

## Buhler Sortex – Stratford, London

### *The challenge*

When Buhler Sortex, world leaders in optical sorting machinery for the food processing industry, had to relocate from Pudding Mill Lane, Stratford to a new site four miles away to make way for the redevelopment of the site for the 2012 Olympic Games, it chose Spaceway to fit out its new warehouse facility.

Spaceway designed the storage system taking into consideration the diversity of products to be stored. Ceiling height was considered and every chance to utilise space was built into the design.

Spaceway created this..



And this



### *Spaceway's approach*

Spaceway's design team set about creating a design that would turn the 1,035 square metre area into a state-of-the-art distribution centre that would also enable Buhler Sortex to introduce a product rotation system that would ensure components are used in the correct batch order. Eighteen lanes of pallet live racking have been designed to carry large fixtures two deep whilst 474 pallets can be accommodated in standard pallet racking. Long tube pigeonhole locations accommodate articles such as fluorescent tubes up to 1.8 metres long and the inclusion of a large number of carton live storage is being utilised to accommodate a variety of boxes. The inclusion of a large number of two deep Carton Live locations enables Buhler Sortex to use a Kanban principle to ensure stock rotation and constant supply. To complete the project Spaceway provided Buhler Sortex with a wide range of containers, from bulk storage to small parts, which were all printed and coloured to match Buhler Sortex's corporate colours to emphasise Sortex's strong brand image. Spaceway's designs have enabled efficient and easy access to the wide range of products and have also catered for future expansion, using the full height of the building if required.

### *Benefits delivered*

“Spaceway was streets ahead of any other company on design and although we made a number of design changes, they quickly modified the designs without complaint”, said Campbell Dixon, Production Engineering Manager at Buhler Sortex. “Due to Spaceway excellent designs and BITO's first rate products, we now have an impressive, more functional facility that will enable us to operate more efficiently and provide our customers with better service.”

## ***Solutions / products used***

### **WAREHOUSES**

- Pallet live racking
- Standard pallet racking
- Long tube pigeonhole locations
- Carton live storage
- A wide range of containers, from bulk storage to small parts, all printed and coloured to match Buhler Sortex's corporate colours

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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