Questions to Ask Yourself

WHAT WILL IT BE USED FOR?
Knowing the application of the conveyor system is a necessary first step in determining the right one. Automated conveyors for food processing applications will have very different set of requirements than those intended for nutraceutical Integration or that simply move small boxes down a packaging line.

WHAT MATERIAL WILL BE TRANSPORTED?
• Will specialty fittings be required?
• How wide will the belt need to be?
• Will the product and conveyors operate at room temperature?

WHAT SIZE WILL IT BE?
• How much space will the conveyor occupy?
• How long does it need to be?

HOW STRONG WILL THE MOTOR BE?
• How fast will the conveyor need to be?
• How much load will it need to accommodate?

Choose a Conveyor Supplier

WHAT WILL THEY OFFER ME?
Depending on your needs, conveyor suppliers may offer you a pre-existing conveyor system design, or a custom solution. In either case, be sure to ask the questions below.

WHAT TYPE OF SYSTEM WILL IT BE?
• Is the system modular?
• How difficult will future modifications be?

HOW MUCH WORK WILL INSTALLATION TAKE?
• How difficult will installation be?
• How much work will it take?
• How long will it take?

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN TERMS OF MAINTENANCE?
• How easy will belt repairs or replacements be?
• How costly can replacement parts be obtained?
• Will specialized labor be involved?

WHAT IS THEIR EXPERTISE?
• Has the supplier worked on similar systems in the past?
• Can they provide any references or case studies?

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Investing in a new conveyor system, an industrial material transfer, or handling application is nothing to be taken lightly. Conveyor systems are large, complex machines and as much care should be taken in selecting the right one as one would expect when buying a new car, or other major personal investment.

If you’re in the market for a new conveyor system, or are getting ready to be, get in touch with the team at mk North America. A worldwide leader in modular conveyor systems, custom designs, and other specially engineered material handling solutions, mk North America will guide you through every step of the conveyor design and selection process.