



ELECOMPACK

CASE STUDY

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA



When the Hesburgh Library at the University of Notre Dame discovered they were running out of space, they knew they needed to act quickly to maintain the high levels of service students and faculty required when conducting research.

The planning for the renovation began several years earlier and a Movable Shelving Working Group was created. One of their most important tasks was to select the right compact shelving for this project. The group, chaired by Thurston Miller, visited many libraries to evaluate various moveable shelving installations. The group carefully researched the needs of Notre Dame and the products available.

The final recommendation, presented and accepted on July 31, 2002, was that the best product for Notre Dame is one manufactured and installed by Elecompack, a shelving system in use at Princeton, Yale and the Library at Paramount Film Studios.



Members of the group were particularly impressed with Elecompack's unique integrated design in which shelving uprights are recessed four inches down into the carriage providing superior structural integrity and safety.

Other important benefits provided by the Elecompack system were its ease of movement when compared with other mechanical products, and the simplicity and accuracy of the passive safety system.

These features and benefits, combined with our industry leading Ten Year Warranty, made it clear to the group that Elecompack was the only system that met all their needs. They selected the product, despite the fact, that it was not the lowest priced bid they received on the project.

The final project required more than thirty five hundred (3,500) sections of Elecompack high density compact shelving. Completed in July of 2003, the shelving is used in both Special and General Collection areas (which is accessed directly by the students.) Both areas used different aesthetic end panels, selected to match the existing interior design elements.

The Hesburgh Library joins a growing number of universities, corporations, legal firms, museums, and other organizations who have discovered the Elecompack difference!