

# SPEEDCHECK™

## ≡ CASE STUDY ≡

### NO SPEEDOMETER; NO PROBLEM

#### West Linn Paper Company Finds SpeedCheck Radar Speed Signs Ideal For Ensuring Warehouse Safety

**Situation:** Forklifts are involved in over 34,000 serious injuries and nearly 100 deaths in the United States each year. According to OSHA, a large number of these accidents are the result of excessive forklift speeds. Unfortunately, most forklift trucks do not come equipped with speedometers. Enforcing and monitoring forklift truck speeds can be difficult.

**Solution:** To monitor speeds and reduce forklift-related accidents, West Linn Paper Company of West Linn Oregon installed radar speed signs in strategic locations such as around loading docks and inside warehouses.

West Linn Paper Company's shipping-receiving supervisor, Peggy Closner is responsible for ensuring the safety of all operations at the dock. She knew that in the U.S., there are over ½ million forklift-related accidents that occur on the job each year. It was hard to enforce speed limit regulations because forklifts do not come with speedometers. Drivers therefore had to guess at their rate of speed.

Closner not only wanted to ensure that company drivers could determine their own speed but she also wanted a way to monitor their driving behavior herself.



"We knew we had to do something," said Closner. "We tried installing speedometers on the trucks but with all the vibrations, they never seemed to last very long. Then it struck me that the same type of signs used to display the speeds of passing vehicles on public roads could be equally effective on our company campus.

West Linn Paper Company installed an IDC radar speed sign by the loading dock. The impact was immediate. Not only are drivers able to monitor their own speed, but so are outside observers...and the drivers know it. The company recently purchased several more signs from Information Display Company and concerns over forklift speeding issues are over. **Problem Solved.**