

BLUE BUFFALO DISTRIBUTION CENTER

PALLET RACKING

BACKGROUND

Material handling centers must be built to service the distribution needs of a company. The racking installation at the Blue Buffalo Distribution Center was needed to upgrade the facility to better allow for storing and handling inventory. Blue Buffalo Co., Ltd. produces and distributes dog and cat food. The company offers dry foods, wet foods, meat rolls, and treats for puppies, adult dogs, and senior dogs; and dry foods, wet foods, treats, and litters for kittens, adult cats, and senior cats. Heubel supplied the materials, racking, and design services.

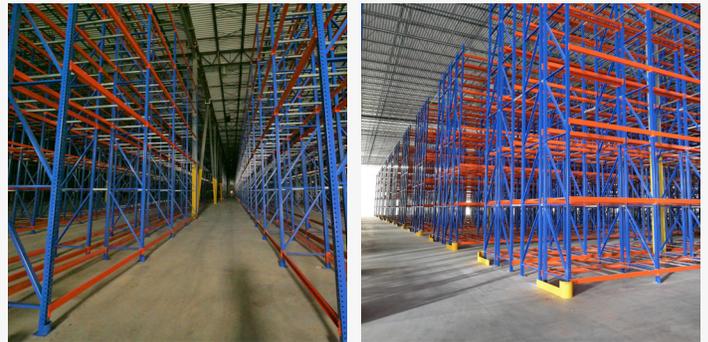
INTERRUPTED MIDSTREAM BY ENGINEERING CHANGES, THE BEAM TEAM EXPANDED SHIFTS TO ENSURE ON-TIME COMPLETION OF BLUE BUFFALO'S DISTRIBUTION CENTER.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Beam Team mobilized our team twice for this project due to some construction and permitting delays. The first mobilization was to unload, inventory, organize, and store the materials for two weeks. The second mobilization was to execute the project, which was delayed for those 2 weeks. In addition, the layout of the racking had to be changed midway through the installation, due to the addition of sway bracing in the middle of the building.

THE SOLUTION

With work crews ranging in size from 10 to 14 experienced installation contractors, Beam Team installed over 3,500 bays of selective racking in this new distribution facility. The project was three months long. Our work schedule was 10-hour shifts, 5 days per week. When the project design had to be adjusted by the client, a small team stayed over Christmas break to make the changes to keep the installation on schedule.



Working with Heubel Material Handling, The Beam Team's flexibility over the holidays compensated for engineering changes midway. The distribution center opened on time.