

Next-Generation Facility Damage Prevention

Five Trends That Will Revolutionize Your Facility





Today's faster-paced and more sophisticated facilities require advanced asset and personnel protection.

The industry is evolving with automated technologies and a more highly skilled workforce. Protecting these assets requires an entirely new class of engineered damage prevention solutions. This eBook uncovers the five new trends in next-generation damage prevention and how it can better protect your people, equipment and bottom line.





SHOCK Absorbency

The damage prevention methods of the past are designed solely to protect racking and products. Steel and concrete barriers are a few examples. They dent, damage the floor, destroy your forklift and give your driver whiplash. While these solutions are better than doing nothing at all, it's not optimal for today's fast-paced, employee-centric facilities. Modern day workplaces need more advanced protection that accomplishes the following:

- Absorbs impacts, eliminating damage to products, equipment, and people
- Minimizes costs associated with injuries, product or equipment damages
- Withstands harder impacts than traditional damageprevention products



According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the average cost of <u>a recordable injury in</u> <u>the United States was \$35,000</u> in 2007.





CLEANLINESS

In today's workplaces, cleanliness should be a priority, and neglecting it can be a costly mistake. Facilities in disarray can lose the confidence of their suppliers and become a safety hazard. Many commonly used damage-prevention products like plate or surface-mounted bollards have exposed hardware that collects dirt and grime and can't be easily removed for thorough floor cleaning. A clean facility simply runs better with the following attributes:

- Easily removable products allow for simpler periodic cleaning routines
- No external hardware eliminates the potential for dirt and grime buildup
- A clean facility creates a safe environment for your employees

SELF MAINTENANCE

There is nothing worse than feeling pressure to clean, paint, and repair your facility in time for an inspection. Products that are engineered to be self-maintaining don't need to be repainted, and hidden hardware keeps the products clean at all times. Maintenance is not only time consuming but also costly. Take a look at what your annual cost is using the <u>In-house</u> <u>Maintenance Cost Calculator</u>. Spending less time maintaining your damage-prevention products will bring the following benefits to your warehouse:

■ Workplace is inspection ready at all times

■ No re-painting or welding eliminates maintenance costs

Less time spent maintaining products allows your team to stay productive and focused on what counts

Did you know?

According to <u>Warehouse Distribute Knowledge</u>, maintenance costs can reach an annual cost of \$100,000.









AESTHETICS

The look and feel of your facility counts and significantly contributes to providing a safe and enjoyable place to work. Todays facilities are workplaces where people and safety have become a high priority. The expectation to protect not only your products but your people is much higher. Below are a few examples of how aesthetics can benefit your facility:

- Damage-prevention products that are yellow create visibility and aid safety
- A product line that has the same look will make your entire facility look like one unified environment
- Workplaces that value the look and feel of their environment generally have more productive employees

EASY INSTALLATION

Workplaces change and reconfigure more frequently. Damage-prevention products of the past involve welding, core-drilling and other intrusive and more permanent methods. These solutions limit your ability to easily replace, remove or relocate. Products and layouts need to adapt to the frequently changing facility needs to streamline the process and minimize cost.

- A simple installation process allows you to rearrange your workplace at any time
- Eliminates costly and intrusive core-drilling and welding methods
- Big hits will cause damage, look for products that are easy to replace when necessary





Protecting your people, equipment and bottom line is our main priority.

We strive to make your facility a safer and more enjoyable environment. We have a dedicated team of experts who are available to talk to you about next-generation damage prevention products. If you have a problem area for damage or are interested in seeing some of our solutions, <u>request a consultation with one of our experts here</u>.

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