

Press release

First combined project of an automatic high-bay warehouse and AutoStore System® for the new logistics center at iDM Energiesysteme GmbH in Matri

The iDM Group is the largest Austrian manufacturer of heating heat pumps. More than 400 employees develop, produce and distribute over 10,000 heating pumps for heating, cooling and hot water each year. iDM has made a name for itself with its development expertise and numerous innovations. The intelligent iDM energy manager "Navigator 2.0" controls the heating pump, uses weather forecasts to adjust heat demand and solar power yields, learns heating and cooling behavior of individual rooms, and optimizes operating times by retrieving hourly electricity prices. This way, iDM makes a significant contribution to the energy transition with efficient and clean heat for generations.

For the further expansion at the headquarters in Matri, East Tyrol , an innovative AutoStore® small parts warehouse will be built in the first construction stage. In the second stage the new pallet high-bay warehouse, the connecting conveyor system and the central order picking workstations, served from both warehouses, are to follow. The contract for the supply of the overall solution including the WMS system HiLIS for both automatic and manual warehouses was awarded to HÖRMANN Intralogistics.

Automatic high-bay warehouse for the storage of semi-finished and finished goods

The new, three-aisle high-bay warehouse with dimensions of 57.5 x 22.5 x 31 m (L x W x H) is connected to the goods receiving area via pallet conveyor technology. At the infeed point, contour and weight checks are carried out. Afterwards, the Euro pallets, industrial pallets or mesh boxes on Euro pallets are conveyed to the conveyor loop in the pre-storage area of the high-bay warehouse. Each of the three high-bay aisles has a separate storage and retrieval line. The storage and retrieval machines (SRMs) pick up the pallet. The stacker cranes control the assigned storage location via camera-based compartment fine positioning. The double-deep telescopic forks of the stacker cranes can extend to the second z-position and thus position the pallets double-deep, with pinpoint accuracy. The three stacker cranes operate with the HiLIS ECO power management system, saving up to 25% of energy consumption through intelligent energy balancing. The high-bay warehouse accomodates 9,324 pallets and achieves a storage performance of 93 pallets/h and a retrieval performance of 85 pallets/h.

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Dynamic AutoStore® small parts warehouse for 16,000 totes

In order to optimally adapt the AutoStore® small parts warehouse to iDM's requirements, HÖRMANN Intralogistics carried out a comprehensive system simulation with real data. The result is a configuration with one carousel port on the west side of the AutoStore® warehouse, used for re-stocking and direct shipping orders. Four conveyor ports are located adjacent to the order picking workstations of the high-bay warehouse. The 16,000 bins, measuring 649 x 449 x 330 mm (L x W x H), are stored and handled on seven levels. Each tote has a net load capacity of approximately 30.5 kg.

The single-double grid with overall dimensions of 29.8 m x 35.3 m x 3.5 m (L x W x H) is installed above the container stacks. On the grid, 9 Red-Line robots move in two directions by means of their four pairs of wheels arranged at an angle, providing access to any position in the grid. They communicate via WLAN with the AutoStore® controller, assigning transport orders to the individual robots. When the order load is low or the battery capacity is too low, the robots move themselves to one of the 10 charging stations at the edge of the grid. The AutoStore® system is connected to the electrical department on the upper floor via two transfer cells, a bin lift and miniload conveyor technology.

Central order picking for high-bay warehouse and AutoStore® small parts warehouse

Four order picking stations are directly connected to the high-bay warehouse via conveyor technology and distribution carts. Each conveyor port of the AutoStore® system, in combination with the adjacent high-bay warehouse order picking workstation, constitutes one logical order picking station in the HiLIS WMS. This means that both palletized goods and goods from AutoStore® can be picked at each workstation. The supply from the high-bay warehouse is carried out via two distribution carts on one rail, which can operate in a partially redundant manner. In addition, a gripper lifting aid supports each picking station when removing heavy items.

Maximum performance and availability with the WMS HiLIS

Warehouse management, system control and system visualization of the two automatic and the manual storage areas are carried out with the proven HÖRMANN Intralogistics Warehouse Management System HiLIS, integrating the AutoStore®-specific WMS HiLIS AS. HiLIS interfaces to the customer ERP system by means of a flexible interface technology.

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The scope of supply of HÖRMANN Intralogistics includes steel rack construction, roof and wall cladding, stacker cranes, conveyor technology, distribution transfer carts, fire protection gates, AutoStore® Grid, cladding, robots, loading stations, ports and the HiLIS/HiLIS AS WMS, PLC controls system incl. plant visualization.

Construction finals and go-live were in summer of 2022.

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