

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



VoxxHirshmann

Straightforward Solutions Help Manufacturer Rest Easy

CHALLENGE

While it's never true to say that a company can be "too successful," it often happens that growth comes more quickly than anticipated. That was the case at VoxxHirshmann. Among other things, the company manufactures vehicle headrests to be outfitted with DVD players. Before moving its manufacturing facility to a new location, the company's storage footprint

measured 44' x 70'. Older static shelving rose 14 feet off the ground, necessitating the need for lifts to get to items stacked one upon the other. High production often meant an abundance of product, which often was difficult for the existing shelving to accommodate. A move to a new space provided a golden opportunity to upgrade their headrest storage.

SOLUTION

Ernie Wiggins is the director of manufacturing engineering/facilities at VoxxHirshmann. His priority is to make sure his team has the tools it needs to do its job effectively. "I found Patterson Pope online, saw that they offered high-density mobile shelving, and reached out to them," he said. "I'm glad I did."

Patterson Pope Sales Representative Ron Nienhuis worked with Wiggins to help make sure Wiggins and his team had adequate storage in their new facility. Utilizing Spacesaver's ActivRAC system and 4-post shelving, the two were able to increase capacity while shrinking the storage footprint. The new unit is also five feet shorter than the old one.

"We actually customized the shelf size to their large tubs that carry the headrests," said Nienhuis. "Spacesaver made the shelf supports 51 inches wide to support two tubs side by side. By using 4-shelf reinforcements secured with rubber, we didn't need any shelves whatsoever. All the tubs slide in and out on the reinforcements."



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ACHIEVEMENT

Wiggins considers himself a practical man who, when it comes to things that affect his position, sees things in black and white. "Does it do the job it's supposed to do? Does it improve the job? Is it cost effective? If the answer to all three of those questions is 'yes,' I'm a happy man," he says. In this case, all three standards were met to his satisfaction.

The new space holds more product, is more organized, and allows the staff members who work in the area to more quickly access the items they need. It's all much safer, too.

Wiggins notes that the need for the lift has been eliminated with the shorter unit height, which in turn decreases the likelihood of mishaps.

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