I Claim:

1. An overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities wherein at least one transfer unit is suspended from carriages that travel along the track system so that the transfer unit moves objects to and from vertically oriented storage cells, the track system comprising a plurality of first and second "I" beams being assembled in an X-Y manner such that the first and second "I" beams intersect with one another in perpendicular relationship and wherein each of the first and second "I" beams includes upper and lower horizontal flanges connected by a central vertical web, each of the first and second "I" beams having opposite ends, the opposite ends of a plurality of the first "I" beams being connected at a plurality of intersections of the first and second "I" beams to ends of a plurality of the second "I" beams in such a manner as to provide a clearance space between the opposing ends of the first and second "I" beams of a size to permit the carriages to pass there between as the transfer unit moves along the track system.

2. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 1 wherein the carriages are supported on upper surfaces of the lower flanges of each of the plurality of first and second "I" beams.

3. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 2 including a support pedestal provided at each intersection of the ends of the plurality of first and second "I" beams, wherein the ends of the plurality of the first and second "I" beams are connected to the support pedestal.

4. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 3 wherein an extended portion of the central web of each of the plurality of first and second "I" beams extends outwardly beyond the upper and lower flanges in a longitudinal direction of the beams.

5. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 4 wherein the extended portions include a contoured surface for cooperatively seating upon a complementary surface of an adjacent pedestal.

6. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 5 wherein end edges of the lower flanges are spaced at a greater distance from the contoured surface of the extended portion of the web than end edges of the upper flanges of the plurality of first and second "I" beams.

7. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 6 wherein each pedestal includes a vertical body, an upper plate for mounting between end edges of the upper flanges of opposing of the first and second "I" beams.

8. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 6 wherein each pedestal includes a vertical body and a lower transfer plate connected to a lower portion of the body and extending toward the edges of the adjacent lower flanges of the first and second "I" beams and being of a size to be spaced therefrom to form gaps for passage of portions of the carriage there through.

9. An overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities wherein at least one transfer unit is suspended from carriages that travel along the track system so that the at least one transfer unit moves objects to and from vertically oriented storage cells, the track system comprising a plurality of first and second support beams being assembled in an X-Y manner such that the first and second support beams intersect with one another in perpendicular relationship and wherein each of the first and second support beams includes a horizontal flange connected to a central vertical web, each of the first and second beams having opposite ends, the opposite ends of a plurality of the first support beams being connected at a plurality of

intersections of the first and second support beams to ends of a plurality of the second support beams in such a manner as to provide a clearance space between the opposing ends of the first and second support beams of a size to permit the carriages to pass there between as the transfer unit moves along the track system.

10. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 9 including a support pedestal provided at each intersection of the ends of the plurality of first and second support beams, wherein the ends of the plurality of the first and second support beams are connected to the support pedestal.

11. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 10 wherein an extended portion of the central web of each of the plurality of first and second support beams extends outwardly beyond the horizontal flange in a longitudinal direction of the beams.

12. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 11 wherein the extended portions include a contoured surface for cooperatively seating upon a complementary surface of an adjacent pedestal.

13. The overhead guide track system for automated material handling and storage facilities of claim 10 wherein each pedestal includes a vertical body and a lower transfer plate connected to a lower portion of the body and extending toward edges of the horizontal flange of the first and second support beams and being of a size to be spaced therefrom to form gaps for passage of portions of the carriage there through.