

## Marks & Spencer Distribution Centre Case Study

### Key Problems

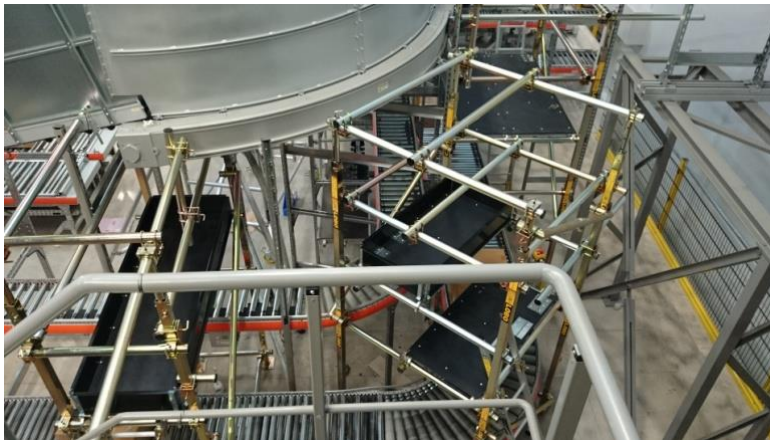
Marks and Spencer's warehouse logistics and material handling system solutions require planned and reactive maintenance programs, often in elevated areas.

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

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

However, efficient maintenance is vital to an efficient process; many areas are awkward and, therefore, difficult to reach, each task often 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



Using a LOBO System solution, Marks and Spencer have dramatically improved its logistics system operation by reducing scaffolding labour costs, improving service levels and increasing 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.

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

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## Product Benefits

a) LOBO is scalable, adaptable and adjustable to meet your ongoing and changing requirements. 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 safely meet all your access needs!

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 of 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 cost reduction 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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