

# Checklist

## The perfect docking solution

### Have you thought of every detail and how the different parts work together?

Entrances and doors are an important part of your business, but there are many parameters to take into consideration when you choose a solution for your facility. We know from experience that there are no off-the-shelf solutions and urge you to think about these things before you make your investment.

## OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

### Climate

- The weather is often freezing
- The weather is often hot and humid
- There are often storms and bad weather

### Flow of traffic

- The traffic flow is always busy
- There are peak hours with lots of traffic
- Only operational during the day
- Flow of traffic is smooth

### Different types of goods

- Dry goods
- Cold goods
- Very valuable goods
- Other goods

### Docking procedures

- Can accommodate vehicles with different heights
- Many manual procedures are required to safely dock vehicles
- The same procedure tends to fail and cause delays
- Our system is fully integrated for safety without risk of "human errors"
- Our automatic solutions guide the drivers when backing up to the dock

### Space

- There is a shortage of space within the facility
- I am planning for an expansion in the future

### Other things to consider

- The main entrance to the building is welcoming and looks professional
- My staff moves smoothly from one room to another
- I have older doors that could use an upgrade

Now check the boxes that you have ticked. Can you see areas where you need to improve? Did you discover things that you have never given much consideration?

The core idea with automatic entrance solutions is to increase operational efficiency. There are many ways to achieve high efficiency and the solutions can usually be integrated with your old system. When looking into improving the flow of traffic, it is beneficial to see the whole procedure of docking, loading and unloading as one flow. Then you can find – and fix – the parts that consistently fail and cause delays.

## SAFETY & SECURITY

### Safety for staff

- The high traffic areas are safe for staff – there are no risk areas where they could get hurt
- Vehicles have to be properly parked and docked before the dock doors to the building open
- We know what to do if the manual procedure fails
- Workers on the floor are able see the whole area properly
- Staff can work without a draft
- I feel safe when walking around in the storage area

### Safety for vehicles and doors

- I have equipment that prevents collisions with doorways
- The vehicles cannot be accidentally damaged by the doors

### Security for stored goods

- I have to protect valuable goods from being stolen
- I know who is passing in and out of the building
- My storage area is secure at night

Now go back and see which boxes you ticked. Are there situations and procedures that could be potentially dangerous to your staff or harmful to your goods?

Apart from rules and regulations, it is in everyone's interest to run a safe and secure workplace. Naturally you are interested in improving operational efficiency, but with efficient systems it is possible to simultaneously increase safety. When the way of docking, loading and unloading always follows a reliable set of procedures, it benefits both efficiency and safety.

## SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY SAVINGS

### My company's approach to sustainability

- My company is "green" and works actively with sustainability issues
- I would like my company to be "greener"

### Energy consumption

- My energy bills are quite high
- The doors are left open even when there is no vehicle docked
- The dock doors are unsealed
- The goods I store require a lot of energy for cooling

### Maintaining my docking solution

- I have an automatic docking solution and it is modern and up-to-date
- I have an automatic docking solution and it is regularly maintained
- I have an automatic docking solution and have a plan in case of power failure

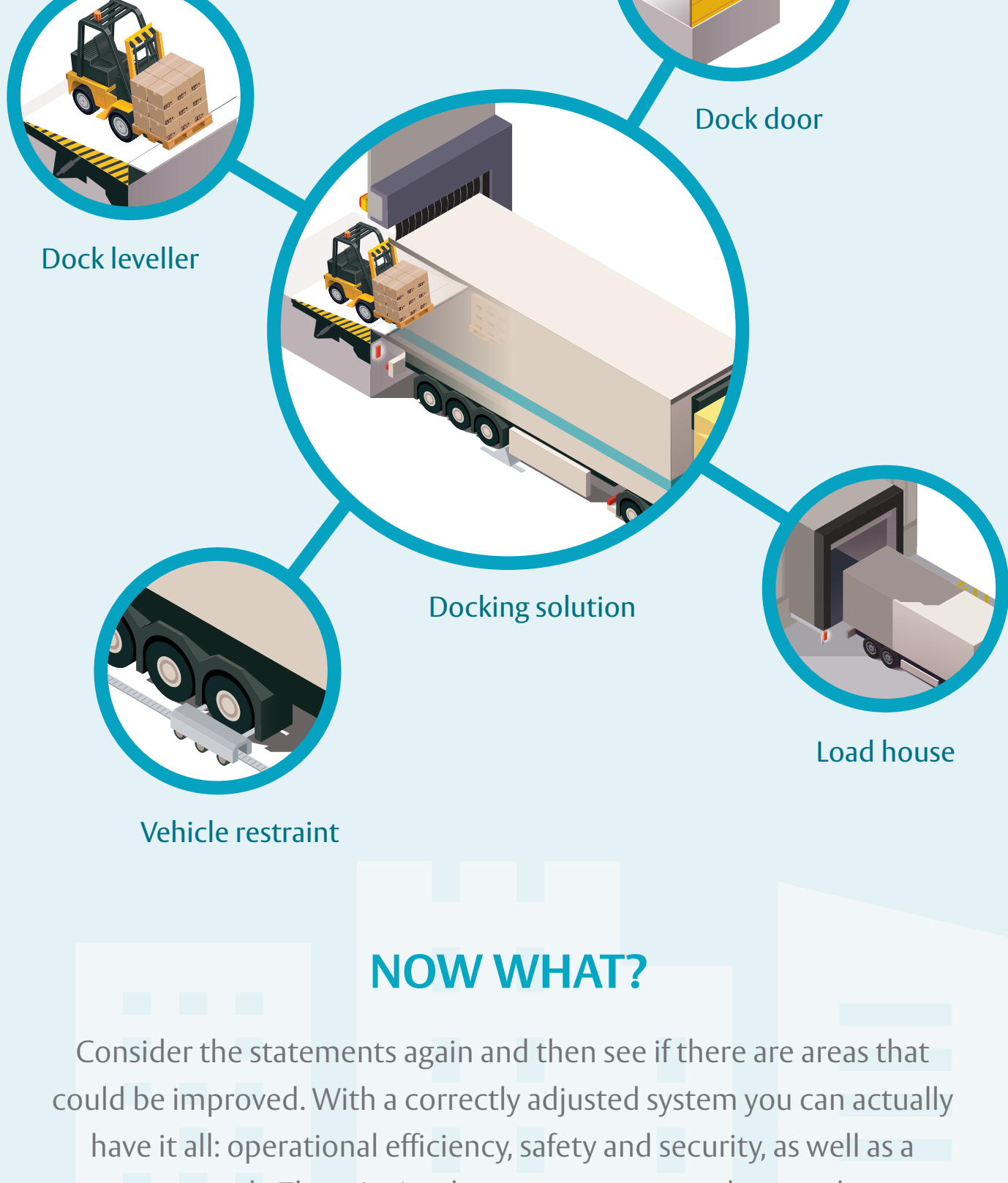
After ticking the boxes, what is your overall feeling about your company's sustainability work? Are you heading in the right direction, or are there many things that need to be fixed in order to comply with today's (and future) regulations?

Energy prices are expected to continue to rise while companies around the world are facing ever more stringent targets with the aim to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The good news is that an investment in efficient docking solutions does not only help save the environment, but can bring substantial cost savings as well.

## HOW TO MOVE ON FROM HERE

When looking into your docking process, it is also important to see the bigger picture, i.e. how the different solutions can work together as one system. So do an inventory of your docking solutions and check what kind of solutions might solve your problem. In the image you can see a number of products that can make your operations run smoother, more efficiently and safer, especially if put together as one system.

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### NOW WHAT?

Consider the statements again and then see if there are areas that could be improved. With a correctly adjusted system you can actually have it all: operational efficiency, safety and security, as well as a green approach. There is simply every reason to make sure that your building has an optimized process for docking, loading and unloading.