

Who Are We?

STORAX RACKING SUPPLIES

Storax Racking Supplies was established in May 2003 following the demise of Dexion Ltd*. Initially, our objective was simply to provide a source of Speedlock Mk3®-compatible products for the thousands of UK companies who have bought that system over nearly 50 years. Dexion Speedlock Mk3® is one of the most popular racking systems ever produced and is still the system of choice for many end users. By offering a reliable, quality-assured supply of components for spares, repairs and add-ons, Storax Racking Supplies allows users to extend the life of their Speedlock Mk3® racking.

The Storax Racking Supplies team has grown from 5 members in 2003 to 8 today. Six of us gained our knowledge from our time with Dexion Ltd*, the acknowledged founder of the storage and materials handling industry. Two of us also have first-hand experience with other mainstream UK manufacturers, which gives us a well-rounded understanding of the industry in general, not just one product range in particular.

We are thrilled with the success of the business, with many of our trade customers now buying our 'SP80' racking as their product of choice for new, greenfield installations, not only for Speedlock®-compatible applications. In fact, our new-build business will soon outstrip the orders we receive for use in legacy Speedlock® systems, as SP80's reputation as a good-quality, fairly-priced racking system in its own right continues to grow.



Business Awards, 2005

In May 2005, to celebrate our on-going success and our 2nd birthday, the whole team flew out to see the Ramada factory in Portugal where our products are made, while in August 2005 we were delighted to win an unprecedented 3 local Business Awards: Team of the Year, New Business of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year (Ken Powley). We were also judged as Runners Up in the Business of the Year category.

Visit from MP Mike Penning, June 08

In August 2007 we entered the local awards competition again, and this time we won the Business of the Year award.

We were visited in the summer of 2008 by our local MP and shadow Health Minister, Mike Penning, who came to see for himself how we had achieved our on-going success.



For more information about SP80 and its compatibility with Speedlock Mk3® see our 'Product Compatibility' page.

For more information about the members of the Storax Racking Supplies Team, see our 'Team' page.

For more information about Ramada in Portugal see the 'Ramada' page.

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STORAX RACKING SYSTEMS

Storax Racking Systems Ltd, based in Bromsgrove in the Midlands, are Storax Racking Supplies' "big brother". They specialise in designing and installing turn-key systems for clients across the world, especially those who need to maximise their storage capacity - for example in cold stores where space is expensive - or for applications requiring rapid bulk handling of goods, or for systems that need to be integrated with computerised warehouse management systems – or a combination of all of these factors.

Storax Racking Systems can provide a full range of dynamic and high-density storage products, from inception and design through to completion, and offer a comprehensive after-sales service to keep sites fully operational throughout the life of their products.

For more information about Storax Racking Systems Ltd, their distributors and a selection of case studies detailing the solutions they have provided for their customers worldwide, visit their website at:

www.storaxsystems.com



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F Ramada was founded in Ovar in northern Portugal in 1935 by Francisco Ramada, initially to manufacture saws and tools. The business was highly successful and progressively developed into other areas of engineering activity. Twenty three years after being founded, Ramada came to the notice of Dexion Ltd* in 1958, who approached the company with a view to them becoming a licenced manufacturer of what was at that time Dexion's unique Slotted Angle adjustable shelving system.

From 1958 onwards Dexion Ltd* supplied Ramada with the technical data, expertise and machinery needed to enable the company to expand their product offering under licence in line with Dexion's continuing storage innovations, including the introduction of Speedlock Mk3[®] pallet racking and Impex[®] bolt-free shelving in the 1970's.

When Dexion Ltd* took the decision to allow the licences to lapse in the 1990's, Ramada – by now experts in industrial storage systems in their own right - continued to manufacture the Speedlock[®] racking system, re-branded as 'SP80' but still fully compatible with original Speedlock Mk3[®], its 'parent' product

Ramada still also manufacture Slotted Angle, Open Steel Plank and Impex[®] shelving (branded in the UK as IM50) to the same specification as the original Dexion products. In addition, Ramada have subsequently developed a range of other products to their own specification, including drive-in, pushback, cantilever and dynamic racking systems, longspan and economy shelving and special high-density racking ranges which are especially well-suited for cold stores, or any application where space optimisation is important.

Robotic welding line



Product testing rig



With in-house metallurgical testing facilities, degree-qualified engineering professionals and rigorous quality control methodologies, F Ramada have gone from strength to strength during the last decade, strategically acquiring

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cold storage specialists in the UK (Storax Racking Systems Ltd) and in France, and creating a new division from scratch in Belgium.

In 2003 when Dexion Ltd* ceased trading, Ramada backed the creation of a new trading division of Storax Racking Systems Ltd, initially to supply SP80 racking to the UK racking trade for use in legacy Speedlock® installations – and this was the birth of Storax Racking Supplies.

Today F Ramada is the largest manufacturer of warehouse storage solutions in Portugal. They chair the National Technical Committee of FEM and participate in defining and formulating the rules and good practices of the ERF (European Racking Federation).

They are also the world leaders in high-density cold store solutions, exporting to countries across every continent.



Upright rolling line



For more information on F Ramada, visit their (Portuguese) website:

www.ramada.pt

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