EFFICIENT & SAFE STORAGE SYSTEMS
HOW TO BUILD A BETTER WAREHOUSE

Not all rack is the same. We’ll work with you to meet your critical requirements and load factors to make sure you get an efficient rack system that helps your warehouse function better. Whatever your needs or load type, you can count on us to help you design a stable, safe and space-efficient solution.

—Craig, Employee-Owner Since 2014 Systems Integration Group

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Better Pallet Rack Usage

This is a common sense guide to specification, styles, accessories and usability. You will find quick, useful information on racks and how you can use them more efficiently. If you have questions about specifying your racks correctly, how to use them more effectively, how to make them safer, contact us for fast assistance.

- Pallet Rack Buyers’ Guide
- Pallet Rack Blog: Dozens of Articles
- Selective Rack Estimator

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RACK TYPES: SELECTIVE VS. DYNAMIC

HOW TO BALANCE SELECTIVITY AND STORAGE DENSITY NEEDS

Selective Rack: 100% access to all pallets—but with lower storage density

Selective rack is easily the most versatile choice—it provides 100% selectivity to every pallet position. Lets you easily change the storage mix. However, selective rack requires an aisle for every row, and has lower storage density than pushback or drive-in racks. It’s the most common pallet storage racking type in the world. Ideal for faster moving product in most warehouse applications.

Drive-In racks: last-in-first-out picking with excellent storage density, lower selectivity

Drive-in racks are “last-in, first-out” systems with reduced selectivity, and excellent product density. Ideal for items that have longer life in storage, and don’t require immediate access. Often used for cold storage applications where every inch of expensive space is critical. Drive-in & drive through systems are ideal for items with a longer life in storage that don’t require immediate access.

Pushback: last-in-first-out with good storage density, medium selectivity, more versatility

When forklifts unload pushback racks, the next pallet rolls to the front of the bay; when loading, pallets are pushed back in a last-in, first-out storage scheme. You can place a different SKU on every level. Pushback systems require angled pitch, which consumes vertical space, and are denser than selective, but not as dense as drive-in systems.

Pallet flow: first-in, first-out; great storage density with less selectivity and reduced handling costs

Pallet flow systems offer the greatest storage density. Depths are limited only by facility size; store a single SKU per lane. Once loaded, product rotation is automatic, as pallets flow to picking aisles. Flow systems offer automatic “first-in, first-out” product rotation. Because only two aisles are necessary, aisle space can be reduced by 75%. Fewer fork lifts, operating fewer hours, and consuming less fuel can accomplish the same handling function.
PALLET RACK TIPS
A GUIDE TO STORING DIFFICULT, BULKY AND LONG LOADS

Many companies need to store specialized loads, such as rolls, dies, tubes, fragile items and more. With the right hardware and design, almost anything can be safely and efficiently stored.

Storing rolls and reels
Rolls, reels and other spooling loads can be stored on pallet racks. To accomplish this, special reel pockets are placed on the upright and then fitted with a horizontal bar. Rolled items like film, wiring, cables or paper are placed on the bar, and can be dispensed. The capacities for these racks must be understood, since the loads are dynamic. Reel pockets have capacities (calculated per pair) that must be taken into account.

Long item storage
Many long items can be better stored on cantilever than pallet racks, but there are applications where pallet rack fits better in the storage strategy of your facility. We’ve done projects, for instance, where long rolls of film or fabric can’t be stored on cantilever arms because the arm would dent fragile materials and full support is needed. You may already have pallet racks and want to adapt them to store longer loads. Pallet racks can be adapted with relative ease for these applications.

RACK DECKING LOAD GUIDE

Rack loads aren’t just simple weight vs. structure. The dimensions, shape and size/density of the load also factor in.

Weight vs. load placement for rack decking
Knowing the weight and type of load that will sit on a wire deck is vital. Below are some of the most common loading scenarios with descriptions and examples of each.

Universally distributed loads
As defined by ANSI 26.2, universally distributed loads are “any static load evenly distributed over the entire surface on the rack deck independent of the support system.”

The load needs to rest over all the support channels and the majority of the deck surface and come within 2” of the front and rear load beams to achieve the full capacity rating.

Line load
Here, the bulk of the weight rests on the wire, instead of the channel supports, which can cause the decking to deform—and potentially to fail.

Concentrated load
All of the weight of this pallet is placed in the center of the deck, putting the entire load on 2 of the 4 support channels.

Point load
Above: This bulk container has 4 feet resting on the deck. All the points sit only wire mesh, causing deflection and potential failure.

Mis-load types
- A line load distributes its weight in a concentrated line, which may place full load pressure on decking. In the example below, the weight rests on the wire instead of the channel supports, which may cause the decking to deform and fail.

- Any load not uniformly distributed over the entire surface of the decking section is a concentrated load. When you have multiple pallet sizes stored in the same rack system, you may have imbalances.

- Point loads are any load that has its weight concentrated on individual points versus uniformly distributed.
Loading & Unloading Tall Racks

Loading and retrieving pallets from tall bays can be problematic, resulting in dangerous load drops or damage. It’s difficult because drivers can’t see the load or the rack beam.

- Drivers may not be able to tell if the tines are lined up correctly on the pallet when their forks enter it, making it possible to bump or shift.
- When depositing a pallet at height, it’s not easy to tell if it’s positioned to rest both front and back on the beams or centered correctly.
- Rack capacities are based on evenly-distributed loads, so it’s important that the pallets are square and centered.

What can you do to reduce risks?

Load the rack with adequate clearances
Load your racks with acceptable tolerances above and to the sides of each pallet and the frames. You should have 10” head clearance between the top of load and the bottom of the beam above it.

Add technology to help drivers see
Technology is only an enhancement to training. It can’t prevent accidents on its own, but can help drivers see and understand the situation better. Options include cameras that let drivers see the load and beam, laser tine guides, tine leveling alarms and more.

Install product/pallet fall protection systems
If forklift drivers bump a pallet and knock it—or a palletized carton or other load—off, then protective systems like safety netting, straps, back beams/bars or wire panels can stop the fall and help prevent damage and injuries.

How to Inspect Pallet Rack

To prevent accidents, regularly inspect your pallet racks for damaged components. In general, split welds, rust and dents should always be noted. The rack must be straight, plumb and should be bolted to the floor to achieve its full capacity.

Upright frames and base plates
Damaged uprights should always be addressed—by replacement or repair. Install post protectors for economical protection. Check the footplates for damage as well as for missing floor bolts, dust or floor cracks.

Load beams
Deflection is often caused by overloading, but could also be the result of a beam that was damaged in some other way. Whatever the cause, that beam should be checked, and potentially replaced if the deflection is outside acceptable tolerance. Also check the beam for dislodged connectors or bolts.

Deformed struts or braces
Struts are the horizontal steel bars that connect two upright posts. Braces are the diagonal steel that connect struts. If either is bent, it’s an indication of issues with loading, impacts or capacity.

Rack environment & usage
Make sure the rack isn’t being overloaded or loaded with unbalanced loads that can stress it past its capacity rating. Aisle clutter is a frequent cause of rack collisions (and subsequent collapses) and should be avoided.
PALLET RACK TIPS

“Pallet rack beam capacities are pretty simple. They’re rated per pair for evenly distributed, properly-positioned loads. But upright capacities are more complex because their capacity is calculated on vertical beam spacing. The largest vertical gap dictates the capacity, so be aware of tall loads, which can stress a rack more than a squat, heavy loads because extra beams act as lateral support. Get these factors right, and your rack will be safe and stable. If you need help, call us today.

—Reggie, Employee-Owner - Systems Integration Systems Integration Project Manager

RACKS, FLUE SPACE, LOAD SPACING & FIRE PREVENTION

Flue spaces are clear vertical lines of sight from the floor up to the ceiling within rack storage areas. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requires that pallet rack flue space should remain clear at all times so that any fires can successfully vent up rather than out, allowing sprinkler systems to activate faster.

Send flames up, not out
The vertical rise of flames also helps slow fire spreading horizontally through a rack system, which can cause more damage and burn longer than if a fire rises.

What can you do to help reduce issues with flue space obstruction?

1. Leave adequate space between pallet loads. NFPA requires 6" horizontal flue space between loads. A 92" beam allows for two pallets with 6" between them and 3" between each pallet and the frames on either side.

2. Make sure your pallets and loads are the right size for the depth of your rack. You should allow the pallet to hang over the back beam in a double row, and maintain adequate longitudinal flue space between rows.

3. Make sure the space between rack rows is adequate. Row spacers are frequently installed to produce precise longitudinal flue space, as they make certain there is enough space between rows.

4. Use wire or perforated decks. Solid decks or particle boards don’t allow flames to escape up, and also impede sprinklers.

5. Don’t let forklift drivers push the back of the pallet too far into the flue space between back-to-back rack rows. Make sure your pallet loads are not too deep for your rack system. You can also install back beams, nets or safety straps that don’t allow push-through.

According to NFPA, American fire departments respond to an estimated average of 1,210 fires in warehouses every year. Because fire suppression systems affect rack structure design and geometry, your system must be carefully planned.
SELECTIVE RACK SYSTEMS
IMPACT-RESISTANT SK2000 SELECTIVE RACKS

Longer-lasting & impact-resistant

Safer and stronger than conventional pallet rack, SK2000 fully enclosed tubular racks have 44 times more torsional strength than open back racks. Seamless, fully welded structural tubing increases durability, cleanliness and structural integrity.

Beams: 3-rivet connection & channel rib strength

- Beams are seamlessly welded, high-strength structural steel tubing with no ledges or cracks to catch pallets or trap moisture/debris.
- 1/16" stiffening ribs built into the beam face for strength
- Exclusive safety clip and stiffening rib design resists disengagement from the upright. Engages with an audible snap.

Fully enclosed uprights

The industry’s only 100% tubular rack, with greater resistance to torsional forklift impact than open-back roll formed columns. Utilizes a tapered keyhole connection slot, interchangeable with several other rack systems, and allows 2" vertical beam adjustments.

See Steel King Upright Frames

Thousands of preconfigured pallet racks
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We can help you build standard racks, racks with wire decking, safety netting, security cages and integrated carton flow. Let’s solve your storage problems.
STRUCTURAL SELECTIVE RACK

For videos and more, visit www.cisco-eagle.com/structural

Structural rack is used for a variety of dynamic storage applications, but can also be used in selective racking, if the situation warrants—typically in areas where forklift collisions and abuse are more likely, for very heavy loads, washdown areas and more. See the table below or call us for guidance.

- Built with hot rolled structural channel steel, for difficult industrial environments.
- Popular in harsh-duty applications like freezers, coolers, and distribution facilities.
- C-channel construction makes it easier to clean and wash down than roll form racks.
- Beam connectors constructed of heavy 5-gauge steel plates, featuring a wrap-around design.
- Upright frames are punched on 4” vertical centers. Beam connector clips specially punched allow for vertical adjustablility in 2” increments.

Factor | Structural Racks | Roll-Form Racks
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Overall strength | Very strong with welded connections, heavier steel and higher capacities | Excellent for standard warehousing applications
Impact resistance | Bulkier construction offers improved resistance, but this depends on foot plate weld strengths | Fully enclosed tubular uprights are more impact resistance than open back alternatives
Washdown capabilities | Because structural has open, c-channel construction, it’s easier to wash down for clean, food and similar operations | Can be washed, but not as easily as c-channel structural racks
Capacity | Higher capacities than roll-form. Beam ties are usually added to increase capacity. Bolted connections add strength to structural systems | Capacities typically lower than structural racks
Cost | Typically more expensive | Typically less expensive
Weight | Heavier than roll-form | Lighter than structural
Shipping costs | More costly to ship due to weight | Less costly to ship due to lighter weight
Outdoor use | Used more often outdoors (is easier to galvanize) | Can be used outdoors, but is less typical
Installation | Due to bolt connections, structural is costlier and slower to install | Faster installation due to teardrop connections
Flexibility | Offers fewer available accessories. More difficult to adjust beam levels. Structural is used for more types of racks (pushback, drive-in, etc) | More flexible due to a range of accessories. Easier beam adjustment
Pallet Rack Accessories

Supports and spacers

Pallet Supports: For pallets not deep enough to fit on standard rack frame depths. Use two per pallet position.

Frame Spacers: Keeps space between rack rows and pallet overhang uniform. Frames up to 120” tall, use 2 per frame; 144” to 216” tall, use 3 spacers

Pallet rack wire decking

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Wire decking provides visibility, easier product handling, pallet stability and ventilation. Tough wire construction with underlying metal supports is strong and stable. Meets applicable fire safety codes.

Rack safety netting protects people, product

cisco-eagle.com/racknet

Reduces the chances of falling inventory from damaging itself, other product or anyone standing beneath. Rack nets are configured by total pallet weight, fall trajectories, impact velocities & weight distribution—they’re meant to withstand a specific impact.

Column Protectors

All uprights should be guarded against forklift collision damage. Steel guards, poly guards and other types are available. The type needed depends on your application, forklift type and other factors.

Rack safety straps help reduce “push through” damage

cisco-eagle.com/rackstrap

Help reduce pallets & loads from pushing into flue space or falling into work areas. Add as many straps as necessary to each bay for securing your goods. Helps enforce flue space for fire prevention. Installs with simple teardrop connectors and no tools.

“shop talk” Whether it’s wire decks that help support pallets and loads, frame guards that deflect forklift hits, safety netting that catches falling loads or pallets, pull-out shelves that prevent ergonomic problems or other accessories, we can help you find ways to make your rack work better for you.

—Jeremy, Employee-Owner Since 2006
Ecommerce Manager
SPECIALIZED RACK APPLICATIONS

HEAVY-DUTY DIE RACKS

Store dies, motors, jigs, fixtures and more

Die racks feature a solid metal shelf design allowing die placement anywhere along the shelf, and can accommodate a variety of die sizes. Shelf design allows dies to slide on or off a shelf for easy access and storage.

OVER-DOCK-DOOR RACKS

Utilize dead space above your dock doors

Utilizes space above dock doors to store empty pallets & other light loads neatly and safely without occupying valuable floor space. This is frequently wasted space you can reclaim for these types of lighter loads.

PALLET RACKS FOR ANY APPLICATION

- **Narrow aisle & very narrow aisle racks**: the space between aisles is minimized in these systems, reducing aisles up to 40%.
- **Mobile aisle racks**: in these systems, rack sections move on floor mounted rails to open up access aisles. This is a very high-density storage system.
- **Specialty storage racks**: can be built to store odd sized and specialty loads such as tires, furniture, bar stock odd components, long parts, oddly-balanced loads, vehicles, super-heavy-duty loads and more.
Dedicated flow storage

Pallet racks are frequently converted into gravity flow storage. It’s done with lower levels where order pickers can access pick faces. Upper levels are left for pallet and bulk storage operations.

- Gravity skatewheel shelves
- Gravity roller shelves
- Traditional plastic wheel shelves
- Accessories such as knuckle-overs, extended lanes, and more

FLOW STORAGE & PALLET RACKS

Mounting considerations

A common gravity flow application is to mount shelves of flow storage on pallet rack so you can mix & match gravity flow and bulk pallet storage in the same structure.

What rack types?

Most carton flow types work in tubular (roll-form) or structural racks. Teardrop and bolt-connection frames usually have the right mounting openings for carton flow. When you are using rack beams to support the tracks, the amount of adjustability relies on the available beam spacing—the more adjustable, the better. You can adjust the flow storage pitch by offsetting front and rear beams.

Beam ties are recommended for wider beams to reduce bowing. Beam heights of 3.5” minimum are recommended. For double deep racks, intermediate supports may be required for both capacity and to increase structural integrity.

“shop talk”

Carton flow saves tons of space and makes picking faster, but it also reduces wasted motion. Order pickers can walk as far as 12 miles a day. This much walking makes them tired, more error-prone and less productive. Goods-to-person lets them spend more time doing productive work like picking and packing.

—Tom, Employee-Owner Since 2015
Account Executive
SELECTIVE RACK SPECIFICATION

Understanding your load—its dimensions, weight and its basic shape—will make sure you get the right pallet rack. This guide can get you started, but you can call us for help on your pallet rack layout, design or specification project.

—David, Employee-Owner Since 2010
Web Sales and Service

Determine pallet & load factors

1. Determine the load depth, load width, load height and weight of the largest load you’ll be storing.
2. To determine width & depth, measure the load. Use the larger of the two dimensions.
3. To determine height, add the height of the load and the height of the pallet together for the total.
4. Load weight should include the pallet and reflect the heaviest pallet stored in the rack.

Determine rack depth

5. Determine front-to-back depth of your upright: Subtract 6” from your pallet depth. Example: Your pallet is 40”W x 48”L. Subtract 6” from 48”. You will need uprights at least 42” deep to accommodate this load.

Determine beam width & capacity

6. To determine beam width (2 pallets per beam): Multiply the load width x2 and add 12”. Example: Load width is 42”. 2 x 42” + 12” = 96” beam length. If required, round up to the next highest beam length.
7. See standard beam sizes for some of the available beam widths. We’re not limited to those sizes.
8. Check beam capacity to ensure the beam can carry your load. Beam capacities are listed per pair for evenly-distributed loads.

Determine upright height

9. Multiply the number of pallets high stored minus one pallet x 10”. Example: if you’re storing 4 pallets high, then multiply 3 x 10” = 30”
10. Multiply the number of pallets stored minus one pallet by the overall load height. Include pallet height in the overall load height. Example: Overall load height of 50”, 4 pallets high, minus one pallet. 3 x 50” = 150”.
11. Add the two numbers (30” + 150”=180” in this case). This number is your minimum upright height. Be certain your ceiling is adequate to store the pallets you need.

Notes for upright height design

12. The 10” between pallets allows for beam depth and space to lift and remove the pallet.
13. Make sure you have enough space left between load height of uppermost pallet and overhead obstructions. This is called clear ceiling height, which is measured as the distance from the floor to the bottom of the lowest obstruction minus 10”.

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SELECTIVE RACK WORKSHEET

About you
Name: ________________________________________
Company: ________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________

Facility factors
Building status (circle): New or Existing

Building dimensions
Width: _______ (feet) • Length: _______ (feet)
Clear ceiling height: _______ (feet) *below lowest obstruction
Storage temperature: __________
Storage conditions:☐ Dry ☐ Cooler ☐ Freezer

Building columns
Outside dimensions: _______ (inches)
Column centers: _______ (feet)
Column bumper size: _______ (inches)
Describe any other obstructions or special conditions, including sloped floors, special machinery, etc:
________________________________________________________________

Rack specifications
Rack type - ☐ Tubular or ☐ Structural
Lowest load - ☐ Floor or ☐ Beam
#Bays: ______ #Pallets/bay: _____ #Pallets high: ______
Rows: ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Both

Rack options
☐ Pallet supports ☐ Pallet stop beams
☐ Decking: circle wire, solid, other ☐ Row spacers
☐ Wall ties ☐ Upright protectors
☐ Guard rails at row ends ☐ Safety nets

Pallet & load factors
Length - Pallet (A): _______ Load (D): _______ (inches)
Width - Pallet (B): _______ Load (E): _______ (inches)
Height - Pallet (C): _______ Load (F): _______ (inches)
Total (pallet + load) height: __________

Weight - pallet + load totals (lbs.):
Minimum: _______ Maximum: _______ Average: _______
Loading direction: ☐ (C) or ☐ (H)

Pallet Type:
☐ GMA ☐ Block ☐ Single ☐ 9-Point ☐ Slave ☐ Other
If other, send drawing or sketch dimensions.

Ignore questions you can’t answer—we’ll walk you through the process and make it easy!
PUSHBACK RACK SYSTEMS

- Store pallets 2-5 deep while retaining easy access to a variety of SKUs. Store one SKU per pallet position—more selective than drive-in or flow
- When front pallet are removed, pallets roll to the front of the rack
- If you have are multiple stored products with more than 5 pallets per SKU, then pushback racks are an excellent storage method that can save space without compromising selectivity
- Interlocking, color coded carts help prevent dangerous jamming and costly product damage. Also allows easier product identification
- 4-sided, heavy-duty, robotic welded structural cart for smooth rolling and longterm durability

Pushback rack gives you 90% more product storage than selective and 400% more selectivity than drive-in systems. If your load works in a last-in-first-out (LIFO) inventory rotation, it’s the best compromise between density and access.

“Pushback carts

Carts are critical because jams are both dangerous and expensive. The best carts are built for longer term performance and require less maintenance. Pallets are placed by forklift on nested carts riding on inclined rails. Each pallet is then pushed back by subsequent pallet loading, exposing the next cart. When a pallet is removed at the front position, pallets on carts behind it to roll gently to the front of the rack.

- Christine, Employee-Owner Since 2003
  Account Executive

For videos and more, visit www.cisco-eagle.com/pushback
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About you
Name: ____________________________________________
Company: _________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________
Email: __________________________________

Pallet & load factors

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Loading direction: □ C or □ H

Facility factors
Building status: circle • New or Existing
Building dimensions
Width: ________ (feet) • Length: ________ (feet)
Clear ceiling height: ________ (feet) *below lowest obstruction
Storage temperature: __________
Storage conditions: □ Dry □ Cooler □ Freezer

Building columns
Outside dimensions: ________ (inches)
Column centers: ________ (feet)
Column bumper size: ________ (inches)
Describe any other obstructions or special conditions, including sloped floors, special machinery, etc:

Rack factors
All dimensions in inches unless noted.
#Bays wide: ________ #Pallets per bay: ________
#Pallets deep: ________ #Pallets high: ________
Bay width: ________ Upright - depth: ______ height: ______
Clear width for outrigger trucks: ________
□ Double front posts; height: ______

Pallet Information
#Bottom Deck Boards: ________
Width: ______ Thickness: ______ (inches)
Pallet Type:
□ CMA □ Block □ Single □ 9-Point □ Slave □ Other

If other, send drawing or sketch dimensions.
When to specify drive-in systems

Drive-In Rack is used to store many pallets of a similar SKU or product. Since it’s last-in-first-out, it’s suited for items where inventory rotation is less important. It’s ideal for bulk, cold storage applications and other high-density needs. It’s also good for seasonal items that move quickly in and out of your inventory. Use it when you have a large amount of similar items that can be stored in a single pallet position. Because forklifts drive directly into the rack, they are subject to more abuse than any other racks.

Drive-in racks

Drive-in rack systems allow a lift truck to enter the rack from one side to deliver or retrieve pallets in a last-in, first-out operation, as pallets are loaded back to front for maximum storage density.

Drive-through racks

Drive-through racks allow a lift truck to enter the rack from either side. Loads are supported by rails attached to upright frames, and lift trucks are driven between uprights to access pallets. This allows either LIFO or FIFO storage.
DRIVE-IN/DRIVE-THRU WORKSHEET

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Pallet & load factors

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Width - Pallet (B): ________ Load (E): ________ (inches)
Height - Pallet (C): ________ Load (F): ________ (inches)
Total (pallet + load) height: __________

Loading direction: □ G or □ H

Weight - pallet + load totals:
Minimum: ________ Maximum: ________ Average: ________

Loading direction: □ G or □ H

Pallet Information

#Bottom Deck Boards: ________
Width: ________ Thickness: ________ (inches)

Pallet Type:
□ GMA □ Block □ Single □ 9-Point □ Slave □ Other
If other, send drawing or sketch dimensions.

Forklift Factors

Mast width: ________
Guard Height: ________
Overall width: ________
Max. width w/load: ________
Max. lift height: ________ (ft.)

Facility factors

Dimensions
Width: ________ (feet) • Length: ________ (feet)
Clear ceiling height: ________ (feet) *below lowest obstruction
Temp.: ________ Conditions: □ Dry □ Cooler □ Freezer
□ New facility □ Existing facility

Building columns
Outside dimensions: ________ (inches)
Column centers: ________ (feet)
Column bumper size: ________ (inches)
Describe any obstructions or special conditions:

_________________________________________________________________

Rack factors

□ Drive in, single entry □ Drive-in, double entry
□ Drive-through □ Sanitary design
#Bays wide: ________ #Pallets per bay: ________
#Pallets deep: ________ #Pallets high: ________
Vertical load spacing: ________
Bay width: ________ Upright - depth: ________ height: ________
Clear width for outrigger trucks: ________
□ Double front posts height: ________
Lowest load is on: □ Floor □ Beam
Is floor load double stacked? □ Yes □ No
PALLET FLOW RACKS

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Pallet flow is ideal first-in, first-out high-density storage for perishable and time-sensitive loads. It packs in 100% more pallets in the same space compared to selective racks. We’ve installed systems across every industry, customized exactly to customer needs in applications from food to manufacturing buffer areas.

—Christine, Employee-Owner Since 2015
Account Executive

shop talk

The best solution for high-density applications where product rotation is critical to order fulfillment

Flow racks consist of two elements: a static rack structure and dynamic flow rails. The flow rails are a track/roller system set at a decline along the length of the rack. Flow rails allow loads to move by gravity from the loading end to the unloading end. Each flow lane includes self-energized speed controllers (brakes) to gently control the speed of movement within the flow lanes.

Ideal for raw materials receiving and storage, work-in-process, buffer storage, finished goods, order picking, & cross docking.

As a load is removed, the loads behind it move forward to the unloading position. Rack depth is limited only by the facility size and forklift capability. Flow storage solutions are used in situations where storage density and inventory rotation are priorities.

Reduced handling, labor & equipment

Pallet flow reduces the number of forklifts needed in an operation. Fewer lifts, operating fewer hours, can accomplish more. With only two aisles (loading or unloading), traffic is more orderly, employees are more efficient and overall productivity is better.

Flow rack specification information

- Flow racks allow a single SKU per lane, since only one pallet is accessible. If selectivity is more important, you may need a different system
- Load type is critical. You must know the size, shape and weight of all loads. These directly affect pitch and roller speed
- Flow rack is frequently used in pick module applications, in conjunction with conveyors, carton flow and mezzanines
- Full rollers generally don’t need lubrication. However, in extreme conditions (salt, moisture, corrosives, dust), lubrication may be needed. Note these conditions in your specification request

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PALLET FLOW WORKSHEET

About you
Name: __________________________________________
Company: ________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________

Facility factors
Status: □ New facility  □ Existing facility
Dimensions
Width: ________ (feet)  •  Length: ________ (feet)
Clear ceiling height: ________ (feet)  *below lowest obstruction
Temp.: ________  Conditions: □ Dry  □ Cooler  □ Freezer
Storage temperature: __________

Building columns
Outside dimensions: ________ (inches)
Column centers: ________ (feet)
Column bumper size: ________ (inches)
Describe any obstructions or special conditions:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Rack factors
All dimensions in inches unless noted.

#Bays wide: _____  #Pallets per bay: ______
#Pallets deep per bay: _____  #Pallets high: _______
Bay width: ______  Upright - depth: ______  height: ______
Clear width for outrigger trucks: ______
☐ Double front posts  height: ______

Lowest load is on: □ Floor  □ Beam
Is floor load double stacked? □ Yes  □ No

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Ignore questions you can’t answer - we’ll walk you through the process and make it easy!
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