

# Which Steel Shelving Type is Right for Your Business?



There are many types of shelving that can meet a business's needs, but [steel storage shelving](#) is among the most commonly-used. This is because the material is affordable compared to alternative materials, yet it remains one of the most robust and durable materials you can choose for your shelving needs.

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You can purchase brand new heavy duty metal shelving, or save money by purchasing it second-hand as it's durable enough to be used by many customers. After many years, it'll still have the strength to help you store your business goods with collapsing or bending.

Steel shelving is most commonly used among businesses that need to store small products in a warehouse. This is where the versatility of steel shelving comes into its own. Usually, it can be organized as floor units or a high rise system. There are few other types of heavy duty industrial shelving as adjustable as this.

Below, we review the main types of steel shelving available, and the decisions you'll need to make to ensure you get the best option for you.

## **Clips vs Nuts And Bolts**

The two main ways that steel shelving is held together is via clips or nuts and bolts. The nut-and-bolt style is more outdated and therefore cheaper. Some buyers prefer this because they regard it as more sturdy, although you lose some versatility as you'll need to use tools to adjust your shelves.

You can adjust the clip style far easier, and many shelving systems come with top-of-the-range compression clips that you can rely on.

## **Open Shelving vs Closed Shelving**

Closed shelving is surrounded by heavy-duty panels on all sides to provide extra security and safety. They help to divide multiple shelving panels better, making organization of your items far easier.

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If you're storing items that needs to be kept away from other inventory, this could be your best option. Closed shelving is often used with chemicals for this reason.

Open shelving includes no enclosures between shelves or on the outside of the structure. This is considered a better option for items where quick and frequent access is needed.

The right choice of heavy duty industrial shelving for you is dependent on your business's needs. It's highly likely you'll benefit from installing different shelving systems in different warehouses for different items. Get in contact with the team at WPSS today for advice or information about any of our shelving products.

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If you prefer pallet shelves rather than plastic, purchase those manufactured for heavy-duty purposes. Pallet racks work great for platform transfers and are designed with slotted angles that are reinforced by critical points to ensure there is no ineffective weight distribution throughout the entire system. Accessibility is easier, and visibility is improved. As a result, your employees will have a much easier time performing their duties while overall operations are faster and smoother.

Heavy-duty shelves are also versatile. The right shelving solution increases the use of forklifts and can be used for various activities that are critical to your business's success. If you are interested in industrial shelving, please contact us at Western Pacific Storage Solutions (wpss.com). You can visit our website to view all of our shelving solutions.

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