

Marks & Spencer Distribution Centre Case Study

Key Problems

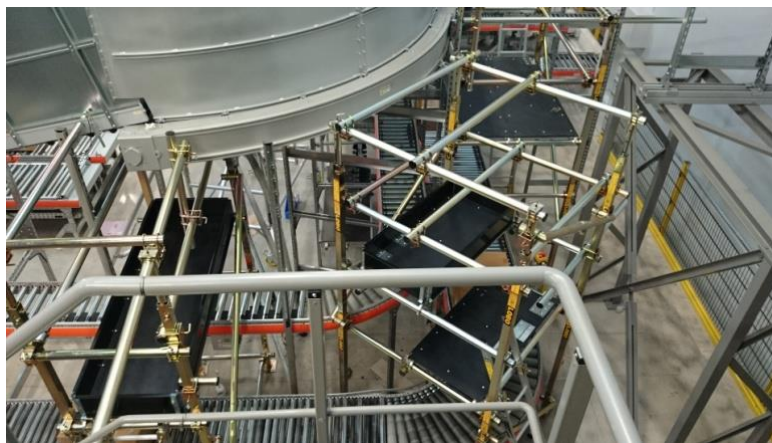
At Marks and Spencer, warehouse logistics and material handling system solutions require planned and reactive maintenance programs, often in elevated areas.

The movement of goods in their distribution centre requires sophisticated automation systems. The higher the volume of movement the greater level of complexity of these systems.

Material flow solutions, using pallet or case conveyors, AGVs and monorails are a highly effective means of moving goods between work areas. They offer real-time tracking of goods and added value tasks; for example, wrapping, weighing and the sorting of goods.

However efficient maintenance is key to an efficient process; many areas are awkward and therefore difficult to reach; each task often being different from the last. Working at height must be accomplished safely and traditionally outsourced scaffolding companies and fixed aluminium tower systems have been deployed. Outsourced scaffolding labour is expensive and not available 24/7, aluminium frame systems are cumbersome, inflexible, difficult to transport and will not adjust to fit into awkward areas.

The Solution



By using a LOBO System solution Marks and Spencer have dramatically improved their logistics system operation by reducing scaffolding labour costs, which in turn improves service levels and increases operator productivity.

Marks and Spencer maintenance department can assemble the LOBO System quickly, easily and safely around, through or above conveyors and restricted access areas.

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This means out-sourced scaffolding labour costs can be reduced without compromising safety. Areas previously considered difficult to get to can now be accessed with ease for maintenance and inspection purposes. In addition, it is available 24/7, therefore, puts them in control of what and when they schedule a maintenance task.

Product Benefits

a) LOBO is scalable, adaptable and adjustable to meet your ongoing and changing requirements. Simply add more components or alter your existing configuration to satisfy the demands of the next task. Protect your initial investment with a product that will meet all your access needs safely!

b) LOBO is a rigid and stable product, which meets or exceeds current safety regulations. Guardrails can be fitted in seconds, at any point in the erection process.

c) LOBO's steel structure ensures many years of product life cycle and a system that will not shake or rattle. The system also includes a slider lifting beam kit and a Towerstore storage unit.

d) LOBO's modular approach means components fully integrate and can be hand-carried. Fully constructed systems can also be made mobile by the addition of wheels.

Cost Benefits

Experience shows that deploying the LOBO system reduces the costs associated with hiring scaffolding and constructing bespoke access systems. By reducing the reliance on outsourced scaffolding and engineering companies cost savings will be achieved – easily in 12 months.



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With this quantifiable reduction in costs comes the added savings associated with reduced downtime and greater productivity from the Marks and Spencer maintenance department Quick to erect – and above all safe – it is immediately adjustable for the next job with no staff waiting time while new fixed-frame structures are built.

Re-configurable, again and again, this product comes with no disposal costs and minimal replacement and ongoing training costs.

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