



**Central distribution
warehouse for Fahrzeugbedarf
Kotz & Co. KG in Austria.
Fast and optimised spare
parts distribution.**



Project:

Fahrzeugbedarf Kotz & Co. KG, Seewalchen, Austria

Industry:

Wholesale

Task:

Construction of a new distribution centre including the entire storage facility with forklift trucks, conveyor technology and connection to the Jungheinrich WMS

Project duration:

07.2016 – 09.2017

Services:

- Complete range of equipment for the distribution centre:
Wide-aisle, high-bay warehouse for 2,000 pallet spaces, 3-storey modular racking system for 6,000 storage spaces, 2 vertical lift racking systems (LRK) for 1,200 storage spaces and cantilever racks
- Various vehicles
- Conveyor technology
- Jungheinrich Warehouse Management System (WMS)

Most important results:

- Increase of efficiency by centralising the warehouse
- Increase of total capacity
- Shorter delivery times
- Lower error rates

**Supplier of spare parts for commercial vehicles
and trailers**

The company Fahrzeugbedarf Kotz & Co. KG from Austria was founded more than 50 years ago. Throughout its history, the company has traded in original equipment for the production of vehicles and trailers. Later, the range was supplemented by parts for repairs that reflect the vehicle's current value. With its range of products, the company has managed to establish an extensive clientele.

Challenging spare parts management

The spare parts business has been playing an increasingly important role since the late 1990s. The new building was necessary in order to centralise the various spare parts warehouses previously located throughout Austria. The right parts were always in stock, but often in the wrong location. Therefore, the decision was made to build a central distribution warehouse.

Jungheinrich – Everything from a single source

Fahrzeugbedarf Kotz decided to handle the organisation and supervision of the construction project in-house. This decision allowed them to remain informed about every detail. In order to avoid dealing with individual contractors, they were looking for a full-service supplier. The decision was quickly made in favour of Jungheinrich.

The requirement

Efficient spare parts management

One of the main requirements of the new warehouse: it had to handle 75 to 80 % of all Austrian parts deliveries. Fahrzeugbedarf Kotz accounts for 90 % of its sales with around 5,000 parts from the product portfolio. Nevertheless, category B and C parts must also be available in the warehouse. Therefore, the design of the warehouse had to be tailored precisely to these needs and other specific requirements of the spare parts business for commercial vehicles.

The solution

Enhanced performance thanks to complete intralogistics solution

A suitable property in a convenient location for transport logistics purposes was found in Seewalchen. From there, all deliveries can be shipped throughout Austria within 24 hours. A large part of the warehouse area is occupied by the wide-aisle, high-bay warehouse with 2,000 pallet spaces and equipped with cantilever racking towards the front. In addition, there is a 3-storey modular racking system with 6,000 storage spaces. Two LRKs also enable the storage of small parts, providing space for another 1,200 storage spaces. While the high-bay storage is operated by two reach trucks, four pallet trucks are used for internal goods transport. The warehouse is also connected

to the Jungheinrich WMS. Thereby, orders from the ERP system are sent directly to the WMS, which controls the scanner-controlled order picking operations. Every day, around 65 to 70 pallets and 120 to 150 packages leave the new distribution warehouse.

Customer statement

A complete carefree package

"Our experiences with Jungheinrich were extremely positive. We received a complete carefree package," explains Andreas Rappold, CEO at Fahrzeugbedarf Kotz & Co. KG.



Andreas Rappold, CEO Fahrzeugbedarf Kotz & Co. KG, Seewalchen in Austria.

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