- A high filling degree is possible

Ability for

- A various product range

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	2m
Max Height (m)	3m

Order Profile	
Pallet	0%
Outer	0%
Loose	> 50%
No Pallets	0

System 15 High



System Elements		
Storage system:		
Forwarding system:		
Picking System:		

Attributes

Storage density	
Ground space utilization	
Manpower requirements	
Investment costs	
Product range	
Flexibility (regarding product range)	
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	
Volume expandability	
Throughput expandability	
Susceptibility to disruption	

Specification

- Huge selection of accessories available
- Limited picking possibilities on the top and at the bottom of the
- A large circulation area is needed
- A high filling degree is possible

Ability for

- A various product range

Other Criteria	
Warehouse Condition	AC, NAC, CR
Product Type	All
Aisle Distance (m)	2m
Max Height (m)	3m

Order Profile	
Pallet	0%
Outer	0%
Loose	> 50%
No Pallets	0

Bay Shelf Rack



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Shelf rack	
Order picker	
Allocation:	static
Movement:	two-dimensional
Goods removal:	manual
Delivery:	central

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y to disruption	low

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Other Criteria
Warehouse AC, NAC, CR
Product Typ All
Aisle Dist 1.8-2.5m
Max Height 8m

Percentage
Pallet 0%
Outer 0%
Loose > 50%
No Pallets 0

System 16 Bin Rack



System Elements

Storage system:	Bin rack	
Forwarding system:	Picking trolley	
Picking System:	Allocation:	static
Movement:	two-dimensional	
Goods removal:	manual	
Delivery:	central	

Attributes

Storage density	low
Ground space utilization	low
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	medium
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	low
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	low
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	high
Susceptibility to disruption	low

Specification

- Double-deep storage possible

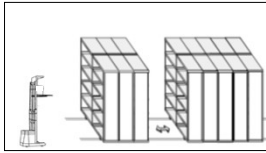
Ability for

- Picking purpose

Other Criteria
Warehouse AC, NAC, CR
Product Typ All
Aisle Dist 2m
Max Height 3m

Order Profile Percentage
Pallet 0%
Outer 0%
Loose > 50%
No Pallets 0

System 17: Mobile Shelving



System Elements

Storage system:	Mobile shelf rack	
Forwarding system:	Order picker or Trolley	
Picking System:	Allocation:	static
Movement:	two-dimensional	
Goods removal:	manual	
Delivery:	central	

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	high
Manpower requirements	high
Investment costs	high
Product range	large
Flexibility (regarding product range)	high
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	medium
Volume expandability	high
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	medium

Specification

- It is possible to keep the goods under lock and key
 - It is recommended to use one corridor for 8 rack

Ability for

- Products with a low turnover ratio
 - Slow movers
 - Long term storage of products that are rarely used

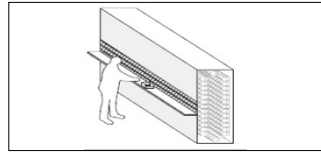
Suitability examples

Archive
 Spare parts

Other Criteria
Warehouse AC, NAC, CR
Product Typ All
Aisle Dist 3m
Max Height 3m

Order Profile Percentage
Pallet 0%
Outer 0%
Loose > 50%
No Pallets 0

System 18: Vertical Carousel Storage



System Elements

Storage system:	Circulating shelf storage	
Forwarding system:	Chain conveyor	
Picking System:	Allocation:	dynamic
Movement:	one-dimensional	
Goods removal:	manual	
Delivery:	central	

Attributes

Storage density	high
Ground space utilization	high
Manpower requirements	medium
Investment costs	high
Product range	medium
Flexibility (regarding product range)	low
Running costs (e.g. maintenance)	high
Volume expandability	low
Throughput expandability	low
Susceptibility to disruption	high

Specification

- Protecting against unauthorized access, theft, fire,...
 - Ergonomic design of the storing and picking place
 - Not suited for rush orders or fluctuating performance

Ability for

- Small to medium picking quantities
 - Continuous order intakes without high order frequencies
 - High specific personnel costs
 - Assemblies, bins, files, long good
 - Small parts like tools

Suitability examples

Engineering, pharmaceuticals

Other Criteria
Warehouse AC, NAC, CR
Product Typ All
Aisle Dist 3m
Max Height 3m-12m

Order Profile Percentage
Pallet 0%
Outer 0%
Loose > 50%
No Pallets 0