

CASE STUDY



AC GEORGIADES, UK



CAJAN RITE-HITE HAS SUPPLIED AC GEORGIADES WITH A RANGE OF INGENUOUS LOADING BAY SAFETY SOLUTIONS

The busy soft drinks distributor invested in a Telescopic Lip Dock Leveller, Dok-Guardian and Global WheelLok for its new warehouse in Morpeth, Northumberland. AC Georgiades expanded to handle increasing customer demands and its new loading bay is the epitome of safety.

Mark Clark, Assistant Manager at AC Georgiades, was positive; »Loading bays are highly dangerous and we wanted to ensure employee safety in our new warehouse. We approached a number of suppliers and Caljan Rite-Hite's quote was by far the most competitive.«

The Caljan Rite-Hite Solution

At a loading bay, dock levellers bridge the gap between the trailer and the dock. A dock leveller has a front lip and a rear hinge, to allow the leveller to bridge the gap between the dock and the trailer bed. Busy AC Georgiades has four forklift trucks operating in its new warehouse, so safety is a top priority. It opted for Caljan Rite-Hite's Model 9000 Telescopic Lip Leveller. The 9000 features a 500mm telescopic lip that extends onto the trailer bed, providing a smooth dock to trailer transition. Hydraulically driven, the 9000 incorporates a safety mechanism that prevents platform freefall in an emergency (e.g. unplanned vehicle departure).

AC Georgiades has over 20 employees and, aware of the dangers presented by empty loading bays, bought Caljan Rite-Hite's Dok Guardian. This unique product comprises two 1.2m tall, heavy-duty steel pillars (Warden Guards), connected by a PVC-coated, fibreglass mesh curtain. The curtain acts as a barrier, preventing personnel and forklifts falling off empty loading bays. When the dock is in use, the curtain neatly withdraws into one of the Warden Guards. The Dok Guardian withstands impact from a 5,000kg fork truck travelling at up to four miles an hour. The Warden Guards and curtain of the Dok Guardian are brightly coloured and highly visible, so AC Georgiades can be confident that its employees are not in danger from open loading bays.

Trailer creep and unauthorised trailer departure are common problems in warehouses. AC Georgiades' new loading bay is equipped with Caljan Rite-Hite's vehicle restraint system, the Global WheelLok. As a vehicle reverses into the dock, wheel guides ensure accurate centre positioning. As soon as the trailer's rear tyre crosses the locking arm, a barrier rises and follows the tyre until the trailer stops against the dock bumpers. Inside, a dockworker secures the trailer by activating the GWL's locking mechanism. When loading or unloading is complete, the system is deactivated and the vehicle can move away from the dock. The GWL provides a high level of protection against vehicle related accidents and is an essential safety system at AC Georgiades' new loading bay.



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Mark Clark, Assistant Manager

»Thanks to Caljan Rite-Hite, AC Georgiades now have one of the safest loading bays in the United Kingdom. I feel we have received excellent value for money and I have had very positive feedback from drivers and dock personnel. The service we received was exemplary, and the installation swift and seamless.«

AC Georgiades, UK

Established over ten years ago, AC Georgiades is a family business and run by Steve Georgiades. It is one of the UK's most successful soft drinks distributors, turning over approximately £24m last year. AC Georgiades supplies big-name companies such as Hancocks Cash & Carry and Costco, and delivers over 1000 full pallets every week to its customers.



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