

Quick Tip

Production Carts

Carts can be important tools in a production environment. They allow larger quantities of work to be moved around more efficiently and with less effort. They can also be designed in many shapes and have many uses.

There should be a purpose assigned to each cart, and they should be clearly labeled or tagged. One facility uses scrap foamboard strips that stand high for clear visibility and allows signage to be changed quickly. Carts create more efficiency as they allow people to complete a large amount of work at one time without interruption.

If the volume of work is great, the next level is to use conveyors. For many companies, though, carts are much easier and require less financial investment. They can be used to pull all matboard required for orders so you do not have to go back and forth. Carts can also be used to consolidate all the elements of a frame order—joined frame, mat, and art—for assembly. Carts can be used to transport completed projects with minimal handling, such as store deliveries on trucks or moving framing supplies to various areas in a framing facility. The idea is to minimize the movement of employees and reduce the amount of handling.

Make sure there is a specific reason for a cart. They do take up space, and having too many can clog the production flow if not monitored. To help with this, make sure carts are labeled clearly and employees understand the processes involved in using each cart. If used properly, carts can increase productivity by reducing the amount that employees walk around, and they can keep areas clean and organized.

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www.chashow.org
www.highpointmarket.org

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www.autumnfair.com

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www.fair-europe.de

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