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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 designed by California-based Shelf Master for their unique situation.

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, Shelf Master 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.

Shelf Master Account Manager Mike Smith said, “We moved pallet rack over to make room for small parts better off stored in 4” bins on RiveTier shelves—they asked us to determine the number of shelf levels. 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.”

He continued, “Shelf Master has in-house design services and our own installation crews. This customer said they chose us because of that and because of our strength in tak-



ing a customer’s set of parameters and delivering a solution—we literally pull the parameters out of our customers to make the best use of their space.”

“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. We love Western Pacific’s RiveTier products—been using RiveTier for 45 years. WPSS has always been a great reliable supplier.”

“We’ve also used a RiveTier catwalk system, solid decking and

shelving with a clothing manufacturer. We started out with 3 rows and now we’re at 15 rows. The system supports exponential growth when the end-user adds products and acquires other companies and 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 at Shelf Master to add tremendous speed to operation after operation.”

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