

Returnable Cages



Project Implementation

Instead of sending full cases of product to stores, Heaton's now send single units as they can identify unit sales at each store through their software system. Cardboard cases are stripped from product at Heaton's central distribution centre and product is shipped to stores in returnable steel cages.

The removal of cardboard cases also meant that tertiary packaging could be removed. The steel cages are on wheels and self secure, removing the need for pallets and stretchwrap. The cages are also collapsible, to save space.

Benefits of the Project

The benefits are based on the removal of packaging. They include:

- 70 Tonnes of cardboard removed from stores
- 2 Tonnes of stretchwrap no longer required
- 730 Tonnes of wooden pallets no longer being shipped to stores
- 1.5 Tonnes of cardboard redirected to packaging of 'on-line sales' items
- Reduced amount of in-store waste that needs to be processed

Issues Encountered

Staff needed effective training in order to recognise the advantages of this new system.

Further Information

For information on Heaton's see:
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