

The UK and Europe's
Trusted Partner
in **Self-Storage**

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**UNITED STORAGE
SYSTEMS**

About Us

OVER 45 YEARS OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE

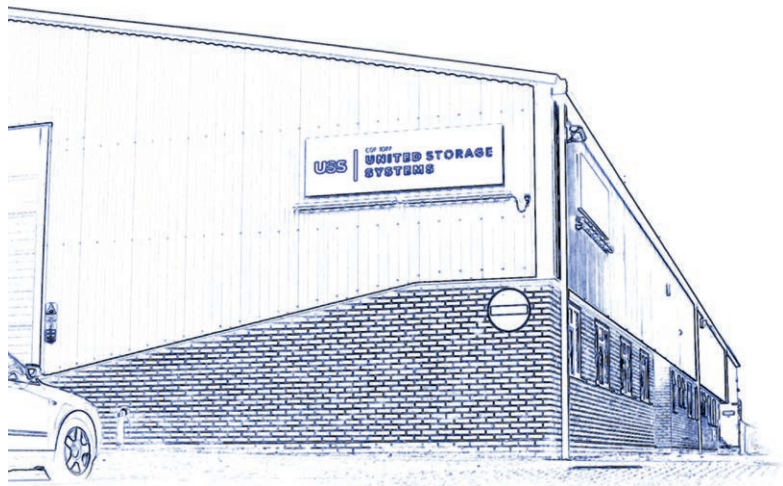
S&L United Storage Systems (USS) was founded by Vik Smith on 7 July 1977, a milestone we proudly mark each year as our company anniversary. From our beginnings as a small racking supplier, we have evolved into a trusted family-owned business with more than four decades of expertise. Today, our team of over 50 delivers tailored mezzanine floors, staircases, racking and shelving systems, and complete self-storage fit-outs for clients throughout the UK and Europe.

OUR PEOPLE

From a humble three-person beginning, we've grown into a team of more than 50 dedicated employees who share a passion for outstanding customer service, quality, and trust. We believe our people are what truly set us apart.

OUR SPACE

We are one of the few UK storage system specialists with our own manufacturing facility. Based in Haverhill, Suffolk, our 30,000 sq ft site allows us to maintain full control over quality, ensure faster turnaround times, and provide greater customisation, delivering stronger value and a superior finished product for every client.



Images opposite: Mezzanine Floor, Shurgard Self-Storage, Attic Self-Storage



Why customers choose USS



END-TO-END EXPERTISE

From consultation and design to manufacture and installation, everything is managed in-house for full control and consistency.



TAILORED SOLUTIONS

Every project is custom-designed to suit your space, budget, and goals, ensuring maximum efficiency and return on investment.



TRUSTED EXPERIENCE

Four decades of proven results across the UK self-storage industry.



PERSONAL SERVICE

Big or small, every customer receives the same level of care, communication, and attention to detail.



FAST TURNAROUND

Our dedicated 30,000 sq ft manufacturing facility ensures short lead times and exceptional quality control.



ONGOING SUPPORT

We're here long after installation with aftercare, maintenance, and advice to keep your facility performing at its best.

We don't just build storage systems, we build long-term partnerships.



Our Values

At USS, our values are more than words, they define how we work, how we treat our customers, and how we deliver every project. They're the reason clients trust us to get it right, time and time again.



1. QUALITY WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Every detail matters. We take pride in delivering durable, high-quality systems that stand the test of time.



2. INTEGRITY & TRUST

We do business the right way – with honesty, transparency, and respect.



3. EQUAL COMMITMENT, BIG OR SMALL

Whether you're fitting out a single site or a national portfolio, every customer gets the same exceptional service and attention to detail.



4. INNOVATION & IMPROVEMENT

We continuously refine our designs, processes, and products to deliver smarter, more efficient solutions.



5. PEOPLE FIRST

Our team is our strength – their experience, skill, and passion are what set us apart.

Our values guide every decision, every project, and every partnership.

WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY

USS has been a trusted partner, and we're proud to continue working together.

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Services

We offer a comprehensive set of services for all your requirements.



CONSULTATION

Every successful project begins with understanding your space and your goals. That's why we offer a free site survey and consultation, giving you expert advice and clear insight from the very start.



DESIGN

Our talented self-storage designers know how to maximise your net lettable area without compromising aisle space, access, or usability. With decades of experience, we understand what works, and what delivers results. Whether you're developing a new facility or enhancing an existing one, we'll help you design a layout that makes the best possible use of your space while ensuring a strong return on investment.



INSTALLATION

Our experienced installation team ensures every project is completed safely, efficiently, and to the highest standard. Each installation is overseen by a dedicated on-site Project Manager, who maintains open communication throughout, keeping you informed and your project running smoothly from start to finish.



MANUFACTURE

By manufacturing in-house, we deliver superior quality, faster lead times, and a solution tailored perfectly to your needs.



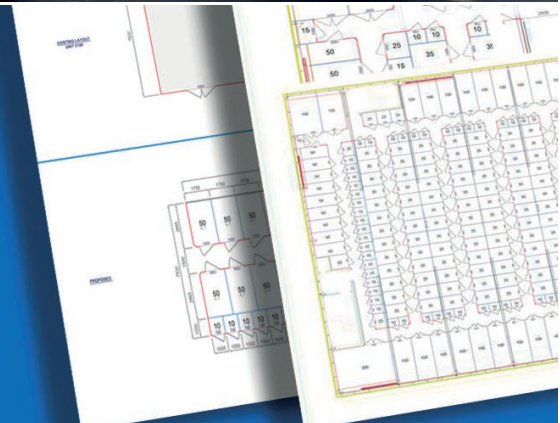
SUPPLY ONLY

For clients who prefer to manage their own installation, we offer a flexible supply-only service. You'll receive the same high-quality, UK-manufactured components produced to meet your expectations.



AFTERCARE

Our commitment to you doesn't end once your system is installed. We offer dedicated aftercare support to ensure your storage solution continues to perform at its best for years to come.



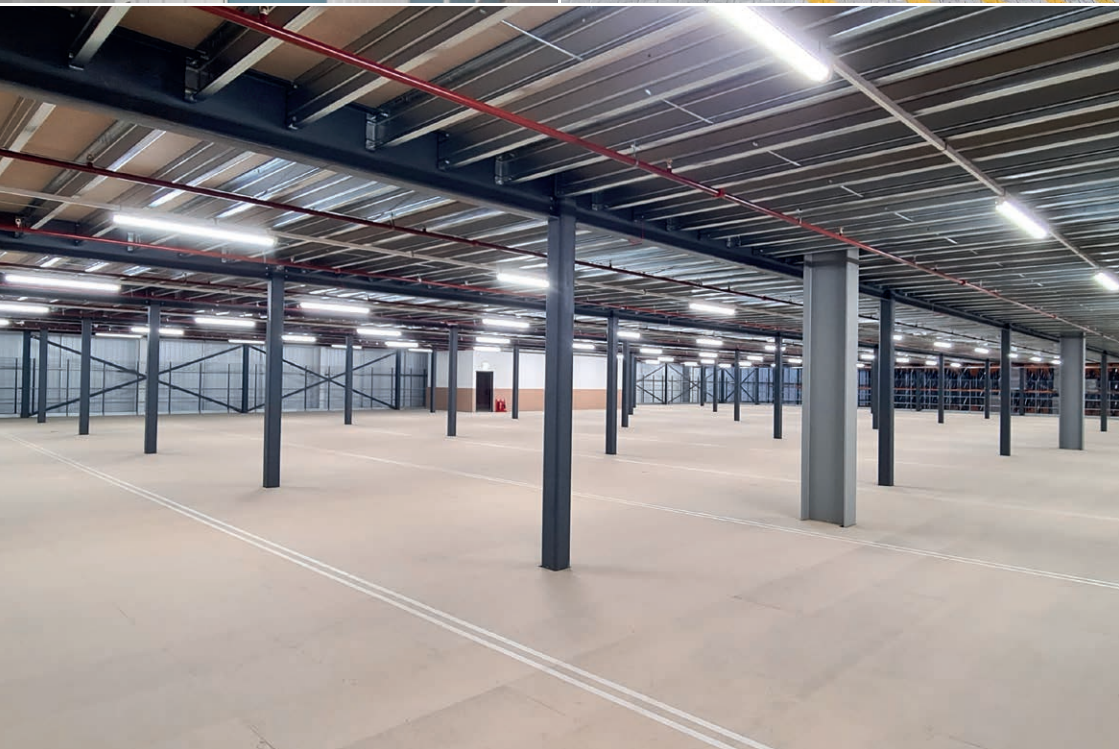
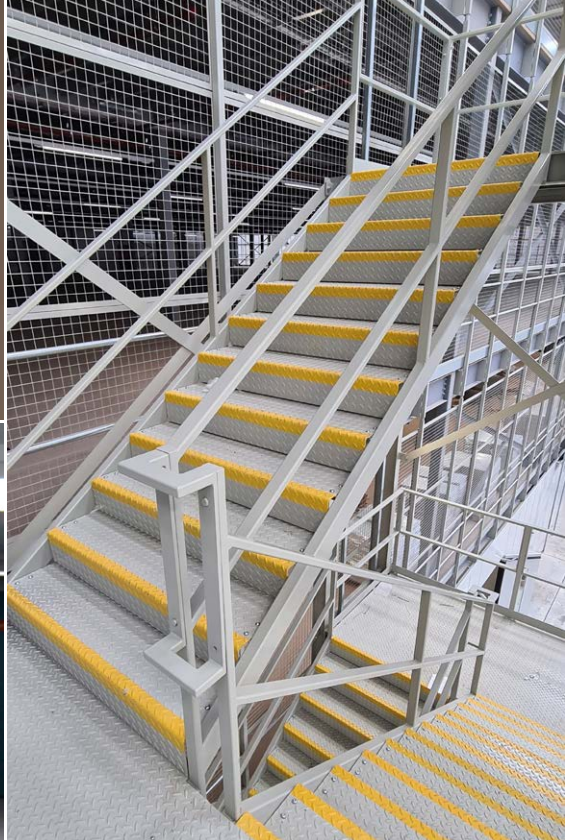
Products

PARTITION SYSTEMS

Durable, low-maintenance, and built to last, our Uniscreen self-storage partitions are manufactured from high-quality Aluzinc steel. The system is expertly engineered to maximise every square foot of space while creating a modern, attractive environment that leaves a lasting impression on your customers.

- Constructed from Aluzinc steel for superior strength.
- High-gloss white finish for a clean, professional appearance.
- Compatible with a range of door styles, trims, and accessories.





MEZZANINE FLOORS

Whether you need a single-tier or multi-tier design, we create fully bespoke structures that make the best use of your available height, increasing unit numbers and boosting revenue without expanding your building footprint.

Each floor is tailored to your building layout and storage configuration, ensuring seamless integration with your partition system, staircases, and fire protection requirements. Designed, manufactured, and installed by our in-house team, our mezzanines combine strength, compliance, and long-term reliability, all while delivering excellent return on investment.

- Custom-designed to suit your building and unit layout.
- Engineered to meet self-storage fire and safety standards.
- Fully compatible with stairs, handrails, and partition system.

STAIRCASES

Our staircases are designed to complement our mezzanine floors and self-storage layouts, providing safe, durable, and easy access between levels. Built to meet all relevant building and fire safety regulations, they combine strength and stability with a clean, professional appearance that enhances your facility's overall look.

- Compliant with building, fire, and access regulations.
- Can be painted to suit your chosen colour scheme.
- Access and fire escape staircases available.

DOORS

Our doors are designed for strength and security, perfectly complementing our Uniscreen partition system. Available in both roller and swing styles, each door is built for daily use in busy self-storage environments while maintaining a clean, professional appearance. A wide range of finishes and colours ensures every installation reflects your brand identity.

- Ensure maximum security with a wide range of latches and lock options.
- Minimal maintenance.
- Choice of polyester or Plastisol coatings.

LATCHES AND LOCKS

Our latches and locks are designed to provide complete peace of mind, safeguarding your customers' valuable belongings and protecting your investment. We offer a comprehensive range of self-storage security options, from simple yet robust manual locks to advanced automated latch systems, ensuring the perfect solution for every facility and budget.

- Designed to integrate seamlessly with the Uniscreen system.
- Extensive product warranty.
- Maximum security and protection.

KICK PLATE

Our kick plates are designed to protect your hallway system from everyday knocks and scrapes caused by trolleys and general traffic, helping to keep your facility looking smart and professional. Manufactured from chequer plate aluminium in standard heights of 300mm and 1250mm, they combine durability with a clean, high-quality finish that enhances the overall appearance of your corridors.

- Attractive, durable finish enhances facility appearance.
- Protects hallway systems from trolley impact and wear.
- Optional galvanised steel version for a cost-effective solution.

CORNER GUARDS

Our corner guards provide essential protection for high-traffic areas, preventing damage to walls, corridors, and partitions from trolleys and general day-to-day use. Designed to combine strength with a neat, professional appearance, they help maintain the look and longevity of your facility while reducing maintenance costs over time.

- A 45-degree guard is available if boxing around column is required.
- Full height and low level options available in aluminium chequer plate, painted steel or plain galvanised sheet.
- Enhances both appearance and protection of your storage facility.



CORRIDOR SOFFITS

Our corridor soffits provide a clean, polished finish to your self-storage hallways, concealing structural elements and creating a sleek, professional appearance.

- Designed with both functionality and aesthetics in mind.
- Improves lighting reflection and reduces dust build-up.
- Contributes to a bright, modern environment for your customers.

GALVANISED STEEL SECURITY MESH

Ceiling mesh not only provides an attractive finish but also serves as a security feature. It prevents unauthorised access between units, with the mesh covering the gap between the top of each storage unit and the floor above.

- Manufactured from high-strength galvanised steel wire.
- Particularly useful in multi-storey facilities.
- High quality corrosion-resistant materials.

FIRE PROTECTION

Safety is at the heart of every self-storage project we deliver. Our fire rated ceilings and column casings are supplied and installed to suit your installation. Our in-house team works closely with building control and fire consultants to ensure full compliance and peace of mind.

- Provides long-term protection and regulatory confidence.
- Installed by qualified, experienced professionals.
- Available in a galvanised external finish or textured white PVC.

LIFT SHAFTS

Our lift shafts are designed to provide safe, reliable, and efficient vertical access within multi-tier self-storage facilities. Engineered to integrate seamlessly with our mezzanine floors and partition systems, each lift shaft is built for strength, precision, and compliance.

- Manufactured and installed to suit your requirements.
- Steelwork for single or multi-tier mezzanine floors.
- Designed to meet building and fire safety regulations.

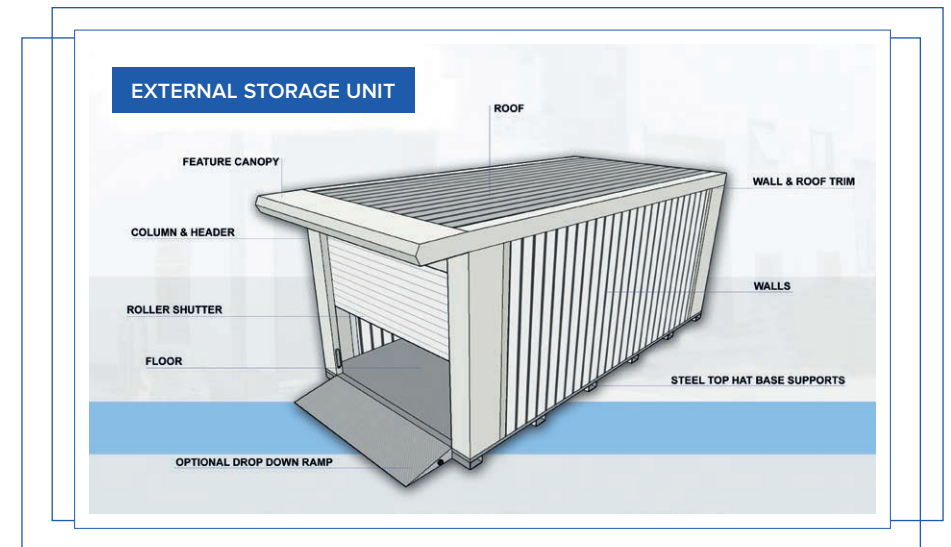
LOCKERS

Our lockers are a practical solution for areas too small for standard storage units, helping facilities maximise both space and revenue potential.

- Quick and simple on-site installation.
- Modular design that makes the most of small spaces.
- Stackable units for increased flexibility.

EXTERNAL STORAGE UNITS

Our external storage units offer a durable, weather-resistant solution for expanding your self-storage capacity outdoors. Designed and manufactured from high-quality steel, these units provide the same level of security and performance as internal systems, with the added benefit of flexibility in placement and configuration.



SELF-STORAGE COLOUR PALETTE

Below indicates the Standard and Accent Colours (Plastisol & Laminate Finishes).

Standard Colours	
Name	Code
White	RAL 9003
Sargasso Blue (Navy)	RAL 5003
Wedgewood Blue	RAL 220 50 15
Ultramarine Blue	RAL 5002
Goosewing Grey	RAL 080 70 05
Merlin Grey	RAL 180 40 05
Anthracite	RAL 7016
Juniper Green	RAL 160 20 10
Olive Green	RAL 100 30 20
Van Dyke Brown	RAL 8014

Accent Colours	
Name	Code
Linden Green	RAL 100 70 40
Poppy Red	BS 04 E 53
Tangerine Orange	BS 06 E 53
Saffron Orange	RAL 1017
Cornflower Blue	BS 18 E 53
Ocean Blue	RAL 5020

Note: Colours are representative and may vary depending on finish and lighting conditions.

ACCESSORIES

A successful self-storage facility goes far beyond units and mezzanines, it's the finishing touches and supporting systems that create a secure, smooth, and standout customer experience.

That's why we work with a carefully selected network of trusted industry partners to supply and install the essential operational solutions your store needs.

Access Control Systems

Smart entry solutions to enhance security and customer convenience.

CCTV & Security

Advanced surveillance to protect your facility and reassure your customers.

Reception & Office Fit-Outs

Well-designed, branded spaces that elevate first impressions.

Fire Detection & Alarms

Systems that comply with safety regulations and protect your investment.

Self-Storage Software

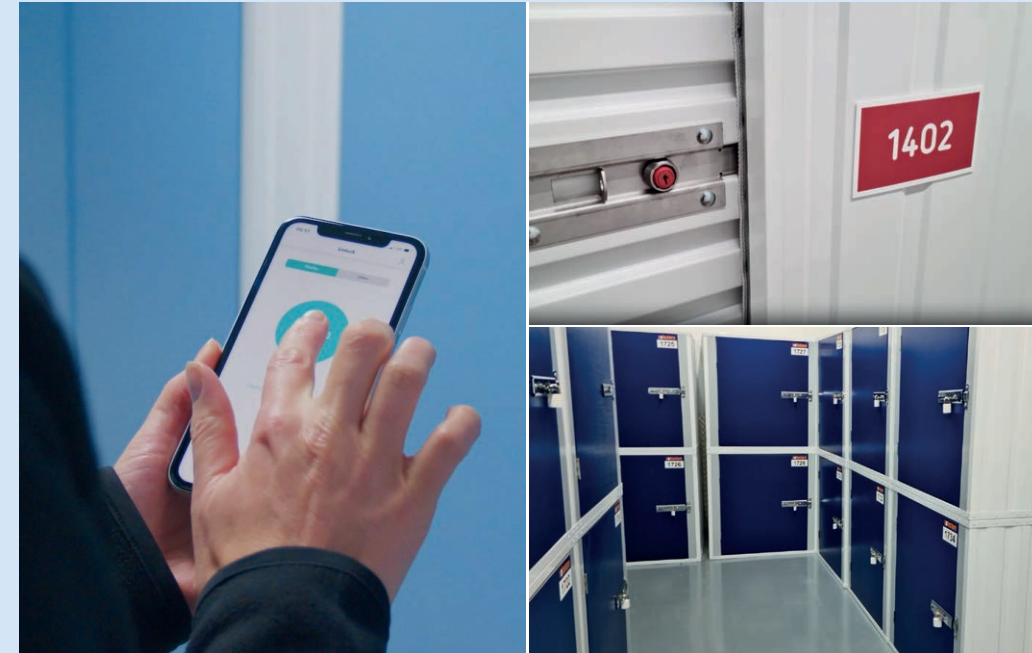
Intelligent management tools to streamline operations and improve occupancy.

Signage & Print

Professional unit numbering, directional signage, and branded graphics.

Marketing Support

Expert guidance and tools, from brand development to digital and local campaigns, to help attract and retain customers.





CASE STUDY:

Shurgard Self-Storage, Croydon

OVERVIEW

Shurgard partnered with S&L United Storage Systems (USS) to deliver a complete self-storage fit-out for their new multi-level Croydon facility.

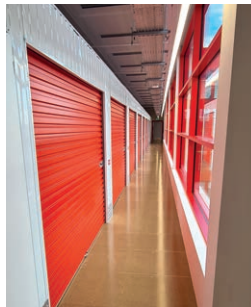
OUR APPROACH

From the architect’s drawings, our team developed detailed designs for manufacture and installation. The project included partitions, swing and roller doors, and custom latches – all colour-matched to Shurgard’s branding for a seamless, professional finish.



THE BUILD

- 1,140 storage units installed across four floors.
- A mix of unit sizes to suit customer needs.
- Decking and fit-out completed to match the overall building design.
- Phased installation to allow a split-store opening – enabling early business operations.



THE RESULT

Delivered on time and to specification, the project provided Shurgard with a high-quality, secure, and visually striking facility. Careful planning and on-site project management ensured smooth delivery and early access for customers.

WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY

We enjoyed working with the Shurgard team. An important and well-executed project for a valued client.

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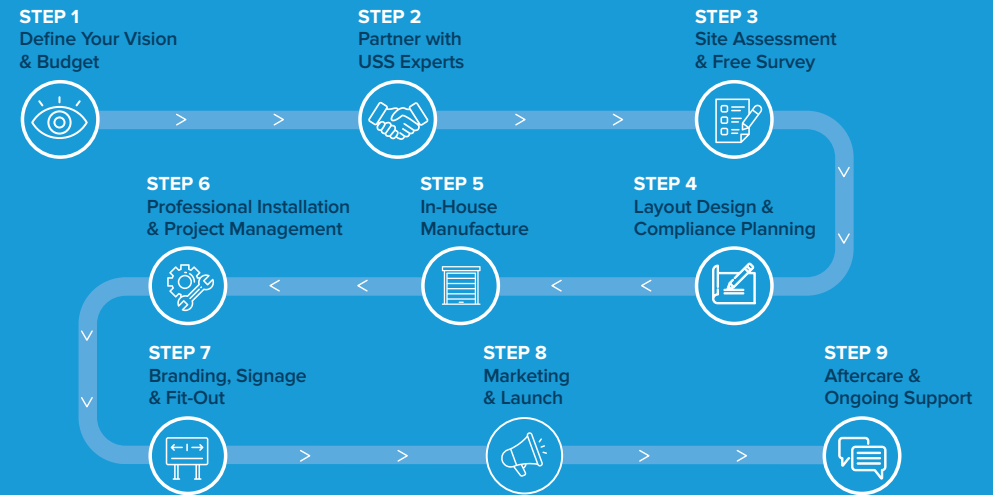
How to get started in self-storage

WE'RE HERE TO GUIDE YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

Self-storage has consistently proven to be a resilient and reliable investment, even in times of economic uncertainty. It offers an exciting opportunity for entrepreneurs, developers, property owners, and investors alike – providing a stable, high-demand service with strong long-term returns.

This dynamic industry allows you to diversify your portfolio while maintaining confidence and security in your investment.

With over 45 years of experience, S&L United Storage Systems (USS) is ready to help you turn your vision into a thriving self-storage business.



One trusted partner. Every step covered.

READY TO GET STARTED?

Launching a self-storage facility is easier than you think, especially with the right partner by your side. Contact the sales team at United Storage Systems today to begin your self-storage venture.

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