

SUCCESS STORY

Vufold Increase Speed And Efficiency In The Warehouse With Dexterity WMS

Prior to investing in Dexterity WMS for Sage 200, Vufold's stock was managed on up to 30 spreadsheets. Warehouse staff spent a lot of time searching for items, which could not be found, but following the installation of Dexterity WMS, order processing and picking times have fallen by 30%.

The Challenge

From humble beginnings 10 years ago, Vufold (a JCI company) has grown to become one of the premier suppliers of hard wood folding, sliding doors in the UK. In 2010 a surge in retail business, as well as becoming a key trade supplier, required the company to make a major investment into managing their warehouse in a more efficient way.

Vufold decided to implement Sage 200 as their ERP solution and chose Datal as their Sage partner, who are the largest in the UK. When looking for a Sage 200 warehouse add-on, Vufold could not find a solution that met their requirements. However, following an internet search, came across Dexterity WMS for Sage 200, which could provide Vufold with the tools to run their busy warehouse exactly the way they needed to.

The Result

Since installation, this investment has transformed the warehouse and improved efficiency throughout the company. The warehouse team have been on a steep learning curve, but the four man team have now learned to trust the Dexterity WMS system and rely on it to provide



"Dexterity WMS has proven to be the right solution to revolutionise our warehouse, so that we now know what we have and where it is - it's like having extra employees!" - Rick Collins, Operations Manager

accurate information on the location of every item in the warehouse. Many of the Vufold orders are complex, containing dozens of items large and small, but Dexterity unerringly directs to team to the precise location every time.

The Science Bit

Dexterity WMS for Sage 200 is used to automate receiving, stock replenishment, stocktaking and order picking in the Vufold warehouse. Orders are entered directly into Sage 200 and automatically received into Dexterity when the user completes the order. The order is instantly visible to the warehouse manager on the Dexterity Order Management Screen, colour-coded with its status; ready to pick, awaiting

stock, etc.

At Vufold many orders are made up of kits of items and Dexterity manages all aspects of kitting and bill of materials, even to the point of un-kitting if orders are cancelled. Kitting is vital at Vufold as many orders are built up out of identical sub-units. Dexterity holds full details of each kit and alerts the manager immediately if there is likely to be a shortage.

The four man warehouse team use Dex-S1 hand held mobile terminals to communicate with the Dexterity server in real time using WiFi, facilitated through a number of Cisco access points located throughout the warehouse in keys positions following a details site survey

by the Barcode-IT team. Real time communication means that all warehouse functions are guided by Dexterity, reducing errors and minimising the time needed to complete each task. Dispatch labels are printed using the Dexterity server, ensuring correct labelling every time.

Other Sage 200 third party add-on products, merely automate existing Sage 200 functions and that may be fine for many users. However, for the busy warehouse that receives and ships good on pallets, needs to match batch numbers and has complex rules or special customer requirements, only Dexterity has the full warehouse tool-set to meet the challenge.

Vufold Company History

Vufold is a JCI company and has been supplying premium quality hardwood folding, sliding doors for ten years. JCI are a family run company, supplying to both trade and direct to end users. Vufold offer a range of folding, sliding doors that are responsibly sourced using only the best slow-grown hardwood and oak.

For more information on how Dexterity WMS can be integrated into Sage 200 or any other ERP, contact us on 01200 441977.