

Efficient and ergonomic goods handling with VacuCobra

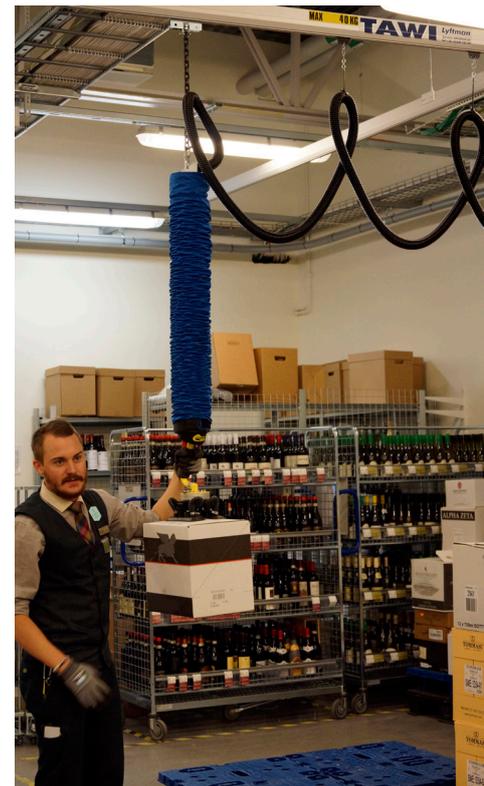
When the Swedish Alcohol Retailing Monopoly, Systembolaget, opened up a new store in Kungsbacka, VacuCobra was installed in an aluminum crane system to facilitate ergonomic and efficient unloading of products. Some of the staff doubted the benefit of the lift at first and chose to continue lifting manually, with no aid. But when the company's annual review recently revealed an increase in problems with back and knees among the staff, management encouraged them to start using all ergonomic tools at hand.

In the Kungsbacka store we meet Henrik who admits that he was rather skeptical at first. Fearing that the vacuum lift would make his work more time consuming he preferred to lift manually. But after using the lift every day for the past month he has now changed his mind.

- I was actually opposed to this, but now that I have gotten used to it I have to admit that I like it. It is nice to be relieved from the heavy lifting, and you can feel such a difference at the end of the day, says Henrik.

He points out that the Cobra can lift two boxes simultaneously, which simplifies and streamlines his work a lot. There is consensus among the staff that the Cobra is an excellent tool which is easy to use and handles most types of boxes. They appreciate the convenient one-hand grip, and the ease of rotating the box before it is lowered onto the pallet. The Cobra easily grips different types of boxes (as long as the packaging from the supplier is ok) and releases the load with a simple maneuver. You just have to learn to trust the tool, says Henrik.

- On a busy day we might need to pick 20 pallets. In total you will save time by using the Cobra since you will be able to keep an even pace throughout the day. And you won't be completely exhausted afterwards but will be able to continue picking products onto the shelves in the store after completing the unloading in the back, Henrik concludes.



Systembolaget has been using TAWI vacuum lifts for 20 years. After using a special VacuMove model for many years they are now moving more and more towards using VacuCobra to ensure quick and convenient handling of goods. Protema electric trolleys are also used in many of the Systembolaget stores.

