

# Medline Industries, USA: Healthcare Distribution Center Automates with AutoStore

## The Customer and Their Requirements

**Medline Industries Inc. is the largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of healthcare supplies in the United States, with more than \$7 billion in annual sales. Its distribution centers serve as regional hubs providing next-day service to hospitals, physicians' offices, surgical centers, care facilities, big box retailers and pharmacies. It chose the Swisslog robot-based AutoStore system to automate its Libertyville, Illinois distribution center.**

**The 600,000-square-foot distribution center in Libertyville utilizes 47 AutoStore mobile robots moving 27,570 storage totes in and out of 37,750 storage locations.**

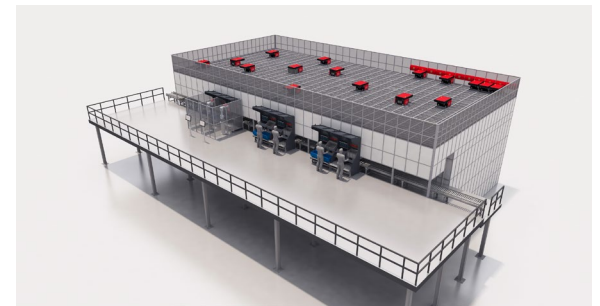
**Since going live, volume in the AutoStore has increased storage by 25 percent, peaking to as much as 12,500 less-than-case lines per day. Medline has also been able to accommodate growth in volume without adding to its head count.**



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***"AutoStore has allowed us to continue to increase our cutoff times, expand our product offering in a temperature-controlled environment and cover our expanding customer base."***

**- Bill Abington, President of Global Operations, Medline**



## Growth & Impact



**SynQ Software**  
27,570 totes in and out of 37,750 storage locations



**Increase in Storage**  
25% increase and peaking 12,500 less-than-case lines per day



**Efficiency**  
Reduced labor for piece pick by 2/3 while also being energy efficient