

General Warehousing Market Industry Jargon

Within any market there are industry 'buzz' words , jargon or abbreviations which are peculiar to that particular industry. Here are the most common examples in the warehouse industry:-

R D C Regional Distributor Centre	Composite Store Warehouse with different chambers for ambient - chilled & cold storage - food requirements.
Cross Docking	Goods delivered to Distribution Centre but not put into storage. Product is re-configured for customers use & despatched. Usually fast moving lines.
Fast Move Line	Normally 20% of the product stored will represent 80% of store throughput.
Slow Move Line	Opposite of above – 80% of stock representing 20% of store throughput.
S K U	Stock Keeping Unit – ie. pallet, tote box etc.
Buffer Stock	Stock pallets that are put in an upper position in reserve for when a picking position needs replenishment.
Fluid Buffer Stock	Product is located at random in upper positions to maximise storage capacity but is stored as near to the pick face as possible.
Fixed Picking Position	The same product is always stored in the same position.
W M S	Warehouse Management System – computer controlled location & retrieval system to maximise capacity of warehouse & control stock levels.