



SSI Schaefer still top dog

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Modern Materials Handling Magazine (MMH) has once again named SSI Schaefer number one materials handling supplier in the world.

SSI Schaefer retains the top ranked position for the fifth consecutive year.

With US\$2.19 billion in revenue, the company's acquisition and integration of leading European systems supplier Salomon Automation during the year was a significant contributing factor for its selection.

Modern's 14th-annual survey of leading materials handling systems suppliers from around the world also shows that business in general is headed in a positive direction and revenue is growing again.

To qualify for Modern's list, companies must be suppliers of materials handling systems, not just equipment providers.

In addition to manufacturing at least two major handling system components, a company must also employ full-time staff that designs, installs and integrates materials handling systems.

These systems include at least two of the following: transportation devices, storage and staging equipment, picking units, sortation systems, information management systems, data capture technologies and other types of handling equipment.

Companies must have a presence in North America to be considered worldwide suppliers. They must also be able to report their materials handling revenues to MMH.