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## How a 2-level RiveTier catwalk and shelving system improves throughput speed for a medical supply manufacturer

Weighing the pluses and minuses of a catwalk-shelving-storage solution VS vertical-carousel storage, a global medical equipment manufacturer decided to go with a catwalk-shelving-storage solution.

They had a number of U.S. locations, but this particular division was expanding—as well as another division in the same facility. So, the manufacturer developed a second building for storage.

Because the manufacturer requested that 20% growth be factored for all their storage facilities, storage experts had shown them how they could consolidate surgical device and patient care products they were storing in pallet rack and achieve greater efficiency with industrial shelving and a catwalk system.

Pallet rack was moved over to make room for small parts better off stored in 4” bins on RiveTier shelves. About 8-10% of the time, we see end-users start to use pallet rack



for shelving when they would be much better off with a mixture of pallet rack and shelving.

Catwalk systems enable greater density; you can increase storage capacity with the same density; operationally, if you are already using tall shelving, you’ve got safety issues with tall ladders. You can double the output with a RiveTier catwalk system. That is what was most desirable for this manufacturer of medical equipment. The system supports exponential growth when the end-user adds new product lines.

WPSS’ Regional Sales Manager Scott Hebert said, “Operationally, the ability to pull the product faster allows end-users to speed throughput. They don’t have to crawl up and down ladders to pick the product. The building is the same, but the storage density has been greatly improved with a catwalk and a cart. We enjoy supporting the efficiency efforts of the storage experts to add tremendous speed to operation after operation.”

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