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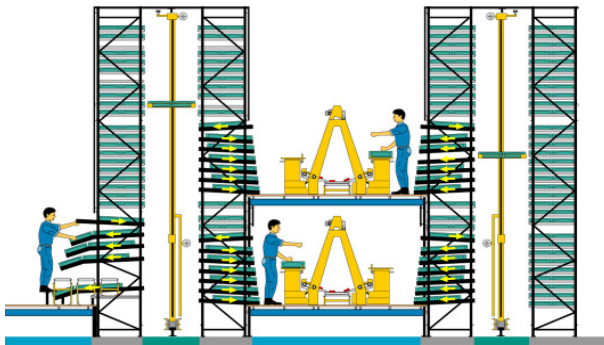
BITO realises automated bin storage facility at FIEBIG

Large-scale order on shelving complete with containers for an automated bin storage installation

The pharmaceutical wholesaler Leopold Fiebig GmbH & Co. KG established a new distribution centre in Rheinstetten close to Karlsruhe in Germany. The order which was placed with BITO-Lagertechnik Bittmann GmbH covered the supply and the assembly of an automated bin storage installation type AKL and the delivery of 48000 containers which can be subdivided into up to 8 compartments if required. The total order volume for the storage facility and the containers amounts to 1.6 million EUR. The order was realised in cooperation with the Austrian Klug GmbH as general contractor and TGW-Transportgeräte GmbH, also based in Austria.

The new distribution centre allows Fiebig – a privately owned wholesaler of pharmaceuticals in Southwest Germany – to proceed orders within an even shorter time. As before, pharmacies can place their orders as late as 20 minutes before the scheduled departure of the company's delivery vehicles. Computer-monitored order processing, picking sorters and sophisticated shelving systems further reduced throughput times. BITO installed an automated bin storage installation with two service aisles and integrated live storage levels for direct order picking. The installation, designed for double deep storage, has a length of 78 metres, a height of 9 metres and can accommodate some 30000 bins. Moreover, BITO supplied shelving for a total of 17 order picking units with approximately 22000 bin positions which are serviced by the TGW commissioner, a system for automated in- and outfeeding. The order also included mezzanine floors and walkways for multi-tier order picking as well as static shelving and pallet racking for the storage of slow movers.

The pharmaceuticals are to be stored in BITO small parts containers made from PP, series »KLT«, type 64170 D. In the beginning of 2006, BITO will supply 48000 containers sized 600 x 400 x 170 mm (LxWxH) with a double base and specifically designed dividers for container subdivision to suit various packaging sizes. "Due to its double base, the BITO KLT container allows low-noise operation, is very robust and therefore perfectly suited for use in automated bin storage installations and for stacker crane handling", explains Michael Fritz, product manager at BITO-Lagertechnik Bittmann GmbH.



Fast order processing

The two aisle automated bin storage installation from BITO integrates live storage levels for direct order picking. This allows Fiebig to further reduce order throughput times.

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