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Principles and Practice

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Preface

There is a proliferation of books and printed materials in the technical world today. Much of what is written is of great value and contributes to the advance of our technological society. Many works, however, are so abstruse in their composition that they have appeal or value only to small, select, and elitist groups. This work, however, transcends this limited milieu; it has a broad scope that cuts across the many lines of physical distribution to present the theoretical aspects of the subject in a way that is of basic value to every practitioner of the arts of materials handling and management.

The author's background in the subject field is as broad as the scope of this text. He has been able to draw upon his experiences as an industrial engineer and as a director of the Packaging Division with the Federal Supply Service; as a marketing research manager with Towmotor, forklift truck maker, a subsidiary of Caterpillar Tractor Company; and, as a materials handling manager and manager of physical distribution for the Caterpillar Tractor Company in its world headquarters. Mr. Allegri has conducted seminars in materials handling and materials management and has been a speaker at many of the national conferences of the Materials Handling Institute.

This book is recommended to its readers as a means for advancing understanding of the state of the art of physical distribution and as a means for enhancing the productivity and cost-effectiveness of the materials handling and materials management of their organizations.

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