

**HYTROL**

# System Profile

SIC 5699

**S** & S Activewear is a distributor of blank apparel (T-shirts, sweat-shirts, polos, etc.) for the imprinted sportswear market. Their customers are screen printers, embroideries, and ad speciality firms who embellish the product with logos, designs, lettering, etc. and distribute it to the end user. This is a very competitive business, dealing with high volume, low margin products. Quantities are received in large truckloads, stored, then picked and shipped in small truckloads. The average order size is from 2-3 boxes.

Before the installation of the Hytrol system, all material handling was done manually with minimal automation. Items were sorted by hand and moved to shipping by approximately 20 ft. of gravity conveyor.

*Customer: S&S Activewear  
Bolingbrook, Illinois*

*System Integrator: Conveyor Solutions, Inc.  
Schaumburg, Illinois*

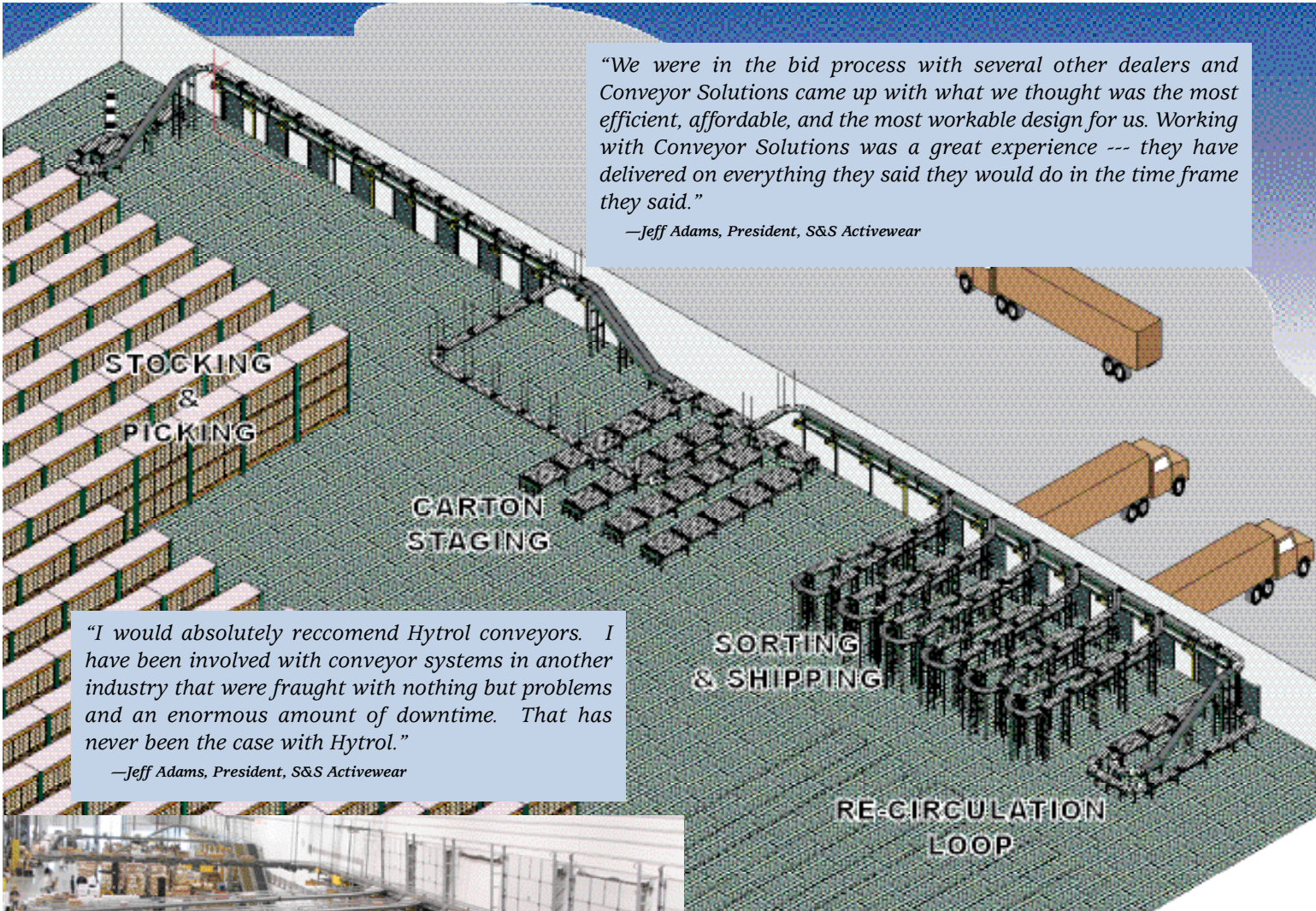
*Conveyors: Hytrol Conveyor Co., Inc.  
Jonesboro, Arkansas*

## Apparel Distributor automates with Hytrol

S&S contacted Conveyor Solutions, explained their situation, and asked for help. The Conveyor Solutions team first escorted representatives of S&S around to see other Hytrol systems in use. S&S liked the way Hytrol displayed from a stability, presentation, and operating standpoint. Wheels were set in motion and a Hytrol conveyor system, customized for their operation, was soon installed at the S&S facility.

The installation went very well and soon, S&S was reaping the benefits of the Hytrol system. The new system has allowed the firm to simplify the training of their employees. Workers now need only to pick the items and place them on the conveyor. The conveyor takes it from there and sends boxes to the proper shipping area. With this method in place, shipment errors have all been eliminated.





"We were in the bid process with several other dealers and Conveyor Solutions came up with what we thought was the most efficient, affordable, and the most workable design for us. Working with Conveyor Solutions was a great experience --- they have delivered on everything they said they would do in the time frame they said."

—Jeff Adams, President, S&S Activewear

STOCKING  
&  
PICKING

CARTON  
STAGING

SORTING  
& SHIPPING

RE-CIRCULATION  
LOOP

"I would absolutely recommend Hytrol conveyors. I have been involved with conveyor systems in another industry that were fraught with nothing but problems and an enormous amount of downtime. That has never been the case with Hytrol."

—Jeff Adams, President, S&S Activewear

"The day the conveyor system was turned on, we saved 2-1/2 hours that day."

—Jim Shannon, CFO, S&S Activewear



#### System Hy-lites:

- Facility Size: 450,000 sq. ft.
- Employees: Approx. 250
- Product Handled: Clothing and apparel
- Types of conveyors: Slider bed & roller bed, roller bed incline, zero-pressure accumulating, high-speed sortation, skatewheel gravity, gravity extendible



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