

Quality of life for employees and customers

EFAFLEX doors ensure draught free workplaces at Hamberger Industrierwerke

Machines are incessantly grinding carrier plates, bonding films and gluing parquet. Plants are permanently printing and embossing laminate and design floors, while robot arms are steadfastly loading finished products onto the conveyor systems. The doors are opening and closing tirelessly every time the shuttles transport the finished floor elements into the factory's own logistics centre every 20 minutes. Hamberger Industrierwerke in Stephanskirchen use 40 EFAFLEX doors for hall closure and the separation of manufacturing areas on their premises.

"This lorry docking station is a special application for the EFA-STR® L high-speed door by EFAFLEX", Annette Krieger, who is responsible for the facility management of Hamberger Industrierwerke, explains at the company's headquarters in Stephanskirchen. "This building used to be a pure logistics hall with an old door, now it is also used for manufacturing. The door was slow and stayed open for too long. As a result, it quickly became quite cold in the building." EFAFLEX's products have been successfully used at Hamberger Industrierwerke from as early as 2006. It was therefore no surprise that the construction department looked to the high-speed door specialist for their next door installation project.

Setting up manufacturing areas which are warm and draught free, enables Hamberger to protect the health of their approximately 1,200 employees at the location. It creates a quality of life not only with its own products for customers in 90 countries around the world, but by using EFAFLEX doors in their workplaces.

"Their speed and high quality workmanship of the doors are what matters to us," Annette Krieger explains. "At first glance, EFAFLEX products may seem expensive. But when comparing the offers and experiencing the doors in daily operation, their price is very quickly put into perspective. The sales representative has consulted us for each specific application, and, not only that, EFAFLEX sends in-house technicians who are located in the area. They get here quickly and know the doors well."

Their location in Sevlievo, Bulgaria has also equipped with EFAFLEX doors in the course of its expansion and modernisation since 2014 where 1,200 workplaces exist in the areas of sanitary and flooring applications.

Crash protection and radar monitoring for fast and safe logistics

Warehouses and manufacturing areas are partly separated from one another by means of EFA-STR® high-speed roll-up doors using the EFA-ACS (Automatic Crash System). This protective device helps prevent expensive damage to the door leaf if forklift trucks or other vehicles accidentally drive into the door.

During a crash, the bottom door panel will be pressed out of its guides on both sides. Sensors signalise this to the control unit and immediately stop the door movement. At the push of a button, the door leaf and the closing edge are retracted into the guide. The door is re-ready for operation after a short time. The logistic processes are not disrupted and remain effective. The EAS version prevents downtimes, which affect profitability, and reduces possible high repair costs.

"Almost all doors have radar detectors for monitoring the approach area," Annette Krieger notes. They replaced the induction loops, which had been damaged during the summer by the weight of the forklift trucks and lorries on the asphalt softened by the heat. "The radar detectors function without any issues and are much more practical, also because they are mounted above the doors, where they can hardly ever be mechanically damaged."

Entrepreneurial courage in the spirit of the founder

With the constant modernisation of its factories according to the latest developments in technology, the family-owned company Hamberger remains faithful to the entrepreneurial courage and spirit of its founder Franz Paul Hamberger even in the fourth and fifth generations.

Since the company's foundation in 1866, it has developed from a sawmill, matches manufacturing and brick factory into a global enterprise, whose approx. 2,650 employees at locations in Germany, Bulgaria and China generate an annual turnover of 325 million euros (as at 31 December 2019).

Hamberger is thus a major employer, who is able to guarantee secure employment thanks to their economic stability and makes a major contribution to the economic welfare of their employees and the regions where it operates.

Today, the company includes the production areas for floor coverings and toilet seats and is divided into the business units Hamberger Flooring, Hamberger Sanitary, Hamberger Retail as well as Agriculture and Forestry.

With its flooring brand HARO, Hamberger Flooring GmbH & Co. KG has become the market leader in the area of parquet in Germany and can now look back on more than 70 years of experience in parquet production. Operating alongside the flooring business unit specialising in parquet, cork and laminate floors as well as design and sports floors, Hamberger Sanitary GmbH has become not only the largest toilet seat manufacturer in Europe, but also one of the world market leaders thanks to their international sales activities.