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The racks have since filled. The small-parts storage system in Flamatt is running smoothly – and represents a logistical precision landing. From first-hand experience in his career, Hess, who holds a business degree, knows how significant logistics has become for companies. With global responsibility for the Group's logistics, he brings efficiency and speed to internal and external logistics processes and ensures compliance with international freight and foreign trade regulations.

Facilitating profitable growth

More efficiency in logistics and production

Comet strives for profitable growth. That takes agility, speed and high efficiency, but also space. The facility expansion built in Flamatt offers the Comet Group's divisions this room and the opportunity to organize production along lean lines and automate it. This also includes the just-in-time procurement and delivery of small parts to the production floor. "Thanks to the new storage system we now have the capability to handle up to 300 storage and retrieval operations per hour," explains Markus Hess, who was personally responsible for the completion and introduction of the automated small parts storage system in Flamatt.

"With the automated management, storage, order picking and delivery, we are answering many of the needs of continuous lean manufacturing: We are delivering much more quickly and with high reliability. We are flexible and agile; the system adjusts smoothly to the pace of demand from production, processing several orders simultaneously. We are efficient, because we handle large volumes with the same small number of employees. As well, the central and highly compact warehouse saves 600 square meters of space compared to before, which we can use for the optimal organization of our production operations."

"Precisely timed, cost-optimized, flexible and very dependable – our new automated storage system is an important factor enabling lean production in Flamatt."



Shuttles supply parts to production just in time.