4 ways to maximize efficiency in your warehouse operations

A step-by-step approach to achieve better business results
Your competition is increasing

Manufacturers and large retailers are bypassing distributors and selling direct to consumers

Big retailers are operating their own warehouse systems to manage their inventory

Your market share is threatened

Does this sound familiar?

Improve warehouse logistics and the accuracy of order fulfillment:
One of the top 3 priorities among distribution businesses¹
Make efficiency a priority

- Utilize space more effectively
- Monitor your inventory closely
- Increase the accuracy of order fulfillment
- Rethink labeling and shipping compliance

The right business management and warehouse solution can help you do that.
1. Utilize space more effectively

- Minimize excess inventory and maximize every square foot of your warehouse space.
- Reduce the width of aisles and avoid storing multiple products in single bin locations.
- Incorporate vertical slotting to keep most of the manual picking activity between the knees and shoulders (the “strike zone”).
- Improve cube utilization with varied storage location sizes to minimize the “honeycombing” effect.

Sage pro tip:
A modern warehouse management system provides you with space optimization tools that measure and monitor how you utilize your storage space, leading to greater productivity.
“We expanded into a new facility last year, which is more than twice as big as our old location, and the efficiencies of our Sage software contributes to us having clear insight into our inventory, and keeping our prices more competitive.”

Joe Souza, Vice President of Operations
CFM
Sage pro tip:
Mobile technology can help distributors better serve customers by giving sales and customer service representatives information at their fingertips when they visit customer sites or make deliveries.

2. Monitor your inventory closely

- Incorporate a dashboard to oversee warehouse activity, order status, and outbound activity in real time.
- Centralize data in one cohesive system so you make the right decisions quickly.
- Identify product and material shortages ahead of time so you can be prepared to meet customer demand.
- Gain a clear picture of what’s available: in transit, in manufacturing, and in inventory.
“Sage 100cloud lets us put our efforts into selling. And it’s given us the turn-and-burn inventory system we needed to streamline stock levels and boost profitability.”

Fred Dulaney, Partner
Premier Marketing, Inc.
3. Increase the accuracy of order fulfillment

- Automate the pick/pack process to eliminate errors and improve efficiencies.
- Manage lower inventory levels with visibility across the entire supply chain.
- Drive savings with multichannel order-fulfillment services.
- Integrate sales and purchasing processes with solutions that connect directly with your business management solution.

Sage pro tip:
When you incorporate Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), you can send information to another company electronically, eliminating errors and increasing order to payment.
“It used to take us 24 hours to get a new order out the door. Now our orders ship the same day they are received.”

Liesje Smith, Financial Coordinator
GCI Outdoor
Sage pro tip:
RFIDs and other means of automated tracking for goods and packages can be integrated into business management solutions, giving organizations a competitive advantage over distributors that lack access to real-time product information.

4. Rethink labeling and shipping compliance

- Integrate flexible labeling options into the pick workflow.
- Provide specific directions on GS1 shipping labels in terms of format and positioning on the package to ensure accurate shipping and delivery.
- Enable end-to-end traceability.
- Pack to specifications for shipping efficiency, avoid less than load.
“We have all the information we need to complete the order and respond to customer questions. The customer’s history is available, so when they want to order the same products as the last time, we can generate the order easily.”

M. Target, Head of Logistics
Sogiphar
Embrace these 4 trends and experience the benefits of greater warehouse efficiency

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Ready to change the way you work?

Contact DWD Technology Group to take the next step and request a complimentary needs assessment review.

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