

Equipment Report: Dock Equipment's Moment in the Sun

Wildeck's Guarding Expert Offers Insights into Best Practices

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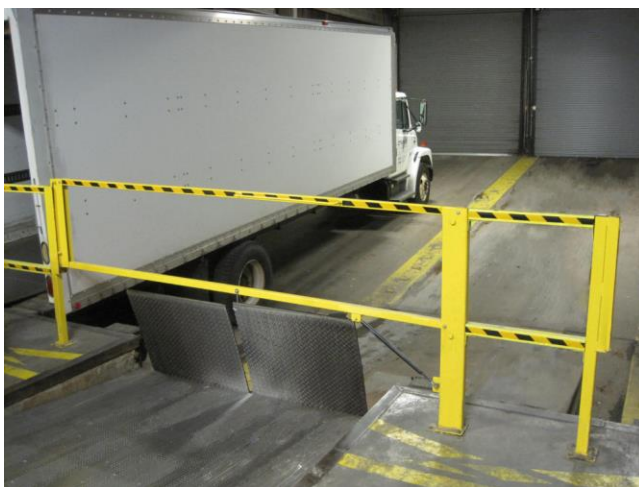
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On Wednesday, March 13th, [Modern Materials Handling](#), a publication dedicated to providing comprehensive coverage of the materials handling field, published an article that quoted [Cory Thomas](#), Wildeck's resident guarding products expert.

The article, entitled [Equipment Report: Dock Equipment's Moment in the Sun](#), examined the impact of increased production on the most overlooked area of warehouses and distribution centers: the loading dock area. With more products flowing through a facility on a continual basis, the need for quality loading dock equipment and an understanding of best practices has become readily apparent.



While solutions to this multi-faceted problem come in all shapes and sizes, Thomas shared his sentiments that bigger and more expensive pieces of equipment are not always the best answer. For instance, one way to achieve enhanced loading dock safety is to create clearly defined traffic lanes for pedestrians and forklifts. Unencumbered by slower moving foot traffic, forklifts can load and unload materials more quickly. In addition to increasing the facility's operational efficiency, this best practice also enhances safety by significantly decreasing the potential for a collision between the two parties.



Companies looking to implement Thomas' sound safety advice know that investing in Wildeck's [Wilgard® Steel Guard Rail Systems](#) is the best choice. Available in three levels of impact resistance ([XTra Tough](#), [Medium Toughness](#) and [Lighter Toughness](#)), Wildeck's guard rail systems offer a wider range of impact resistance than any other U.S. manufacture.

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