Introduction to Conveyors

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• Inside the Distribution Center
• Benefits of conveyors
• Types & applications of conveyors
• The future of conveyors
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Boyce Bonham

Chief Engineer, Hytrol Conveyor Company

- BS in Engineering from Arkansas State University
- Over 30 years of experience in the conveyor industry and specializes in providing technical solutions to the company’s integration partners and end users. Boyce’s knowledge spans the entire process from conveyor product design to complete conveyor system design and application.
- Boyce led in the development of Hytrol’s ProSort® line of sorters as well as other industry leading technologies such as EZLogic®, Hytrol’s accumulation control, and E24®, Hytrol’s 24 volt conveyor product line.

Hytrol:
- Largest network of industry experts with over 100 locations around the world
- 70 years of experience, which helps us have the most recognized brand in the industry
- Unmatched lead times
- Comprehensive product line including:
  - E24™ (24-volt product line)
  - ProSort® 100 & 400 (High-speed sortation)
  - EZLogic® (zero pressure accumulation)
  - Connex™ (plastic chain conveyor)
  - Pivot™ (warehouse control system)
- 24x7 customer care
- Technology Center dedicated to innovation
Scott Bridger

Senior Director of Sales Operations, FMH Conveyors

- BS in marketing from Arkansas State University
- Over 20 years experience in the conveyor industry and specializes in providing fluid loading and unloading solutions to the company’s channel partners and end users.

FMH Conveyors:
- Formerly known as Flexible Material Handling and Best Conveyors, FMH Conveyors designs, manufactures and supplies products and services for truck loading and unloading applications.
- An early innovator in fluid and loose loading/unloading, FMH Conveyors has over 87 years of expertise and resources to deliver higher value to material handling customers with a robust product portfolio, applications-focused team of design and configuration experts and an unparalleled service and support network.
- Trusted Product Brands including:
  - Nestaflex®
  - BestFlex™
  - BestReach™
  - MaxxReach®
  - BestConnect™
- 24/7 FMH Care™ Customer Service
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The Distribution Center

Receiving

Shipping
Conveyor System Inside the DC
Benefits of Conveyors

• Automation of the flow of products
• Continuous flow of materials
• May be set up almost any place
• Can be utilized to move almost anything
• Improve safety, order accuracy, labor cost
• Shorten time from order to shipment
Types & Applications of Conveyors

- Case Conveyors
- Pallet Conveyors
- Truck Loaders & Unloaders
- Accumulation Conveyors
- Merge Conveyors
- Sortation Conveyors
RECEIVING
Conveyor System Inside the DC
Fluid Unloading

A continuous flow of product moving on a conveyor without interruption as it transfers into or out of a trailer.
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Receiving
Powered Roller Extendable

- A flexible powered roller conveyor
- Expand, contract and flex side to side and move around obstructions in the dock area
- Requires no decline angle
- Portable conveyor capable of servicing multiple doors
- Optimal utility and versatility for distribution centers, manufacturing, packaging, assembly, and processing facilities
  - Distribution Centers
  - Trailer loading and unloading
Rigid Belt Loader

- Conveys a variety of product shapes and sizes
- Reaches from stationary conveyor into trailers
- Powers in and out of trailers for improved ergonomics
- Capable of servicing 53’ trailers as well as pup trailers
Telescopic Belt

- High volume truck loading
- Very ergonomic
- Capable of moving from the smallest to the heaviest, unique shaped packages including tires and loose bags
- Never touches the trailer
- Maximizing floor space when stored
Receiving

Incline Belt Conveyor

- Slider Bed - declines
- Roller Bed - inclines
Belt Conveyor – Incline or Decline

- Slider Bed – decline applications
- Roller Bed – incline applications
Conveyor System Inside the DC
Dual or Triple Lane Merge
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- Cartons exiting are not justified
Multi-Line Belt or Roller Merge

- Cartons exiting are justified
Conveyor System Inside the DC

- Stock
- Order fulfillment area
- Crossdock to shipping
Sorter Selection

- Carton rate
- Type of carton
- Space requirements
- Pivot Divert
- Belt Sorter – pop up or pivot wheel
- Narrow Belt – 90 degree or 30 degree
- Sliding Shoe Sorter
Pivot Divert – 24 volt
Belt Sorter with Dynamic Plows
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Belt Sorter
Narrow Belt Sorter
Narrow Belt Sorter
Sliding Shoe Sorter
Conveyor System Inside the DC
• Manual pick
• Put-to-Light
• Pick-to-Light
• Voice directed
• Goods-to-Person
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Travel Distance

Remember: Traveling is 60%-70% of labor costs

Understanding Batch Picking

In traditional discrete order picking systems, the driver of picking activity is the individual order. A pick face is visited each time for each order that contains that SKU. With batch picking, the driver of picker activity is the SKU/Location. Orders are combined, typically in a pick wave, so that an order picker visits a location just once across orders, using the sortation system to break down the cartons into discrete customer orders after the picks, substantially reducing picking labor costs.
Conveyors in the picking process
Conveyors in the picking process

Roller – Belt – Accumulation - Sortation
Belt Driven Live Roller Conveyor

- Conveys cartons or totes
- Low horsepower requirements
- Low or High speed
Low Voltage Conveyors

Utilize low torque decentralized drive motors

24 volt DC Motor  or  Motor Driven Roller (MDR)
Low Voltage Conveyors

- Quiet operation
- Energy efficient
- Easy installation
- Flexible configuration
- Flexible in operational features
- Reliable
- Basically no maintenance
- Network capable for full visibility and control of system
Belt Driven Live Roller Curve

Roller drive belt
  • V-belt
  • Round Belt
  • 24 volt poly-v

Between Rail Width = $\sqrt{(\text{Inside Radius} + \text{Package Width})^2 + \left(\frac{\text{Package Length}}{2}\right)^2} - \text{Inside Radius} + 2"$
Spiral

- Change levels in minimum floor space
- May be conventional belt, plastic belt, roller or skatewheel
- Incline or Decline
- Multi-level pick areas
Conveyor System Inside the DC
Multi-Lane Merge using Gap & Store
Accumulation Conveyor
Merge Buffering - Accumulation
Conveyor System Inside the DC
Gapping & Induction to Sorter
Sortation
SLIDING SHOE – PROSORT 100 ELITE
Sortation
Small Item Sortation
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Sliding Shoe Sorter
Shipping Lanes
Truck Loading
Gravity Skatewheel Extendable

- Flexible gravity conveyor
- Ability to easily move to different locations within the facility
- Portable conveyor capable of servicing multiple doors
- Easily contracts and stores conveniently to save on floor space
- Optimal utility for distribution centers, retail stores, manufacturing and assembly operations.
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Rigid Roller Loader

- Reduces recirculation on the shipping sorter by accumulating from the nose of the trailer back to the feed system
- Provides zero pressure accumulation for full product control
- Allows a single operator to float across multiple dock doors
Telescopic Belt

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Transition to Truck Loader

Herringbone Transition
Centers products on truck loader

Guide Track
The Distribution Center

Receiving

Shipping
The Future of Conveyors

• More effective in handling broad spectrum of products
• Higher visibility of product flow
• More decentralized drives
• Mechanically simplified
• Self diagnostic
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