

Case study: Parcel Industry



Diawa Sports United Kingdom

are transported on pallets and sent in small portions via a parcel distributor.

Employees happy with the solution. Alex Laird confirms that the mobile loader is used by all warehouse employees »One way to gauge how well a machine is working is to see how much it is used by members of staff without prompting. We can see that everyone is on board and happy with this solution. They find it easy to operate; the working height, is adjusted by means of a button and a winding handle at the tail end is used to adjust the angle of the tail belt, although this is seldom necessary. The mobile loader is simply parked out of the way when not in use.«

Unloading containers through an industrial door. Diawa Sports Ltd use their mobile loader to unload 20 and 40 foot containers filled with fishing tackle imported from the far east. The parcels are various shapes and sizes containing anything from small reels to foldable bed chairs. Between one and seven containers are unloaded each week.

Previously the containers were emptied manually. Initially removing parcels is fairly easy. But as you get deeper into the container the people emptying it have to walk 20 to 40 foot back and forth with parcels weighing as much as 25 kg. Needless to say, this labour intensive process was exceedingly tiring.

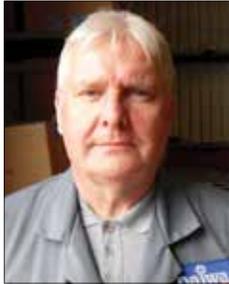
Alex Laird, Warehouse Manager at Diawa Sports' production and warehouse facility in Scotland, checked the various conveyors available on the market, finding few suitable for this type of application. After testing a couple of brands, Alex Laird opted for Caljan Rite-Hite's BeltTrack, type ML, which he considers to be by far the better option.

The results speak for themselves: fewer people are needed to empty a container. Previously four or more people were necessary, now only one or two are required. The biggest advantage though, is that the work itself is less strenuous, so productivity later in the day is higher.

Although the belt direction is reversible, the mobile loader is not used for loading as despatch goods

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Mr. Alex Laird, Warehouse Manager



»I have been a warehouse manager for close to 30 years and this is probably the best piece of equipment I've ever bought – no, it IS the best piece of equipment I have ever bought.

It enables us to unload containers so much more efficiently. The fatigue level of the people unloading the container is much lower than it was before. They are in far better shape to be able to continue with other tasks afterwards. Previously unloading a container took about two hours and everyone involved was simply too tired to work elsewhere in the warehouse afterwards.

Now it takes only an hour or maybe an hour and a half to unload the container, and the people doing the job are still fresh afterwards. The level of exertion is simply reduced. It is both cost-effective and ergonomic.«

Diawa Sports Ltd, UK

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