# Planning and Implementing Your Automation Needs

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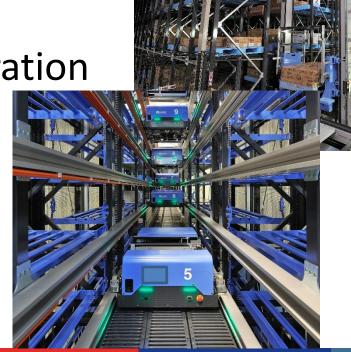
What's the **benefit** to using automated

warehouse systems?

- High performance operation

- High quality operation

- Low cost operation







#### **Benefits to Automated Storage System:**

- 25% productivity improvement
- Requires as little as 1/7<sup>th</sup> of original footprint
- Elimination of Offsite Storage
- Visibility & Accessibility of all SKUs/items at one point
- 99.9+% inventory accuracy





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- If the machine stops .....







# What's the RISK

to using automated warehouse systems?

- If the commercial distribution changes .....
  - >You can keep using the system effectively if you have a flexible system plan
  - >You can meet future volume needs

    if you have an expansion plan







# What's the RISK to using automated warehouse systems?

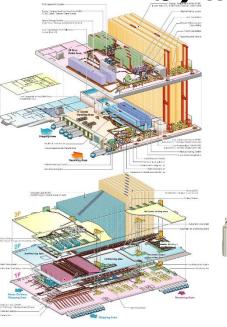
- If the machine stops .....
  - >You can keep your business' operation going if you have a back up plan
  - >You can avoid stopping production if you have a good maintenance plan





How can you create a beneficial automated warehouse system with low risks? We will provide you with some solution ideas













#### **KTH Parts Industries**

KTH Parts Industries is a Tier-1 Automotive Supplier, for underbody structural parts, providing automotive components to companies worldwide.

Phases of automotive parts they are involved in include:

- Product development
- Product analysis
- Product formability
- Prototyping
- Production Stamping
- Forming
- Robotic Welding
- Assembly
- And Shipment of parts worldwide

System Location St. Paris, Ohio





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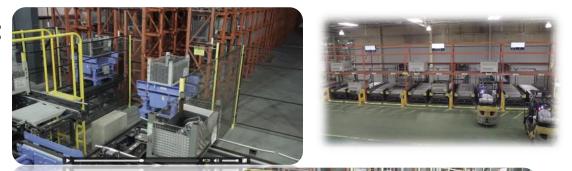
#### **KTH Parts Industries**

The problem: Not enough storage to supply all of their parts and inventory at their main location.

Solution: A 6-aisle automated storage retrieval system

#### This decision was based on:

- 1. Total storage capacity
- 2. System throughput
- 3. Adjacent available land for the expansion















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Coutbound area



3,440 locations

#### **KTH Parts Industries**

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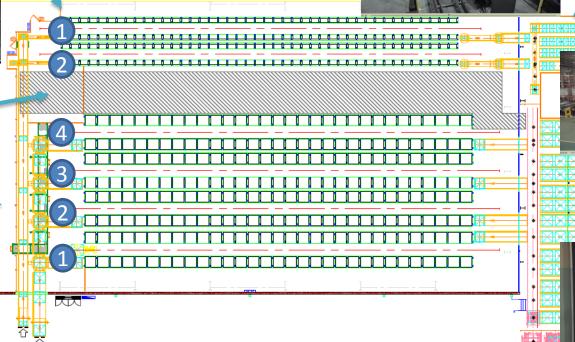


Area left open for future expansion 868 locations

4x4 ASRS aisles

3,472 locations





Inbound area





Building Constructions started November 2013 and was completed May 2014 ASRS installation began April 2014 and was completed November 2014 Building = 21,720 square feet



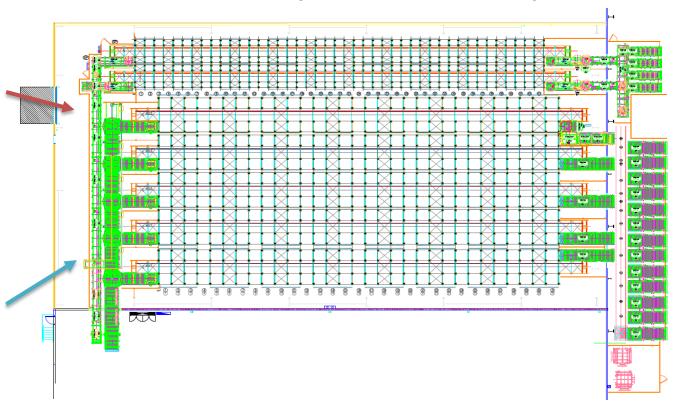
#### **KTH Parts Industries**

#### 1. Flexible system plan

The number of cranes in action can be adjusted based on system needs

Round robin into 1 of 2 crane aisles which gives KTH the ability to pull parts from another cranes if 1 crane goes down

Round robin into 1 of 5 crane aisles which gives KTH the ability to pull parts from 4 other cranes if 1 crane goes down



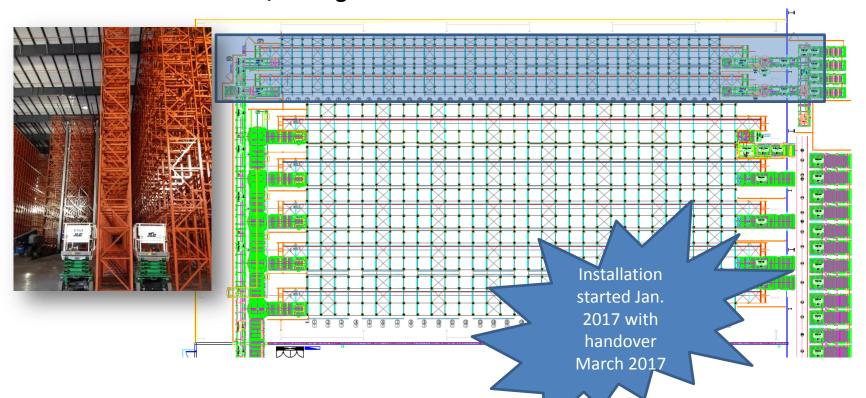




#### **KTH Parts Industries**

#### 2. Expansion plan

With early planning for future expansion, in August of 2016 KTH decided to add the 5<sup>th</sup> 4x4 crane aisle, adding 868 new locations







#### **Plexus**

Established in 1979, Plexus Corp. delivers comprehensive end-to-end solutions for customers around the world. Plexus is a leader in providing electronics design, manufacturing and aftermarket services to companies with mid-to-low volume, higher complexity products. We have been delivering these comprehensive Product Realization solutions to our customers for more than 35 years.

#### Specializing in the following markets:

- Industrial/Commercial
- Healthcare/Life Sciences
- Networking/Communications
- Defense/Security/Aerospace

# System Location Neenah, WI











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#### **Plexus**

The problem: Maximize manufacturing footprint in new Neenah Operations facility.

Solution: Single aisle double deep storage retrieval system

#### This decision was based on:

- 1. Productivity improvement
- 2. Inventory storage density
- 3. Limited footprint requirements









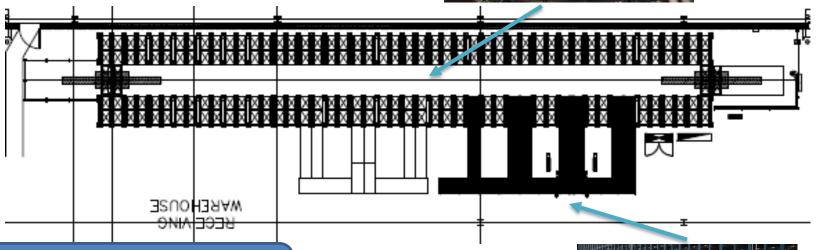


#### **Plexus**

ASRS crane aisle

3,608 locations 20,000+ items





Over 20,000 items stored in compact footprint.

Input & output loops







#### **Plexus**

#### 1. Flexible system plan

Hot Pick Workstation

If an item is needed right away, then a hot pick / bypass zone is available.





#### **Plexus**

#### 2. Productivity Improvements

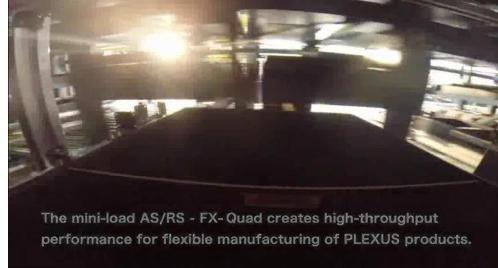
"...saves everybody 2 hours of walk time in an 8 hour shift."















3. Total Project Results

The AS/RS at Plexus is the winner of cluding engineering, warehouse AMER Region Best Technical Project fo

#### AMER REGION 2014 BEST TECHNICAL PROJECT WINNER

During the AMER Engineering Summit 2014, the team who proposed the use of the Automated Storage Retrieval System (ASRS) at Neenah Operations was recognized for the Best Technical Project for 2014.

In the early stages of design for the new Neenah Operations facility in 2012, several design challenges were presented to maximize the manufacturing floor footprint while accommodating four warehouse facilities into one. The ASRS was selected as the best solution to the material storage and deployment issue. As of July 2014, the ASRS project was in the final stages of the control plan.

Individuals across many teams, operations, production and IT, worked together id



From left: Clint Wenthur, Quality and Engineering Manager, Brandon Wier, Warehouse Manager, and Mike Van De Hey, Mechanical Engineer.



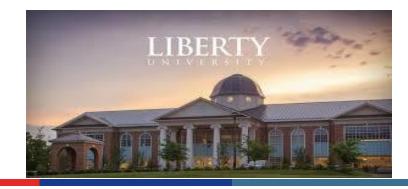


#### **Liberty University**

Located in Central Virginia, Liberty is a liberal arts institution with 16 colleges and schools and offers programs in fields such as education, counseling, religion, law, aviation, cinematic arts, business, and more. Part of the Big South conference, Liberty fields 20 NCAA Division I athletic teams and 37 Club Sports teams, offering you an exceptional college sports experience.

Liberty graduates are sought after by prestigious companies for their integrity, personal discipline, and versatility. They are confident and competent, ready to make a lasting impact on their profession and their community.







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#### **Liberty University**

The problem: Not enough floor space/storage

Solution: 3 aisle, single-deep pin-extraction system

#### This decision was based on:

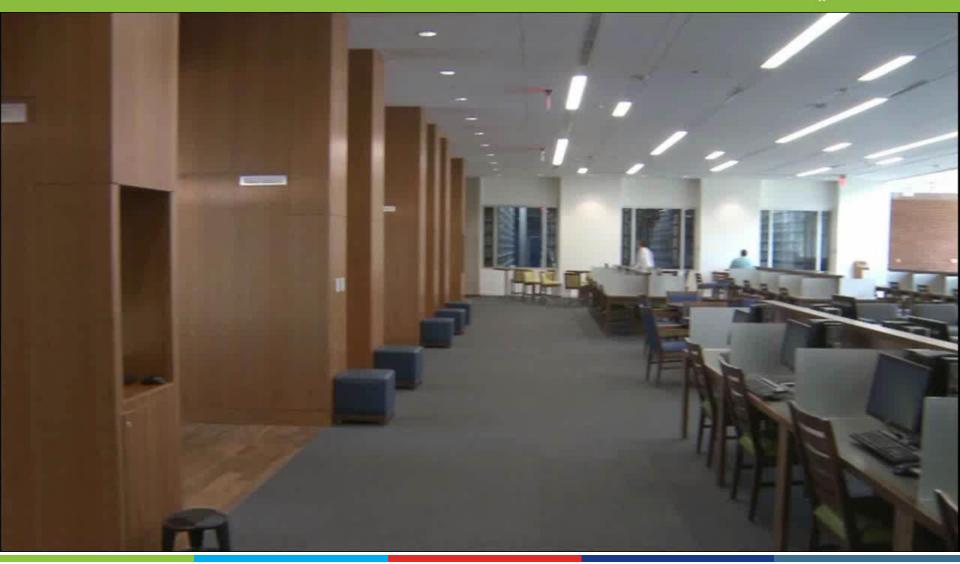
- 1. Limited footprint requirements
- 2. Time savings
- 3. Inventory & access control







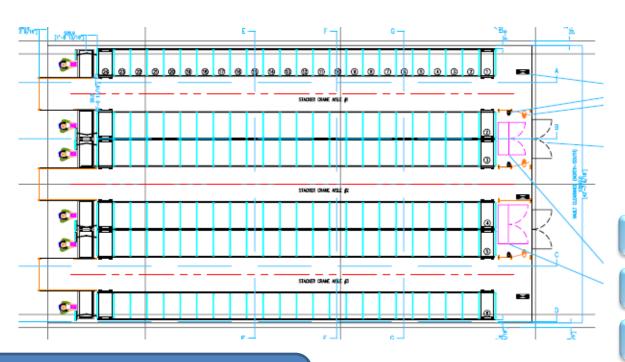




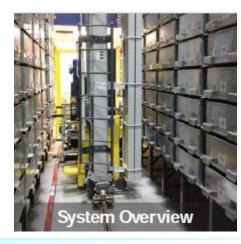




#### Liberty University – document management system



Over 4,000 locations with over 400,000 items stored in compact footprint.



3 aisles - 4206 locations

750 lb. load capacity

11 operator work stations

3 vertical lifters

Warehouse control system



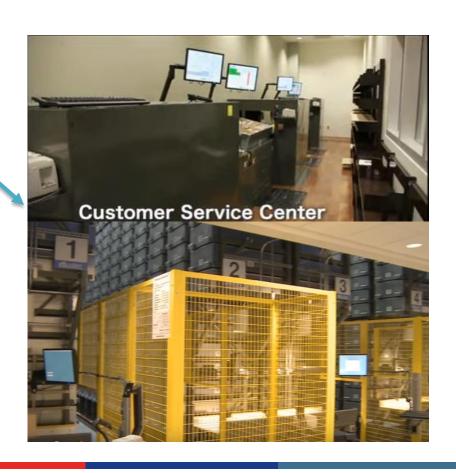


#### Liberty

#### 1. Flexible system plan

Customer Service Center & Work Station Center

Multiple access points for loading and retrieving – 2 levels





#### Liberty

#### 2. Productivity Improvements

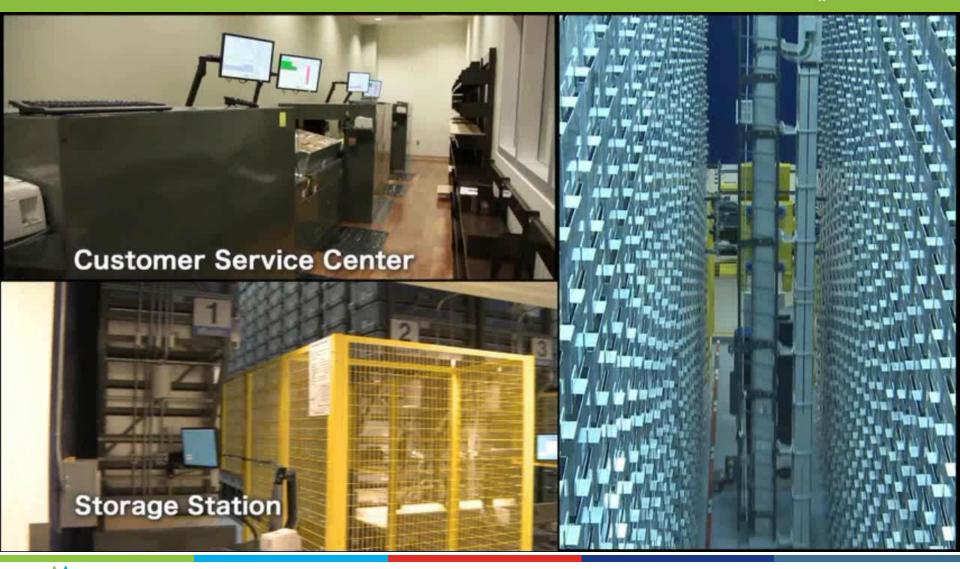
- 1. Operators load and retrieve from centralized access points
- 2. Items are always at an ergonomic level
- 3. Improved inventory access control













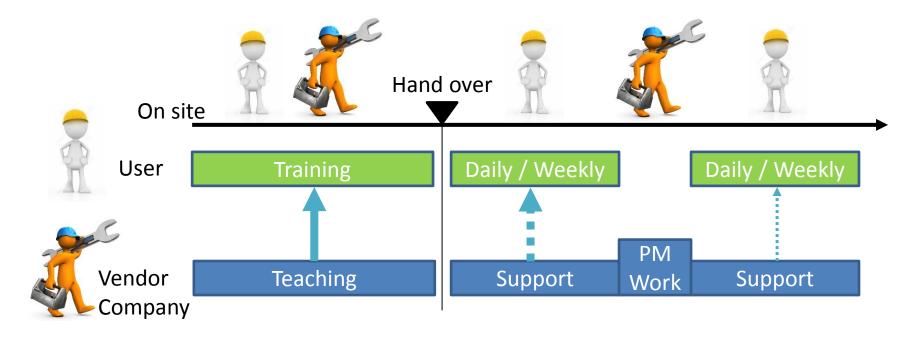
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#### **KTH, Plexus, & Liberty**

#### 4. Good maintenance plan

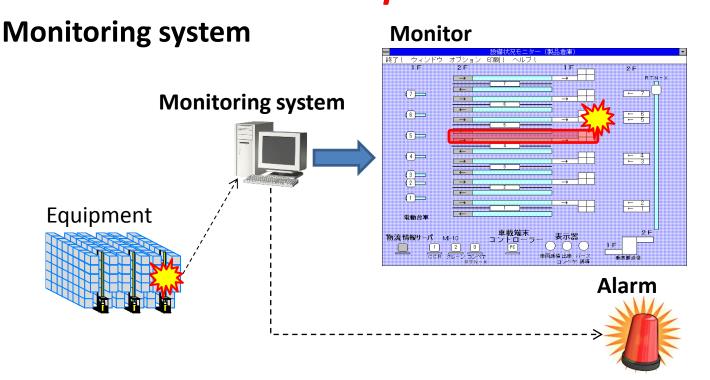
Partnership between the user and the vendor company



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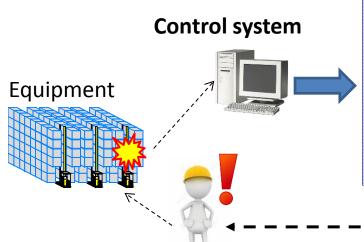


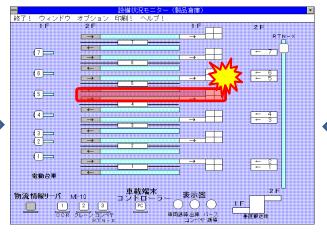
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#### 4. Good maintenance plan

Remote maintenance

















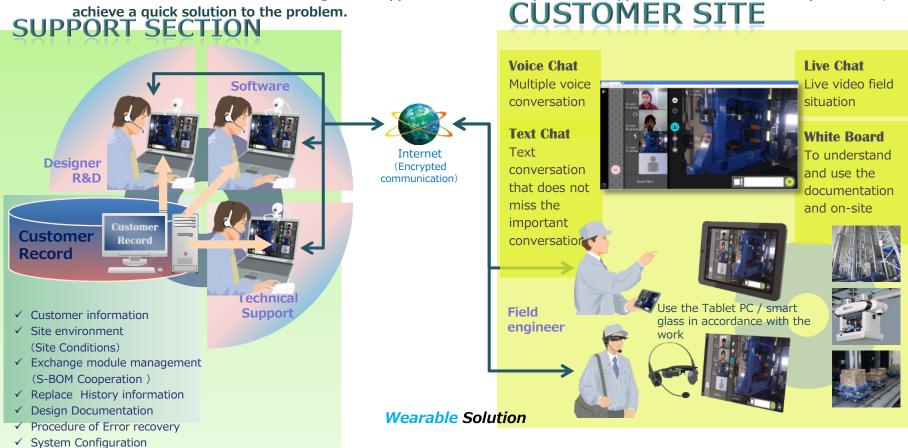




#### **Remote Site Manager**

#### People and people of remote communication system

> The site and field engineers, technical support and software engineers, designer, R&D (such as the technical expert) can all remote in at the same time for logistical support. Each of the experts can support the fieldwork as if they are there, to







#### **Questions?**





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