SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

WAREHOUSING MANAGEMENT

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THE ROLE OF THE WAREHOUSE IN THE LOGISTICS SYSTEM

The warehouse is where the supply chain holds or stores goods.

> Functions of warehousing include

Transportation consolidation

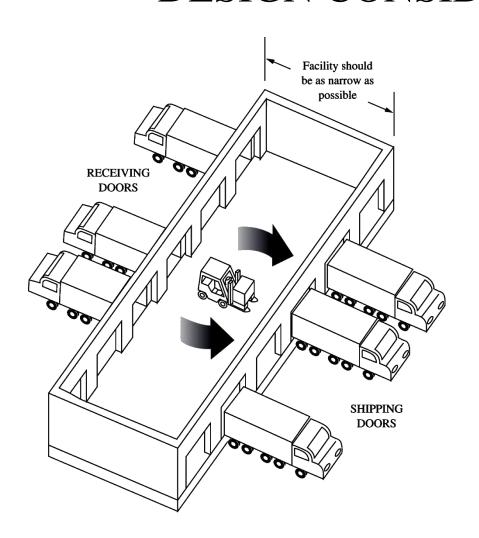
- Product mixing
- Docking
- Service

Protection against contingences

TYPE OF WAREHOUSING

- ➤ Public Warehousing
- > Private Warehousing
- ➤ Contract Warehousing
- ➤ Multi-client Warehousing

DESIGN CONSIDERATION





PRINCIPLES OF WAREHOUSE LAYOUT DESIGN

Use one-story facilities

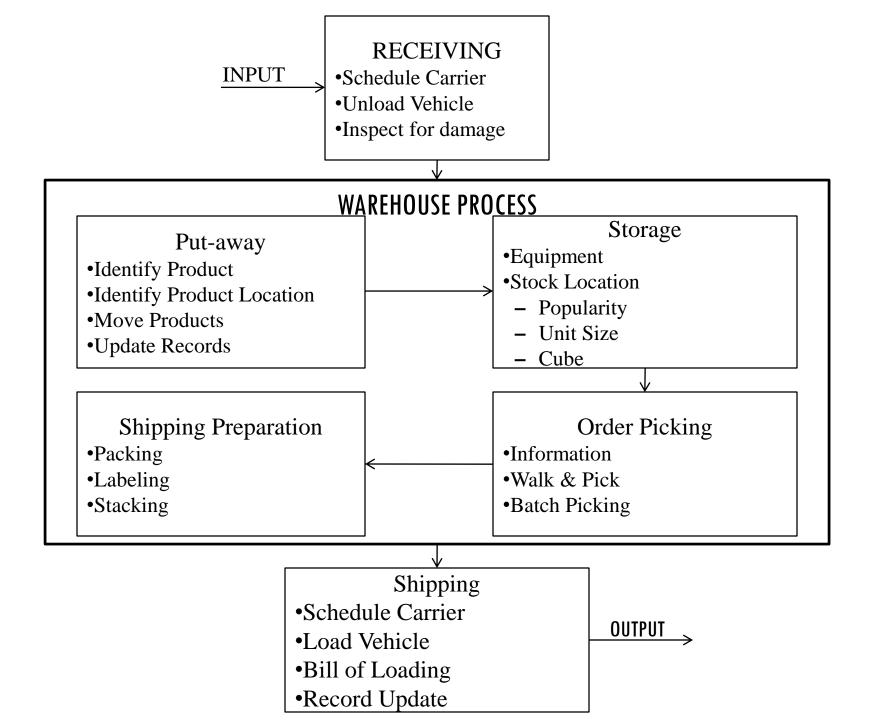
Move goods in a straight line

Use efficient materials-handling equipment

Use an effective storage plan

Minimize aisle space

Use maximum height of the building



OBJECTIVES OF EFFICIENT WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS

- > Provide timely customer service.
- > Keep track of items so they can be found readily & correctly.
- ➤ Minimize the total physical effort & thus the cost of moving goods into & out of storage.
- > Provide communication links with customers

- ➤ Benefits of Warehouse Management
 - Provide a place to store & protect inventory
 - Reduce transportation costs
 - Improve customer service levels
- Complexity of warehouse operation depends on the number of SKUs handled & the number of orders received & filled.
- Most activity in a warehouse is material handling.

COSTS OF OPERATING A WAREHOUSE

- Capital costs
- > Costs of space & materials handling equipment
- Operating costs
- > Cost of labor
- Measure of labor productivity is the number of units that an operator can move in a day

WAREHOUSE ACTIVITIES

- > Receive goods
- > Identify the goods
- Dispatch goods to storage
- > Hold goods
- Pick goods
- > Marshal shipment
- > Dispatch shipment
- > Operate an information system



Receive goods

- > Accepts goods from
 - Outside transportation or attached factory & accepts responsibility
- > Check the goods against an order & the bill of loading
- > Check the quantities
- > Check for damage & fill out damage reports if necessary
- > Inspect goods if required

Identify the goods

➤ items are identified with the appropriate stock-keeping unit (SKU) number (part number) & the quantity received recorded

Dispatch goods to storage

goods are sorted & put away

Hold goods

> goods are kept in storage & under proper protection until needed

Pick goods

➤ items required from stock must be selected from storage & brought to a marshalling area

Marshal the shipment

➤ goods making up a single order are brought together & checked for omissions or errors; order records are updated

Dispatch the shipment

> orders are packaged, shipping documents are prepared, & goods loaded on the vehicle

Operate an information system

➤ a record must be maintained for each item in stock showing the quantity on hand, quantity received, quantity issued, & location in the warehouse

Maximize productivity & minimize cost, warehouse management must work with the following

- ➤ Maximize use of space
 - space is the largest capital cost
- > Effective use of labor & equipment
 - labor is the largest operating cost
 - material handling equipment is the second largest capital cost

FACTORS INFLUENCING EFFECTIVE USE OF WAREHOUSES

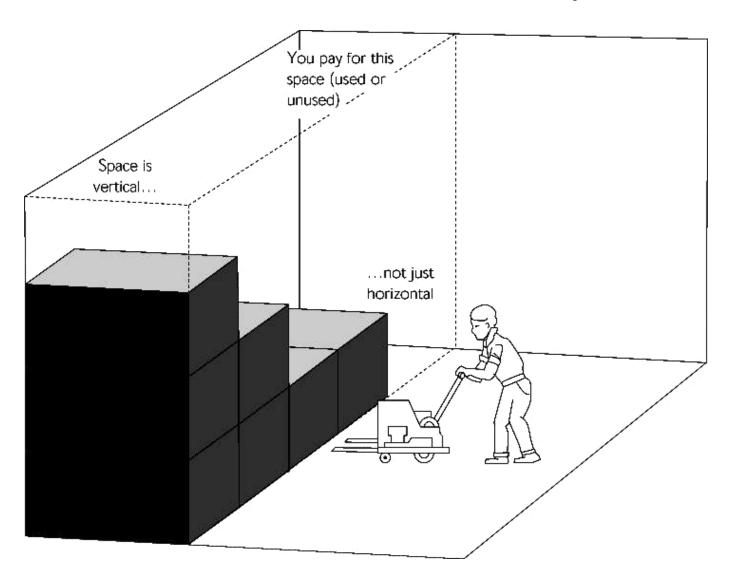
- > Cube utilization and accessibility
- > Stock location
- Order picking and assembly
- Physical Control & Security Elements

Cube utilization and accessibility

➤ Goods stored not just on the floor, but in the cubic space of the warehouse; warehouse capacity depends on how high goods can be stored

Accessibility means being able to get at the goods wanted with a minimum amount of work

Cube utilization and accessibility



Stock Location

- Objectives
 - To provide the required customer service
 - To keep track of where items are stored
 - To minimize effort to receive, put away, and retrieve items
- Basic Stock Locating Systems
 - Group functionally related items together
 - Group fast-moving items together
 - Group physically similar items together
 - Locate working stock and reserve stock separately

Stock Location

> Fixed Location

- SKU assigned a permanent location, & no other items are stored there
- Fixed-location systems usually have poor cube utilization
- Usually used in small warehouses; throughput is small, & there are few SKUs
- > Floating (Random) Location
 - Goods stored wherever there is appropriate space
 - Advantage is improved cube utilization
 - It requires accurate and up-to-date information
 - Warehouses using floating-location systems are usually computer-based

Stock Location

- > Two other systems sometimes used are
 - Point-of-use storage
 - Inventory stored close to where it will be needed
 - Used in repetitive manufacturing & JIT systems
 - Central storage
- > Contains all inventory in one central location

Advantages of Point-of-use Storage

- ➤ Materials are readily accessible to users
- ➤ Material handling is reduced or eliminated
- ➤ Central storage costs are reduced
- ➤ Material is accessible all the time

Advantages of Central Storage

- > Ease of control
- > Inventory record accuracy is easier to maintain
- > Specialized storage can be used
- ➤ Reduced safety stock, since users do not need to carry their own safety stock

Order Picking and Assembly

- ➤ When an order is received, items must be obtained from the warehouse, grouped, & prepared for shipment, systems used
 - Area system
 - Zone system
 - Multi-order system

>Area system

 Order picker circulates throughout warehouse selecting items on an order -- order is ready to ship when order picker is finished

➤ Zone system

 Warehouse is divided into zones, & each picker works only in an assigned zone -- order is divided by zone, & the items from each zone are sent to the marshaling area ➤ Multi-order system

Same as the zone system, except that each picker collects items for a number of orders at the same time

PHYSICAL CONTROL & SECURITY - ELEMENTS

- Good part numbering system
- ➤ Simple, well-documented transaction system
 - Identify the item
 - Verify the quantity
 - Record the transaction
 - Physically execute the transaction
- ➤ Limited access
 - Inventory must be kept in a safe, secure (locked) place with limited general access

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