

Case

Julius Blum GmbH

HABERKORN

Supply made easy – H-Save automatic dispenser

Less admin

Reduced costs

High transparency

24/7 supply without restrictions

Safety for employees



Julius Blum GmbH: Optimised PPE

Automated access to supplies of PPE products
for employees with the H-Save solution

The Challenge

PPE around the clock: In the punch press department in Blum's Factory 5, hand protection is a top priority. For workers handling sharp-edged parts, 100% protection is an absolute must at all times. The previous system of issuing PPE from stocks held in the storeroom worked well for many years but ultimately proved too time-consuming for everyone involved. After a successful pilot using automatic dispensers to supply employees in Factory 5, Factory 4 will now be following suit. Here again, dispenser systems are to be used to radically optimise the efficiency and security of procurement processes.

The required improvements at Blum

- Easing of storeroom workload
- Product issue for shift workers
- Simple access
- Assignment of retrievals to cost centres
- Reduction in time and effort for supplying PPE



The space-saving solution for supplying PPE products: the H-Save automatic dispenser at Julius Blum GmbH has optimised employee access to supplies in every respect.

The Solution

Easier, faster – secure! Anja Berkmann, head of procurement for auxiliary materials and consumables, outlines the aims of the project: “Despite the size of the production facility, access to PPE with minimal time and effort, short pathways, maximum transparency through automatic documentation of retrievals from the dispenser, secure supply of safety gloves 24/7, optimised consumption through retrievals in line with actual requirements, reduction of all administrative effort.” These requirements were met in full with the switch to product issue using the H-Save automatic dispenser. In addition, further internal effort at Blum is eliminated as the machines are replenished by a Haberkorn inventory manager.

The fully automatic process cuts transit and waiting times as well as shrinkage, which in turn saves costs.



THOMAS LUTZ
Head of E-Business &
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1 Retrievals are automatically posted to the correct cost centre. The dispenser automatically triggers a replenishment order once a defined minimum filling level is reached.

2 As simple as getting coffee during a break: PPE with H-Save

3 The H-Save automatic dispenser can be filled with a wide range of personal protective equipment.



The Benefits

No work for ordering

because it's automatic

No shrinkage

because issue is controlled

24/7 supply

because available around the clock

Minimised costs

because no storeroom management

Less space

because no warehousing required



Easy access, controlled product issue. Around the clock, with no waiting times. The H-Save automatic dispenser is the ideal machine for 24/7 supply – especially in the area of PPE and tools. Employees identify themselves at the machine and remove the required products individually.

Article storage is therefore access-protected, retrieval is simple and just takes a few seconds. In addition, the modular construction of the machine ensures flexibility when it comes to changing the product assortment.

EXPERT'S TIP

The best inventory management solution is always the one that allows perfect integration and simplifies company processes. The requirements can be systematically identified using a simple five-step analysis.

Our experts then take care of the rest for you. We will be pleased to provide no-obligation advice on all inventory management systems from Haberkorn!



RENE DEUTSCHMANN
Logistics Solution Development

The H-Save benefits – room for many things



Full security

Delivery

Very easy function

70
up to 70 different products

2,100
up to 2,100 units

7
up to 7 levels

Automatic reordering

24/7
retrieval

Secure supply

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Produkte im H-Save
Ausgabeautomat

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"The Haberkorn solution gives us many benefits"

Anja Berkmann, head of procurement for auxiliary materials and consumables, gives insights into the project goals and implementation in an interview.

What were the specifics of the baseline situation?

The situation in this area was adequate to meet previous requirements. The gloves were kept in stock and issued from the store-room. As we expanded, and taking the safety aspect into account, there was a need for new solutions.

Action was required in particular in the punch press department in Factory 5, where hand protection had to be available 24/7. This is an area where hand protection is a top priority. Once the pilot was successfully launched in Factory 5, Factory 4 also began to sit up and take notice. That then meant the next logical step was to increase availability and to enable shorter pathways and faster access in the various sections of that facility as well.

Haberkorn is the perfect cooperation partner when it comes to dispensing systems. We've already had positive experiences in the area of kanban with fasteners, so the decision to introduce the automatic glove dispensers in collaboration with Haberkorn was pretty self-evident.

Goals achieved:
Secure 24/7 supply
 of safety gloves,
optimised consumption
 thanks to needs-based removals,
reduction of entire
administrative effort.



Interview with

ANJA BERKMANN

Head of Procurement for Auxiliary Materials and Consumables

What were the critical issues that had to be resolved?

All employees in every department had to have access to every dispenser. A joint effort was called for on the part of procurement, production, IT and finance in order to ensure that every glove is posted to the right cost centre, irrespective of which dispenser it is taken from. With Haberkorn's expertise and their process support, everything was handled in a very structured and efficient way. We got optimal support from A to Z.

The health and safety
of our employees
is our top priority.

Are you satisfied with the result?

The change took some getting used to. However, the collaboration with everyone involved at Haberkorn worked extremely well, from the experts in dispensing systems through to the shipment of the goods and the inventory manager. The result speaks for itself: it's now possible to trace costs and quantities back to the respective department with certainty and our employees have access to safety gloves around the clock.



Julius Blum GmbH facts & figures

Manufacture and sale of furniture fittings

Lift, hinge, runner, pocket systems and motion technologies, backed up by assembly devices and e-services

Production sites: 8 in Vorarlberg, others in USA, BRA, PL, CN

Headcount: 7,000 in Vorarlberg, 9,400 worldwide

Revenues in financial year 2021/2022: 2,643 million euros

Subsidiaries and agencies: 33

Markets served worldwide: over 120

The perfect logistics solution for every requirement

Using the right logistics solution reduces process complexity,
ensures supply and decreases non-value-added activities.
We are pleased to advise you!



H-Save automatic dispenser
with optional H-Sidebox



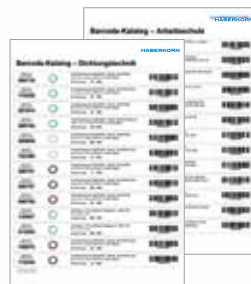
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load cell cabinet



H-Store
dispensing cabinet



H-Rent
equipment loan system



Barcode catalogue



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RFID ordering system



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