

Innovative storage systems from voestalpine reach new heights

The ultra-modern high bay warehousing systems from the voestalpine Group's Metal Forming Division, made from highly sophisticated steel sections, are in demand worldwide. The company is currently implementing projects, among others, for Danish retail chain JYSK and South Korean tire manufacturer Nexen Tire Corporation. For Nexen Tire, voestalpine is building the tallest high bay warehouse in the Group's history—50 meters—in the Czech Republic. The project is slated for completion in 2025. At the same time, voestalpine is pressing ahead with the ongoing expansion of production capacity in its Warehouse & Rack Solutions business unit, and recently opened a new production facility in the USA for the American market.

The voestalpine Metal Forming Division specializes in high-tech warehouse management solutions and provides a complete service, from planning and engineering to production and assembly. "The warehouse and rack solutions segment remains on an upward trend, partly due to strong online trade, and is a promising market for us. Consistently healthy order intake and our current prestigious projects with longstanding customers underline once again that our expertise in this demanding segment makes us a key partner to production and trading enterprises all over the world," says Herbert Eibensteiner, CEO of voestalpine AG.

A 50-meter high bay warehouse raises the bar

voestalpine is building two racking units, each 45 meters in height, made with 8,000 tons of steel, for a distribution center of furniture retailer JYSK in Lelystad, Netherlands. The warehouse, which will accommodate around 166,000 pallets, is slated for completion by December 2025. An Austrian furniture retail chain also opted for the voestalpine Group's proven expertise to build its new central warehouse in the Austrian state of Burgenland with around 70,000 pallet bays. The project will be completed by October 2024. Another flagship project due for completion in 2025 is underway in Zatec in the Czech Republic, where voestalpine is building a 50-meter-high racking structure for Nexen Tire. The system is designed to store 18,000 tire pallets. "voestalpine is a pioneer, particularly when it comes to fully automated high bay silos over 30 meters high. We are very proud to be implementing one of the tallest high bay warehouses in the history of the Metal Forming Division," says Carola Richter, Member of the Management Board of voestalpine AG and Head of the Metal Forming Division. Numerous other silo-design projects are in progress for customers from the furniture, timber construction, and logistics industries, among others.

First production facility opens in North America

Netherlands-based voestalpine subsidiary Nedcon is also busy with a number of major projects, especially as a leading provider of in-house warehouse solutions not just in Europe but also in the North American market, where demand for high-tech storage systems is likewise on the rise. The recent commissioning of a new production site for storage systems in Louisville, Kentucky, is a strategic milestone in voestalpine's progress towards sustainable growth in the USA. The plant has three

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production lines and is initially employing around 20 people. Further expansion of production and sales capacity for storage systems is planned.

Metal Forming Division

The Metal Forming Division is voestalpine's center of competence for highly refined sections, tubes and precision strip steel products as well as for ready-to-install system components made of pressed, stamped and roll-formed parts. This combination of expertise in materials and processing, which is unique in the industry, and the division's global presence make it the first choice for customers who value innovation and quality across many industries including automotive, storage technology, road safety, renewable energy, construction, and mechanical engineering. The division employs almost 11,600 people and has set itself the goal of achieving climate-neutral manufacturing by 2035. In the business year 2023/24, the division generated revenue of EUR 3.4 billion, with an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 301 million.

The voestalpine Group

voestalpine is a globally leading steel and technology group with a unique combination of materials and processing expertise. voestalpine, which operates globally, has around 500 Group companies and locations in more than 50 countries on all five continents. The voestalpine Group has been listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange since 1995. With its premium products and system solutions, voestalpine is a leading partner to the automotive and consumer goods industries, as well as to the aerospace and energy industries. The company is also the global market leader in railway systems, tool steel, and special sections. voestalpine is committed to the global climate goals and has a clear plan for transforming steel production with its greentec steel program. In the business year 2023/24, the Group generated revenue of EUR 16.7 billion, with an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 1.7 billion; it has around 51,600 employees worldwide.

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