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If you're looking to repurpose, redesign or fit-out your warehouse, Acorn Warehouse Solutions can design, supply and install the right solution.

We supply and install all forms of warehouse racking and shelving, mezzanine floors, partitioning and suspended ceilings.

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Case Study

Right tools and right supplier as ITS refits distribution centre

ITS London Limited was established in 1979 and has since grown to become one of the UK's largest independent suppliers of professional power tools, hand tools and related products.

The Business Requirement

Due to its business expansion, ITS needed a new main distribution warehouse. They found a 45,000 sq ft unit in Loughton, Essex which needed to be refurbished to make it fit for purpose.

A key objective was to re-use as much of the existing warehouse racking equipment as possible to minimise costs, and to remove and replace infrastructure where necessary.

At the start of 2012, ITS sought a quotation from a previous supplier for the refurbishment of the

Loughton warehouse. They also requested a quote from Acorn Warehouse Solutions, having found Acorn's details on the signage fixed to the racking left by the previous tenants.

Acorn's price quote and approach soon gave ITS confidence that Acorn had the ability to deliver the required solution and in February 2012 the refurbishment work commenced.

The Solution

Acorn designed the ITS warehouse not just for current needs but also to cater for future storage requirements. The solution comprised two-tier shelving, long span shelving and a mezzanine floor which took up half the building. Ten per cent of the ground floor area was needed for marshalling and the rest was fitted with wide aisle pallet racking.

The project involved removal and scrapping of existing surplus equipment, obtaining Building Regulations Approval for the necessary works and liaising with the relevant authorities.

Acorn recommended removing obsolete equipment such as high-level duct work in the roof as well as upgrading the air conditioning systems to the offices and warehouse. They also suggested replacement of all lighting to the roof and underside of the mezzanine floor.

The final elements included a picking system beneath the mezzanine floor and partitioned offices for ITS staff.



Key Benefits

ITS moved into the newly refurbished site on schedule in September 2012. The new warehouse layout not only maximised space but would also scale with future ITS expansion. Much of the existing shelving and racking and mezzanine floor infrastructure was refurbished and reused.

Acorn proved very knowledgeable in addressing issues that cropped up during the project. Their approach to problem solving and project management helped relieve what could have been a very stressful process for ITS.

Client testimonial

“ I’m absolutely certain we appointed the right company for the job. I was really impressed with Acorn’s project management skills and ability to reuse existing equipment, which saved us considerable costs.

I would recommend Acorn to anyone about to tackle a warehouse refit or refurbishment project. There are not many companies left out there with the skills, approach and attention to detail that Acorn deliver.”

Kevin Hubbard
Managing Director, ITS





Case Study

Deadline delivered for Cosco Logistics new warehouse solution

Since it was established in 1991, supply chain solutions provider Cosco has been representing importers who source products from the Far East for distribution in the UK.

Arranging everything from shipment of goods within China to export gateways and logistical management of containers, Cosco arranges the importation on its own vessels via the port of Felixstowe.

From here, following customs checks, deliveries are made to locations around the UK or stock held pending further instructions on mainland delivery to Cosco's clients.

The Business Requirement

When Cosco acquired its first UK distribution unit in 2005, it needed pallet racking and a two-tier mezzanine floor with fire protection.

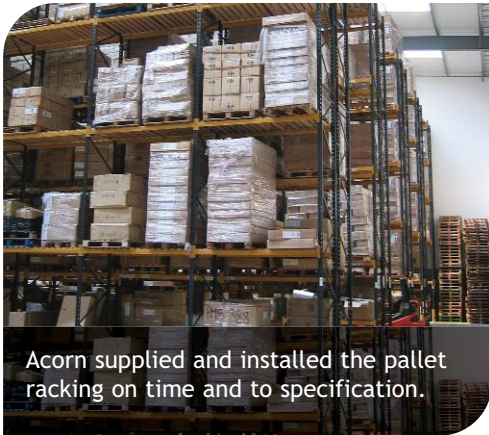
Cosco sought tenders from three specialist warehouse solution suppliers to initially install and build the pallet racking for them. Their main criteria when evaluating the possible suppliers were price, experience and reliability.

Due to Cosco's supply chain and logistics requirements, it was vital for the design, installation and commissioning of the new warehouse solution to be completed to a strict project plan and deadline.

The Solution

Of the three tender submissions received, Acorn Warehouse Solutions's quote was the most competitively priced, and clearly demonstrated their ability to interpret and realise Cosco's warehouse vision.

Cosco awarded the contract to Acorn who supplied and installed the pallet racking on time and to specification. The solution was well-designed, and clearly demonstrated how the available warehouse capacity could be fully utilised, thereby meeting and surpassing all expectations.



Acorn supplied and installed the pallet racking on time and to specification.

Key Benefits

In its delivery of the warehouse project, Acorn proved to be a highly reliable, responsive and expert partner. The project came in both on price and on time, and was executed efficiently and professionally.

The relationship between Cosco and Acorn has continued since that first installation in 2005 to the present day. Over the years, further warehouse racking installation projects have been delivered by Acorn, some of which have also incorporated mezzanine flooring.

Client testimonial

“ Having worked with Acorn in my previous position at P&O Trans-European I already had trust in them. This trust is now shared by my colleagues within Cosco. Acorn always meet our expectations.

When you acquire a new warehouse there are so many different things to focus on. Because Acorn ran every aspect of the racking installation, I didn't need to focus on it.

You only get that when working with an experienced and trustworthy business like Acorn.”

Keith Batterson

Cosco Logistics - Chinese Shipping Line



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Case Study

Safety first as Ridgeons reviews annual Racking Inspection Programme

Ridgeons are an East Anglia-based timber and builders merchants with 22 sites across the region. The company holds thousands of retail product lines at its depots, warehouses and retail premises.

With constant movement of goods inwards and outwards, the safety of customers, employees, visitors and suppliers on site is among the top priorities. Health and Safety audits and spot inspections are an everyday reality, and something that Ridgeons take very seriously.

The Business Requirement

Ridgeons holds significant quantities of stock from small tools to construction materials such as brick, stone, timber and plasterboard. Maintaining the structural integrity of the pallet and cantilever racking infrastructure used to store these products in interior and exterior locations is vitally important.

At the same time, keeping goods flowing in and out of each site is key to the efficiency of

Ridgeons' business performance, and this efficiency must be maintained alongside a policy of strict compliance with Health and Safety guidelines.

As a result, racking inspections is a major Health and Safety responsibility at Ridgeons, and the company regularly reviews its annual racking inspection and repair process across all sites.

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The Business Requirement (continued)

Ridgeons needed a specialist warehouse solutions supplier with experience of multiple types of racking systems from different manufacturers, that could carry out racking inspections and certifications to the SEMA code of practice and effect repairs.

They also wanted to consolidate all racking inspections, repairs, certifications and reports into a single month, to encompass all its sites. This would be a tall order for any warehouse solutions provider.

The Solution

Ridgeons chose Acorn Warehouse Solutions as its preferred racking inspections supplier due to their:

- Strong track record in the warehouse solutions business
- Ability to carry out racking inspections AND carry out racking repairs
- Availability to inspect all Ridgeons racking systems within a single month

- Comprehensive sample racking inspection report
- Overall cost effective solution

Acorn is now the preferred racking inspections and repairs provider for all Ridgeons' sites across East Anglia, also assessing and advising on load tolerances.



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Key Benefits

The main benefits for Ridgeons in working with Acorn Warehouse Solutions are:

- Time savings compared to two companies delivering separate inspection and repair services
- Significantly less administrative overhead in the scheduling of racking inspections and repairs
- No disruption to every day warehouse operations while inspection and repairs take place

Client testimonial

“ I like to work with companies and people I can trust. In Acorn I have a trustworthy, reliable and highly experienced supplier that delivers on time, every time, to a very high standard. The result is greater efficiencies for Ridgeons, less administration for me, and a safer environment across all our sites.”

Neville Evans
Group Health and Safety Officer, Ridgeons



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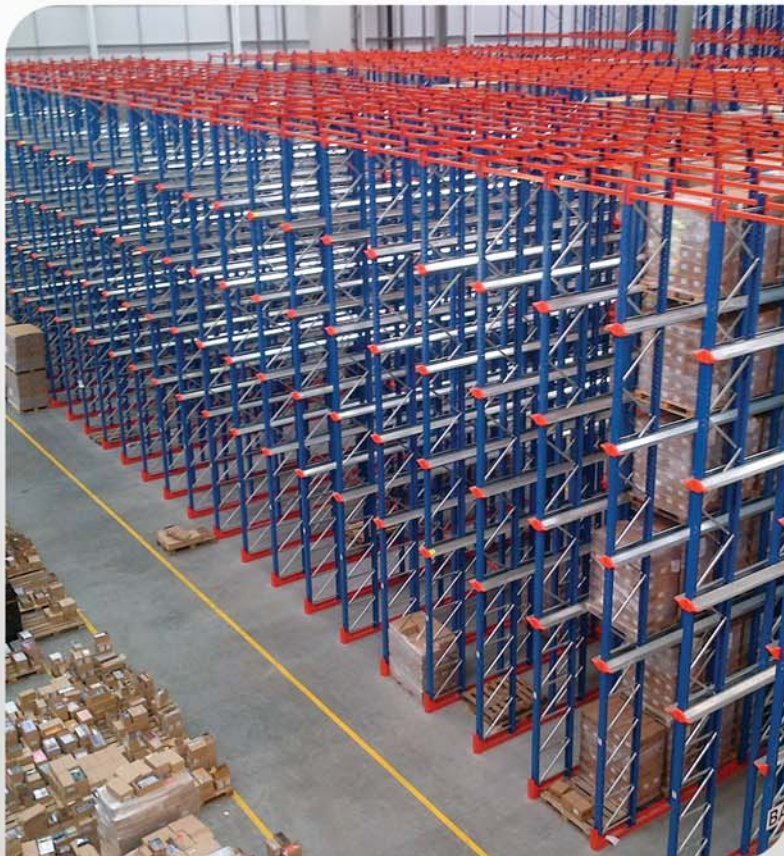


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Shelving & Mezzanine Flooring



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