



## Vision Picking: An Important Step in Digitizing Order Picking Processes

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### INITIAL **SITUATION**

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In the course of changing energy markets, customer requirements also change. This includes,

- a shortening of delivery times from the warehouse to the customer, which requires a continuous digital process (paperless warehouse)
- automated provision of information in digital form, e.g. photos of spare parts for import customs authorities

### BUSINESS **CHALLENGE**

For documentation purposes both for customers and import customs authorities, spare parts are photographed during the picking process. Previously, the photos had to be assigned to the corresponding order manually, which meant that the process was slowed down. Barcodes are furthermore scanned with an external hand scanner. By constantly picking up and putting away the scanner, the process is additionally delayed.

The innovation pilot project aimed to digitize the picking process. Through the visualization of the shelves and spare parts, an extra increase in efficiency was to be achieved.

## UBIMAX SOLUTION

The xPick solution from Ubimax projects all context-relevant information of the picking order directly into the employee's field of vision using smart glasses. Siemens used the Vuzix M300 in combination with the Hyco W26 scanner, a wireless ring scanner.

The intuitive user interface graphically depicted the shelf structures allowing employees to easily see where each part was to be picked. The particularly handy ring scanners replaced the bulky predecessors, which simplified and accelerated the workflow for order pickers.

The documentation of the individual products was easily integrated into the process and carried out via smart glasses: The photos were automatically assigned to the corresponding order, eliminating the additional step of the subsequent assignment.



Image source: Siemens AG

## CONVINCING BENEFITS

The entire process could be accelerated by automating the documentation process by taking photos with smart glasses. There was no need for additional manual photographing. By replacing the bulky scanners and leaving both hands free for the actual task, the picking process was ergonomically improved.

In addition, the correct items could be found and assigned more quickly because the storage locations were visualized with the help of smart glasses. This also made it easier to train new employees. The existing voice control enabled a smoother overall process.



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Documentation



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Thanks to free hands

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