

User report

An investment which is worth it!

Unilever Deutschland relies on the good price-performance ratio of Efaflex high-speed doors.

Not only highly automated production technology plays an important role for fitting out modern meat processing enterprises. Having a logistics system which works properly is not less important. Reliable doors and door systems are therefore an indispensable part of transport routes, also in the meat processing industry.

The planners of the Schafft plant in Ansbach, which belongs to Unilever Deutschland, have recognised this trend already years ago. High-speed doors of Efaflex guarantee the unhampered transport of raw materials and goods. As part of Unilever Deutschland, Schafft, which was founded in 1868, produces meat and sausage products for brands like BiFi and Becel with its 700 employees. In order to permanently guarantee the high level of quality, the company also makes high demands on its partners. This requires a careful selection of suppliers of meat and spices as well as a constant assessment of all partners involved in the production process. "This of course also applies to the production equipment", explains Mathias Beck. In the plant in Ansbach, he is responsible for the automation and the purchase of plants and machines. For many years, older, hand-operated doors had been installed in many places in the works. "We have compared all the offers and have finally decided for the doors of Efaflex", Beck continues. "With Efaflex, everything was just perfect: the offered product range, quality, service and the price." The test run, which was carried out with two doors, convinced the persons responsible. "It is important for us that the doors open as quickly as possible, particularly in zones with forklift traffic. This was guaranteed by the doors of Efaflex."

Meanwhile, 20 doors of the specialist from Bruckberg have been installed at different locations in the Schafft plant. As far as their design and their features are concerned, they have all been adjusted to the respective requirements. “Efaflex offers well insulated doors, from doors for cold storage rooms to easy clean doors. The “washing-bay” is located behind one of the EFA-SRT-EC. The trolleys which are made of stainless steel and which transport the meat raw material are cleaned there. The door has a size of 1,950 x 2,600 mm. The curtain is made of yellow Transilon (PVC-coated polyester material). The EFA-SRT-EC has specially been developed for wet applications or for situations in which the door has to be cleaned regularly. The frame covers can be folded away so that the door can easily be cleaned inside by means of a steam jet. The cover of the winding shaft can also be lifted for cleaning. In addition, it is slanted so that liquids can run off completely. The frames above the bottom plate have openings so that humidity cannot accumulate anywhere. Covers and frames are made of stainless steel, as well as the switch cabinet. Efaflex has integrated a radar detector into this door as safety device and activator. The door closing line is additionally safeguarded by means of a light barrier.

For two locations in the Schafft plant, the persons responsible decided for EFA-SRT-EL. It is not only suitable for pedestrian and forklift truck traffic but can also be installed in connection with automatic transport systems or simply with roller conveyors. An integrated control interface additionally facilitates the integration in conveying systems which are provided by the customer, for example. The EL Series is especially manufactured for indoor use. Since its entire design was consciously kept very simple, Efaflex was able to offer a very economical door system to the planners. With a high utility value, investment cost could be kept at a low level, which was quite pleasant for us.

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