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**160,000**  
solid m<sup>3</sup> / year  
in one-shift operation



New log sorting system  
at a French pallet producer

Log yard with sorting line for short logs  
and an annual capacity of 160,000 solid m<sup>3</sup>.

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## French pallet producer decides to install a Holtec sorting line

Quality and stability justify the price

Mourlan, which has its seat in Lavazan, about one hour away from Bordeaux, was founded in 1969. Since then, the operation in the wood business has been expanded from the forest sector to pallet manufacturing. Nowadays the family-owned business employs 50 people and operates 160,000 solid m<sup>3</sup> logs per year.

The cooperation between Mourlan and Holtec dates back to 2014. Back then a 2D-measurement type Jörg Elektronik and a belt conveyor with metal detector were ordered at Holtec. Based on this experience, the decision for the new log sorting line was easy for Ludovic Mourlan, who operates the business with his brother.

“The decision was made in favour of Holtec because the quality and solidity as well of the system as the company’s know how in handling logs was convincing. This does justify a higher price”, Ludovic Mourlan explains his decision.

**Sorting line:**  
**Current capacity:** 160,000 solid m<sup>3</sup>/ year  
 in one-shift operation  
**Wood species:** maritime pine  
**Wood length:** 2.0 – 2.6 m  
**Log diameter:** 160 – 680 mm  
**Maximum speed:** up to 120 m/ min  
**Sorting capacity:** max 24 pcs/ min  
**Sorting boxes:** 24 pcs

In 2018 the new system for treating short maritime pine logs was supplied by Holtec. After loading, the logs are separated by a tried and tested tandem step feeder. This technology allows for separating of logs with big differences in diameter - as well as curved ones. After the separation step, the logs are accelerated by means of a v-rollerway and fed to a Valon Kone type debarker.

At the subsequent sorting conveyor, the logs are sorted out by means of lifting devices for a processing of up to 24 logs / min.

Today Ludovic Mourlan is still enthusiastic about the installation works: “At the very beginning, the installation of such a sorting line seemed to be overwhelming. But everything went according to schedule without any interruption, as everything was brilliantly planned in advance. The start-up was finished quickly – proof that Holtec has known its job for years. The technicians stayed with us for one month until even the smallest issues had been solved. Today the system is working perfectly and we are producing more than 800 solid m<sup>3</sup> shortlogs per day in a one-shift operation”, outlines Mr. Mourlan.



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 CEO “

