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# Sustainable intralogistics: Kitchen manufacturer ALNO shows how it's done

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If you bought a new kitchen in the last few years you will remember the wealth of possibilities: colours, materials, fronts and handles - designing a kitchen has become a highly individualised process. Following this trend, German kitchen manufacturer ALNO designs kitchens that match the requirements of every client, room situation and budget. Clearly, it is all about logistics for the kitchen industry.



Employing the right load carrier is a key ingredient for smooth logistic processes. The German kitchen manufacturer ALNO made a head start in realising this nearly two decades ago in 1995. Following thorough testing of different plastic and wooden pallet types the decision was made to switch the intralogistics to Craemer plastic pallets.

"The aim was to think and act long-term and we wanted this to also be reflected in our purchase decision", explains Michael Podstufka, Manager of Technical Services at ALNO the decision for plastic pallets. Before switching to plastic, the intralogistics processes were operated with wooden pallets but due to the daily heavy loads the lifespan of most wooden pallets did not exceed six months. With more than 17.000 pallets in use this was too short for Podstufka who saw huge potential for economic and ecological improvements. "The introduction of a durable, dimensionally stable plastic pallet eliminated disturbances we experienced in our automated intralogistics. The supply of pallets has been running smoothly ever since and we were able to implement additional pallet magazines". There were also significant changes for ALNO's employees as Craemer plastic pallets offer easier handling and allow for safe and flawless processes on the work floor.

## Proving their worth in everyday handling

With a view to sustainability switching to plastic pallets was a sensible and forward-thinking step. Craemer offers its customers the option of returning old pallets after their useful life. These plastic pallets are shredded and the material reused for the production of new recycled" pallets such as the D1 ECO. The customer receives compensation for the material and the manufacturer retrieves the raw material - a Win-Win-Situation. It was this resource-saving cycle that convinced ALNO. "First-class quality was our key criterion to prevent pallet load damages. Weight, dimensional stability, fire load and an increased work safety were also important factors to us. Craemer was able to meet all criteria and in addition prove that it is a forward-thinking company with an ambition towards sustainability", explains Podstufka and adds: "These are values we shared in 1995 and to this day." Despite the tough daily routine at Wellmann, just 1.500 of the 17.000 pallets had to be returned to Craemer during the past two decades. A convincing result and strong argument for plastic pallets: "We produce 350 kitchens each day and our pallets are in continuous use. Such a low failure rate over this period of time means load carriers we can count on."

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