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Missguided fashion gets a lift from Nerak

Nerak Wiese has supplied two vertical lifts to XPO Logistics, operators of the new Missguided warehouse in Manchester.

Multi-channel fast fashion retailer, Missguided, opened its brand-new distribution centre (DC) in Trafford Park in July 2016. The facility is a joint investment with supply chain partner, XPO Logistics (formerly Norbert Dentressangle), and replaced Missguided's existing facility in Salford, which was at full capacity. The 250,000 sq ft DC – which has been designed to handle Missguided's logistics needs for the next ten years – features mezzanine floors that provide a total floor area in excess of one million sq ft. The facility operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Versatile operation

With the DC featuring four mezzanine levels above the ground floor, the operation required a vertical elevation solution. XPO Logistics commissioned Nerak Wiese to design and manufacture two lifts featuring a unique design. Each lift comprises two independent hoists, each of which has two conveyors – mounted one above the other – and so can handle two loads. The lifts transport cardboard cartons of goods received from manufacturers up to the picking areas on the mezzanines. Here, staff pick orders into totes, which are then transported down to the ground floor by the lifts. In addition, the lifts are used to transport empty totes up to the pick areas, with three totes nested together during elevation. The throughput from the top floor is 250 inbound and 250 outbound loads per hour, per lift.

Specification exceeded

As the lifts are based around rubber chain technology, they do not require frequent lubrication or recalibration. From a service and maintenance perspective, the result is very little downtime, minimizing the associated costs. “This has proven to be a cost-effective and high-quality solution,” says Phil Shepherd, Director of Technical Services for XPO Logistics. “The system works well and, in tests, the equipment exceeded the specification, so we are delighted and plan to buy a further two lifts from Nerak.”



One of two lifts supplied by Nerak to Missguided's new warehouse in Trafford Park, Manchester

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About Nerak Wiese

Nerak Wiese is a UK-based engineering company that specialises in the design, development and installation of vertical elevation solutions for unit loads and bulk goods. Offering both modular systems and bespoke solutions, Nerak Wiese has the design expertise and engineering skills to solve diverse material handling problems. Strengthened by over 45 years' experience, Nerak's solutions and service benefit customers throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia, India and Australasia.

About Missguided

Missguided was founded in 2009 by Nitin Passi as a pure play fashion retailer, aiming its celebrity-inspired ranges at women aged 16 to 34. The retailer adds up to 1,000 new products to its website each month. Following rapid growth in the UK, the company expanded into the USA, Australia, France and Germany. Since 2015 Missguided has launched concessions in several department stores, giving the retailer a bricks-and-mortar presence and transforming the brand into a multi-channel business. In 2015, Missguided signed a seven-year deal with XPO Logistics to manage its international e-fulfilment operations.

About XPO Logistics

XPO Logistics is a top ten provider of supply chain solutions globally. In the UK, XPO Logistics (formerly Norbert Dentressangle) has 197 locations and over 15,000 employees. The company offers comprehensive solutions for transport, global forwarding and logistics – including e-fulfilment, reverse and temperature-controlled logistics – to clients in the food and beverage, retail, aerospace, automotive, chemicals, high tech, pharmaceuticals, textiles and publishing sectors.

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