



INNOVATING STORAGE & RETRIEVAL

Performance Report

Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

Challenge:

Over 3746 small items to be stored where 600 technicians will have access to.

Solution:

Three 2400 vertical carousels with a CO₂ fire suppression systems.

Result:

Inventory levels are recorded through the facilities computer system, accessible at any terminal.

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Environmentally friendly CO₂ fire suppression system protects vertical carousel system

Productivity increased in open store room.

When Anheuser-Busch was designing the most technologically advanced brewery in the world, they selected White's 2400 series vertical carousels for their store room.

Three 42 pan, vertical carousels hold over 3746 small items such as electrical fixtures, fittings for pipes and hoses and other maintenance materials, valued over \$1.0 million, to service the plant's brewery machinery and minimize equipment downtime. Eventually 600 technicians within the facility will have access to the carousels.

To increase efficiency, the staff is empowered to pick their own parts. This "open store room" policy eliminates full time pickers and allows

personnel to see the parts they've requested and instantly revise their selection if not satisfied.

The three vertical carousels are equipped with computer terminals which are linked throughout the facility. A phone is also mounted to each unit to allow instant communications. Both minimize potential confusion and promote productivity and efficiency.

Inventory levels are recorded through the facilities computer system, accessible at any terminal, and are replenished on a 24 hour basis. Fire suppression Anheuser-Busch's high standards of safety led to the installation of a CO₂ fire suppression unit on each vertical carousel. CO₂ was selected over Halon because of the company's dedication to environmental conservation and protection of the ozone layer. Multiple heat sensors are installed within the units, plus external lights and sirens. If manually or automatically activated, CO₂ is pumped

“Requires virtually no training while achieving high productivity and space utilization.”

into the vertical carousel from multiple levels until the fire is smothered. The control in front indicates readiness and will transfer to battery backup in case of an AC power failure.

Why White 2400 Vertical Carousels? “This 7.4 million barrel brewery will set corporate bench mark standards,” said the Purchasing Storeroom Area Manager Donald Fesko. He continued, “The vertical carousels requiring very little training...simply push a few buttons. Other systems are far more complex and require extensive training to achieve comparable efficiency and safety levels.”

When compared to other vertical carousels Fesko continued, “the quality of the White unit, from the seams up, impressed me. In fact, the servicing of the units has been better than promised. The emphasis placed on correcting even the slightest problem fast is impressive.”

Fesko added, “We picked the White units because the company furnished what we needed, not a substitute.



Over 600 people will have access to the carousel system.



Desired items are presented for picking at a convenient level.

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