

Introduction

Storage system allow you to reduce operative and storing cost in addition to the trend of "Good to person" solutions. In other words, they bring the product over the operator, which dramatically minimizes timing and distances.

Ecommerce and the development of IT technologies promote multichannel and help to create new strategies for reaching the satisfaction of existing modules and purchase demand.

There can be multiple needs based on the application of each operations, for example:



Storage: for areas with many low turnover SKU's such as small pieces, electronic replacement parts, tests handling, among others.



Orders assortment or handling: this activity shall be efficiently organized in order to obtain higher profits, improve processes, increase performance and above all, create a completely institutional and trustworthy operation.

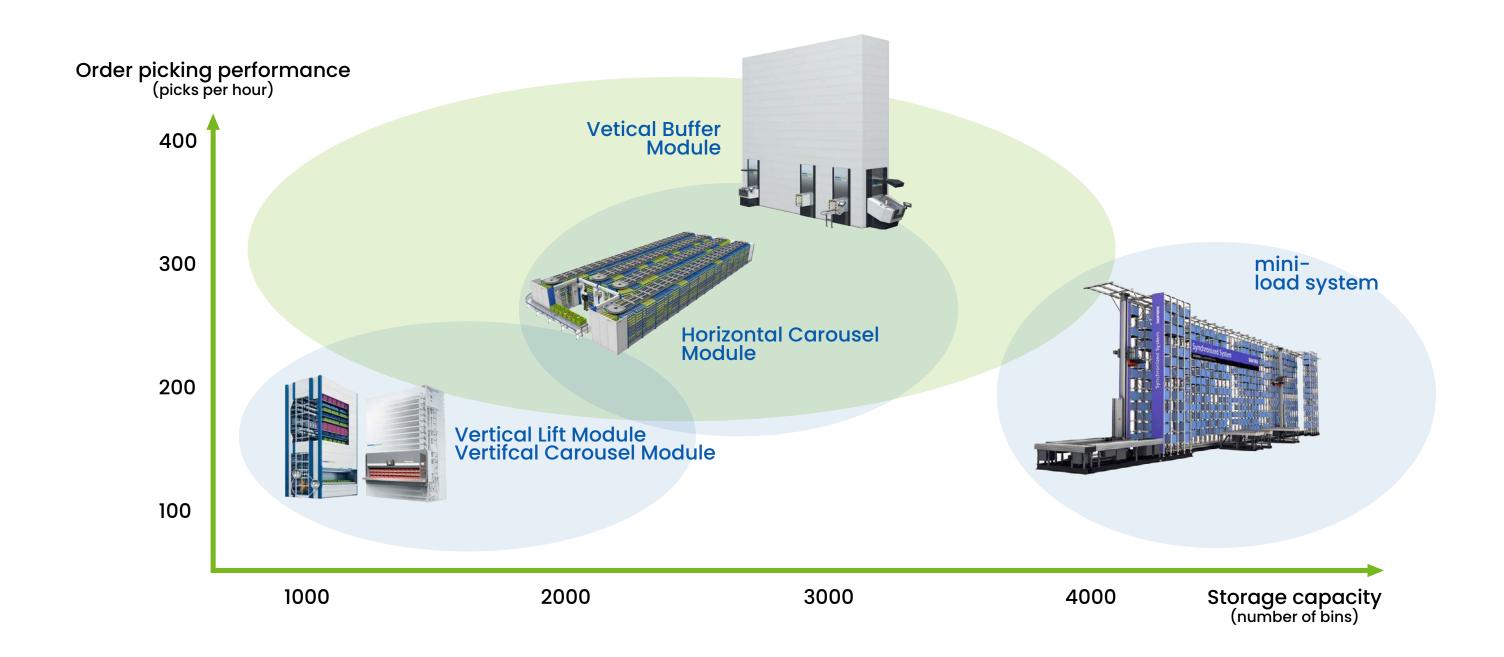
All system components should be **flexible** and able to be integrated into each working flow, regardless of its automation level. Some of these requirements are picking, multi picking, kitting, reconditioning, reverse logistics packing, among others.



Ecommerce: This is a **growing demand**, **therefore**, **challenges related are growing as well**, such as orders' demand, variability of items in each order, inverse logistics activities: **the evident growth of logistics processes' individualization**.

- Maximize available areas: ecommerce requires certain availability for a bigger working area due to the vulnerability of its results. However, it is not always guaranteed that new facilities can be build.
- **Speed:** Slt is necessary to **increase dramatically the responsiveness to customers** because the existence of the organization de pends on that.

Before deciding about what kind of automation do you need, please analyze the following figure with a general image of solutions for orders' storage or assortment.





Shuttle XP



The design of this **vertical warehouse** allows you to **take advantage of the height available** in your facility or distribution center, **reaching up to 85% of space saving.** This system can have **multiple access** either in the front or back and **held picking operations simultaneously.**

This warehouse is designed to be **entirely closed** so special operations are supported, such as:



Hermetic temperature control. it allows to manage products heatree, it can keep cold as well.



ESD applications for all electronic elements. These tools allow to handle antistatic characteristics, guaranteeing that products are not damaged.



High capacity. It can manage very heavy loads up to 1000kg. Pallets can be stored and canes can be installed for an easily handling.



Special features of shuttle XP

- Cubestar technology: it allows to scan the height of products that are place in the trays, therefore, the storage density is maximized.
- Weight control system: it monitors all trays according to their capacity to avoid overloads of products.
- Ergonomic system: height can be adjusted in each tray, this allows the operator to work more comfortably and safety based on its physical characteristics.
- Security circuit: it provides operations' security by generating emergency stops. it completely stops operations when light curtains are interrupted.

On the other hand, highspeed picking operations have the following technological innovations:

- Laser Point: the exact place where the item is taken from the tray is indicated through a laser.
- Bar code scanning: the barcode Reading systems allows to monitor all available products in real time.
- Software WCS: optimized software easy to use according to the necessary requirements.

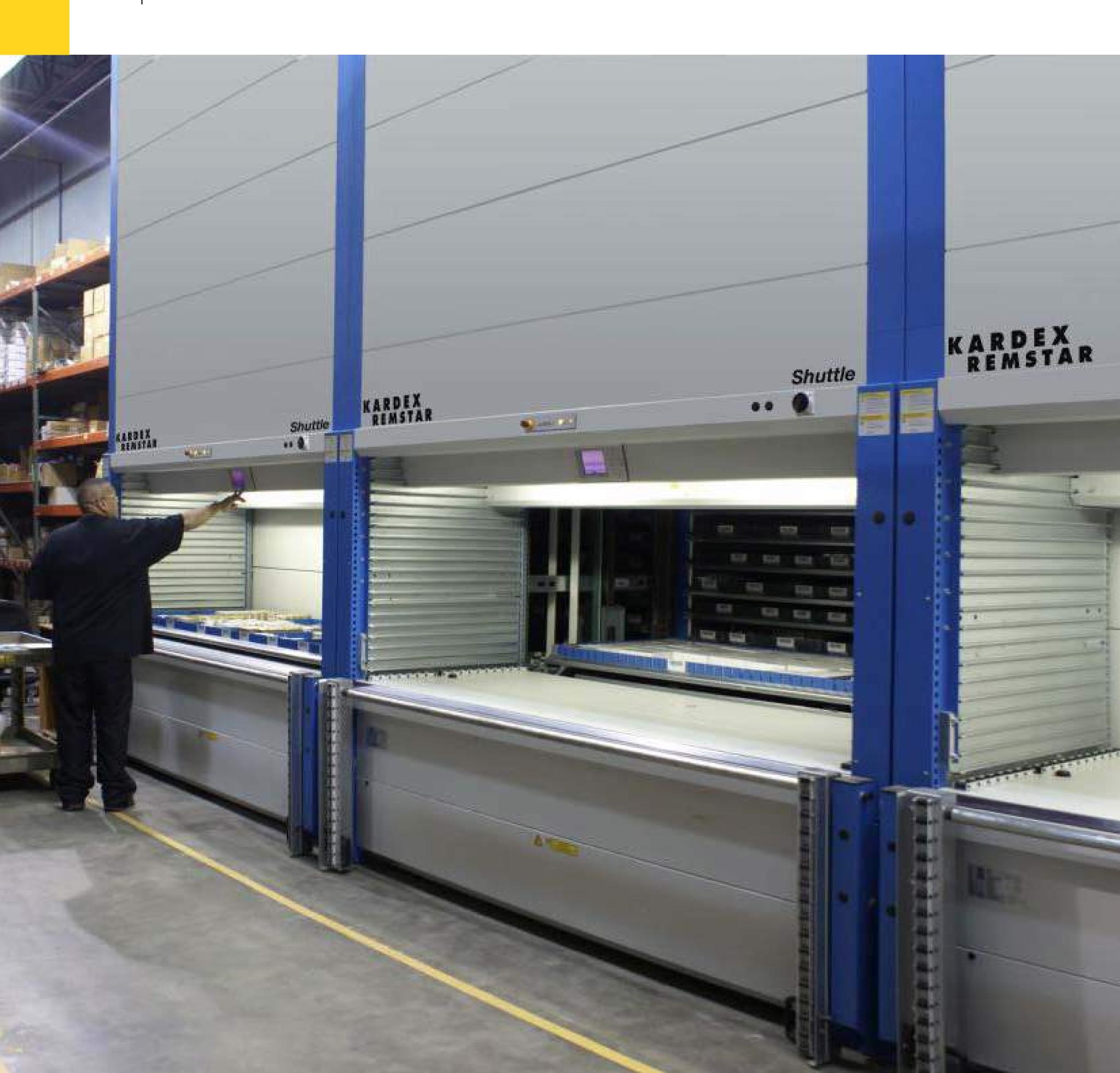
It allows to manage large assortment capacities in multiple equipment simultaneously: which provides a realtime visualization of all in process orders.

Vertical carrousel

High storage density, good assortment capacity.

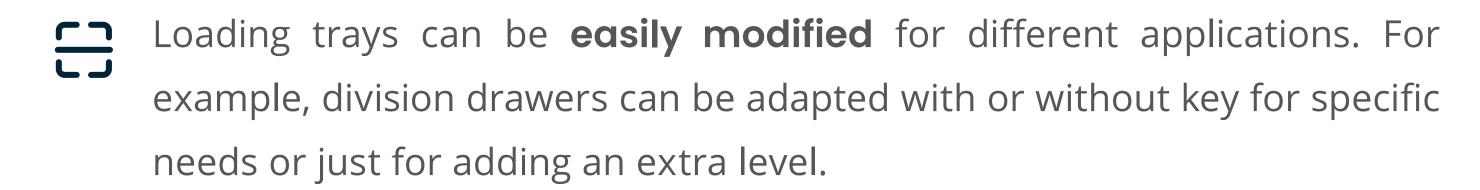
What is a vertical carrousel?

It is a system of loading trays that spin vertically in order to place the needed product into the access section.





Main Features





- High storage capacity.
- It allows to take advantage to the available height, providing an incomparable storage density. It can be used vertically or horizontally within production plants or distribution center.
- Up to 4500kg of load capacity. dimensions up to 13.20m length and 1.20m width.
- This system is used for both very light and very heavy products, such as: electronic replacement parts, auto parts, aerospace parts, toilet paper and cable.

Horizontal carrousel



This kind of system **is used** in places where **storage must be safe, profitable,** and quick. The following elements constitute horizontal carrousels:

- Trays. These are responsible of storing the products. Thanks to its great flexibility, they can storage products of different shapes and sizes.
- Picking area. In this area, operators can take the products, once it has been requested to the system.
- Pick to light. Sign system that shows the quantity of product and the place where it should be taken.
- Buch Picking Station. This system is commonly used because it allows to assort different orders at the same time.



Software. It **coordinates all order**s so the system can process them. In addition, it defined the **priority** of each order so it can be done immediately. Usually, it controls **multiple workstations** and each one can be integrated by up to four **horizontal carrousels working simultaneously.**

For a greater performance and short assortment times, the kind of configuration used is very important. According to size of the installation, the following stations are available:



Dual stations. these are ideal to be controlled by a single person.

Triple or quadruple stations. These are used for a wide variety of products that need frequently access to them. It can be controlled by one or different operators



Multilevel stations. multiple level stations are suitable for heights up to 9 m.



Benefits of implementing horizontal carrousels



Productivity based on "Good to Person" principle.

Horizontal carousel is suitable for picking of medium and small items.



Variability which offers high performance during rush hours.

Vertical Buffer Module



This automatic system allows to select the assortment of items and small parts from containers, cartoon boxes or trays. It is also based in "Good to person" principles, providing a higher productivity in picking operations.

In the same way, different workstations can be installed with multiple equipment for addressing the complexity of current and future intralogistics trends.

For example:

- Wider variety of products.
- Smaller lots.
- Security and harmony in the workplace.
- 24hrs of service to handle growth due to electronic commerce.

Main Features



Picking stations: one or multiple access areas where the product is delivered to the operator so the assortment can be done.



Shelves system: it has a narrow aisle where the product is transported. It can be adapted for future products or locations.



Containers: it has totes, trays or boxes which will contain the stored products.



Manipulation system: it has an automatic manipulation system which is responsible of storage or moving the containers.



Software: it is a WCS module, this software allows to control inventory, coordinate the assortment process, edit materials and many other activities related to the process.





Benefits of the Vertical Buffer Module



More picking efficiency

No error picking thanks to the access of a single container.

Accurate, simple, and quick picking thanks to the Pick to Light system.

Up to 500 lines per hour in each picking station (per person).



Energy efficiency design

Uses only one third of the energy required by other similar systems.



Quickly access to products

Less movement because the access to all storage area is through a single entrance.

High speed picking with any type of unit.



Picking comfort

Ergonomic working conditions thanks to many picking stations. This system can easily be adapted to conveyors, code readers, RFDI readers and many other systems.

Applications within the industry:

- Products assortment for ecommerce.
- Kits' preparation.
- Assembly lines supplying.
- Warehouse of electronic materials with SD features

Miniload



Among the options of an automated warehouse, there is a highly productive tool: the Miniload. This solution can be personalized which allows to store both totes and standardized boxes.

How does it work?

It works by means of an overhead crane **installed in the middle of racks' aisle** and it moves in order to **store or place boxes of products.** Then, it places them into the corresponding working station.

As these systems are **personalized according to the need of each customer**, any modification after being installed, involves a detailed engineering process and specialized analysis of the impact into the system's rate.



Benefits of Miniload



High storage density because the racks can have simple or double depth.



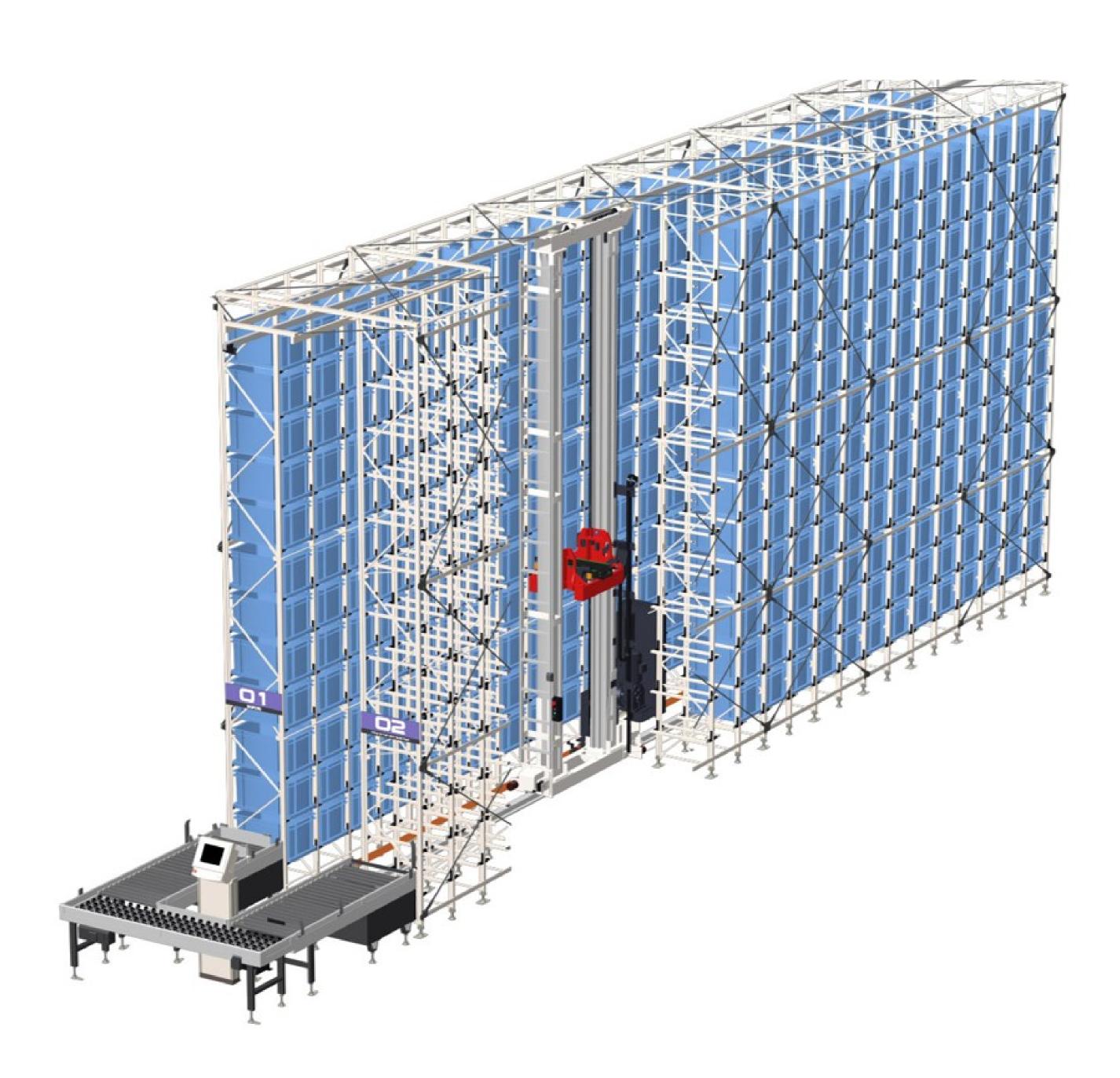
It has an extractor; this design allows to extract one or two boxes during a cycle.



It is used for **assorting moderate and low flow products** due to the configuration of the system's elements.



The equipment can reach up to 20 meters in certain modules.





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