

CLAIMS:

1. A stationary platform for supporting a supply transport device, comprising:
a frame having at least two longitudinal sides, a first end and a second opposing end, and
a top surface and a bottom surface; and
a plurality of legs extending from the bottom surface of the frame to support the supply
transport device on the frame, wherein
the supply transport device is slidably received on the top surface of the frame.
2. The stationary platform of claim 1, further comprising at least one cross member
extending perpendicularly between the at least two longitudinal sides.
3. The stationary platform of claim 2, wherein the at least two longitudinal sides, the first
end and the second opposing end, and the at least one cross member form a rectangular shape
having openings in a center thereof.
4. The stationary platform of claim 1, wherein the plurality of legs includes at least four
legs, each of which is positioned at each end of the two longitudinal sides.
5. The stationary platform of claim 2, wherein the plurality of legs includes at least two legs
positioned at each end of the at least one cross member.
6. The stationary platform of claim 1, further comprising at least two side rails extending
along each of the two longitudinal sides of the frame.

7. The stationary platform of claim 6, wherein each of the at least two side rails includes an upright portion, an inwardly turned member, and an inner guide edge forming a channel to receive the supply transport device.
8. The stationary platform of claim 7, wherein the supply transport device includes a wheel guide assembly that is received in the channel.
9. The stationary platform of claim 1, wherein the first end or the second opposing end includes a stop tab to prevent movement of the supply transport device in a direction parallel to the two longitudinal sides.
10. The stationary platform of claim 1, wherein the first end and/or the second opposing end has a hole formed therein for engaging a locking mechanism on the supply transport device.
11. A storage and transport system, comprising:
- (a) a supply transport device;
 - (b) a stationary platform, comprising:
 - a frame having at least two longitudinal sides, a first end and a second opposing end, and a top surface and a bottom surface, and
 - a plurality of legs extending from the bottom surface of the frame to support the supply transport device on the frame, wherein
 - the supply transport device is slidably received on the top surface of the frame;
- and

(c) a wheel base assembly comprising a platform and a plurality of wheels attached thereto, wherein

the wheel base assembly is configured to transport a supply transport device to the stationary platform, and wherein the supply transport device is slidably removed from the wheel base assembly to the stationary platform for temporary holding or storage.

12. The storage and transport system of claim 11, wherein an end of the wheel base assembly is aligned with either the first end or the second opposing end of the frame of the platform so as to slidably transfer the supply transport device from the wheel base assembly to the stationary platform.

13. The storage and transport system of claim 11, wherein the stationary platform further comprises at least two side rails extending along each of the two longitudinal sides of the frame that provide a channel to receive the supply transport device.

14. The storage and transport system of claim 13, wherein the supply transport device includes a wheel guide assembly that is received in the channel when the supply transport device is slidably transferred from the wheel base assembly to the stationary platform.

15. A wheel base assembly for transporting a supply transport device, comprising:

a wheel base having a top surface, a bottom surface, and two opposing ends, wherein the top surface of the wheel base assembly supports the supply transport device;

a plurality of wheels coupled to the bottom surface of the wheel base;

a trough-shaped base coupled to at least one of the two opposing ends of the wheel base;
and
at least one cleaning contact positioned within the trough-shaped base,
wherein the at least one cleaning contact extends vertically above the top surface of the
wheel base.

16. The wheel base assembly of claim 15, comprising at least two cleaning contacts.
17. The wheel base assembly of claim 15, wherein the at least one cleaning contact is formed of a polyester sponge.
18. The wheel base assembly of claim 15, further comprising a downwardly-extending cross member positioned at one end of the wheel base and extending between two longitudinal sides of the wheel base, wherein the trough-shaped base is coupled to the downwardly-extending cross member.
19. The wheel base assembly of claim 15, wherein the trough-shaped base and at least one cleaning contact are screwed to the wheel base.
20. The wheel base assembly of claim 15, wherein the at least one cleaning contact includes a rounded contacting portion for engaging a bottom surface of the supply transport device.