

Development that Differentiates – France

SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS CENTER IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE



Customer: Rip Curl

Australian-based global provider of equipment and apparel for surfing and mountain sports; products include surfboards, wetsuits, mountain wear, watches and beach apparel

Park Name:	Prologis Park Dax
Location:	St. Geours de Maremne, France
Building Type:	Industrial space—build-to-suit
Size:	12,700 square meters (136,700 square feet), expandable by 6,000 square meters (64,500 square feet)

Customer Needs

- New distribution center near European headquarters to serve retailers throughout Europe
- Prime location with good highway access
- Sustainable design to align with corporate eco-friendly goals

Key Features

- Rooftop solar system generates an estimated 275,000 kilowatt hours of energy per year. Rainwater infiltration basin captures all rainwater on the site
- Buried truck and pump system allows 25 percent of nonpotable water to be used for lavatories
- Solar panels over the office heat the sanitary water, saving 3,085 kilowatt hours per year and reducing CO2 emissions
- Skylights provide abundant daylighting, and high-output fluorescent lights save 131,000 kilowatt hours and 11 tons of CO2 emissions per year
- Green landscaping respects neighboring forest and limits need for watering

The Solution

Sales growth at Rip Curl Europe began placing greater demand on an already taxed delivery and distribution network. Besides needing more space for inventory and order picking, the company wanted to consolidate logistics operations currently split between the company and a third party.

Rip Curl has a keen focus on sustainability. The company develops eco-friendly products and has established a foundation supporting projects that preserve coasts, oceans and mountains, and raises awareness about sustainable development.

The company approached Prologis, a global leader in sustainable warehouse development. Prologis not only uses sustainable design and construction approaches as a matter of course, but also generates 25 megawatts of energy through solar rooftop installations on 32 buildings in France, Spain, Japan and the United States.

Prologis had recently acquired land in the city of St. Geours de Maremne in the southwestern part of France, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) from Rip Curl's European headquarters. The property is located along France's A63 motorway, 150 kilometers (93 miles) south of Bordeaux and 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of the Spanish border. Prologis also has the option to purchase land immediately adjacent to the site, which would extend the facility another 129,000 square feet (12,000 square meters)

The result is a beautiful building surrounded by lush greenery, a comfortable workspace for Rip Curl's employees and a model of intelligent sustainability.