Top 10 Reasons
AGV/AGC’s Are
Transforming
Material Handling

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What You Will Learn Today

• How AGV’s provide affordable solutions to Material Handling problems both in Assembly and Warehouse Operations.

• A look at some real Case Studies and Why AGV’s were the best Solution to these Operation Problems.
Key Takeaways For You

• Learn How to Identify Potential AGV Applications
• Things to Consider in your ROI calculations
• What is Total Cost of Ownership
Traditional Material Handling Products

- **Tow Lines**
- **Conveyor**
- **Lift Trucks**
- **Manual Labor**
- **Tugger**
Typical AGV Applications

Parts Delivery  Assembly Systems

Warehouse Material Handling Systems  Finished Goods Delivery Systems
Top 10 Reasons AGV’s Transform Material Handling

1. Lowest Cost of Ownership Over Other Systems
2. Solves Ergonomic Issues in Operations
3. Address all Safety Concerns Around Employees
4. Provides Unmatched Flexibility in the Process
5. Reduces Non-Value Added Labor
6. Eliminates Unnecessary Lift Trucks
7. Allows Easy Integration of Other Automation
8. Reduces Installation and Commissioning Time
9. Safely Moves Large and Heavy Products
10. Eliminates Monuments in your Operation
Case Study 1: Bedding Company

- **Problem**
  - Looking for Cost Reduction to Eliminate Non-Value Added Labor and Solve Ergonomic Issues

- **Original Solution**
  - Large Manual Push Carts/Racks

- **Possible Solutions**
  - Conveyor Types
  - AGV’s
  - Tow Lines

- **Operations Requirement**
  - Less than 16 Months Payback
Case Study 1: Bedding Company Coil Layout
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Case Study 1: Bedding Company Foam Layout

PM Video 1 Foam Line
Case Study 2: Automotive Tier 1 Supplier

- Problem
  - Volume Expansion Within Existing Floor Space

- Original Solution
  - Manual Racks and Man Aboard Tuggers

- Possible Solutions
  - Conveyor Types
  - AGV’s

- Operations Requirement
  - Less than 18 Months Payback
Case Study 2: Tier 1 Supplier Layout
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Case Study 3: Drive Manufacturer
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• **Application:**
  – Assembly- HVAC drives, industrial automation drives, waste water drives

• **Old Method**
  – 4 Stations along side gravity conveyor line

• **Assembly Issues**
  – Fixed work stations
  – Moving large drives
  – Loading and unloading finished drives from carts
  – No easy method for increased volume in production
  – Parts delivery required forklifts
  – One operator per work station
Case Study 3: Drives Manufacturer

- **Challenges:**
  - 11 different sizes of drives
  - Solve ergonomic issues
  - Increase production volume
  - Flexible assembly process and line
  - New line had to be LEED compliant
  - ROI should be 18 months or better
Case Study 3: Drives Manufacturer

• Possible Assembly Solutions
  – Tow line system
  – Powered roller conveyor
  – Powered air lifts
  – AGC system
  – Push carts

• Ultimate Solution
  – AGC assembly line
Case Study 3: Drives Manufacturer Layout

- AGC Line Layout
- **Results**
  - Lean parts delivery
  - Line handles 3X unit volume production
  - No ergonomic issues
  - No lift truck traffic in assembly area
  - 12-14 months ROI
  - Flexible space
  - No non-value added product moves
Case Study 3: Drives Manufacturer AGV Features

- Scalable Slide Rails
- Control Panel with HMI Diagnostics
- Safety Laser Bumper
- Powered Conveyor
- Lift Deck
- Side Transfer
Case Study 4: New Warehouse System

• Application:
  – Tier 1 Supplier Builds New Warehouse

• Old Method
  – Fork Trucks

• Project Requirements
  – Implement Automation to connect Assembly with Warehouse
  – No Fork Trucks
  – Reduce Existing Fork Truck Fleet
  – Must Achieve 24 Month Payback
Case Study 4: New Warehouse System

**Video 3 T Intersection Mfg Plant**

**Video 4 Mfg to Warehouse**

**Video 5 Unloading in Warehouse**

**Video 6 Loading in Warehouse**
Case Study 4: New Warehouse System

• Results
  1. Achieved 14 Months ROI
  2. Eliminated 30 Fork trucks on Three Shifts
  3. Used existing Floor Space and Doubled Throughput
  4. Addressed Employee Safety Issues with Traffic Control
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