

Order Picker Forklift Chain

Order preparation operation or order picking as it is more normally known is a method used in warehouse operations and comprises employees referred to as order pickers. The order picker's task is to take and collect articles in specific quantities to be able to accomplish the customer's orders before shipment. Order picking is a simple warehousing method. The effectiveness in which this particular job is completed could be directly linked to a supply chain's productivity. Hence, order picking is amongst the most controlled logistic processes. Order picking falls in the category of the warehouse management system.

There are some certain types of order picking. The main types consist of: wave picking method, pick to box method, piece picking or picker to part method, zone picking method and sorting systems method.

The pick to box method involves the order picker only filling the boxes with things that are from their specific station. The box then moves on to other locations until the order is done. In this technique, there is no movement of the order picker personnel. In the wave picking method, the order pickers move about to collect the needed things for numerous orders. The piece picking or picker to part method is similar where the order pickers or picker move to collect the items needed but for one order only.

In the sorting systems method, there is no movement of the order picking employees. Instead, the products are delivered to him or her via an automated system like for example automatic storage or a conveyor system. In the zone picking method, each and every order picker is assigned to one particular area. They are responsible for only realizing order picking within this particular area.