

Enodis invest in Industore's warehouse solutions to save space at their Sheffield distribution centre

History

Enodis UK Food Service, now part of Manitowoc Foodservice, is the UK Individual sales and operations organisation for their world leading food service brands. They provide the UK market with a complete range of equipment to meet the demands of the busiest kitchens.

Their factory and shipping facility, Viscount Catering Limited, near Sheffield, boasts over 150 years' experience manufacturing quality cooking and refrigeration equipment for the UK market with brands that include Moorwood Vulcan, Convotherm and Merrychef.



Solution

To continue their investment in their Sheffield distribution centre and improve operational efficiencies, Viscount Catering required a solution that combined reliability with an integrated picking system that minimised floor space to integrate with their new warehouse layout.

After extensive discussions with the customer and a detailed site survey, Industore specified two 7.28 metre high Lean Lifts, utilising the maximum available headroom.

The main purpose of the Lean Lifts was to store many of the smaller spare parts ensuring they could be easily identified and picked ready for dispatch in the quickest and most cost effective manner.

The Lean Lift needed to integrate to existing software to allow order details to be transferred directly from Enodis's M.R.P. system to the machine, allowing the picking of entire orders as well as individual items.

To reduce the downtime while loading, Industore worked closely with Chris Birch, Sheffield Distribution Manager, to pre-plan each shelf in the lean lift. This information was converted into an upload file and placed into the machine memory after commissioning thus reducing the initial loading time.



The storage system very quickly surpassed expectations and has proven to be a very efficient method of storing and picking parts within our spares distribution function. We were able to install 240m² of storage in less than a 10m² footprint. Our operatives have very quickly adapted to the user friendly operating system, enabling us to increase productivity and inventory accuracy.

Paul Briggs, General Manager Viscount Catering Limited.