NUCOR STEEL BERKELEY BEAM MILL

Mill Spring Improvements to improve quality and repeatability of mill stand By Jerry Herrmann

Nucor Steel Berkeley CSP Start up 1996



840,000 tons per year Structural Mill Start Up 1998

Four strand caster. Billets, Blooms and Beam Blanks



Run out table, Hot/ Cold charge or storage



15 Stands: 6 roughing mill stands 9 finishing stands.



Danieli SHS mill stands



Two different mill sizes for the entire mill.

Stand type 8565 (max. roll dia=38.5")

Stand type 9555 (max. roll dia=33.5")

Sections produced.



Why Upgrade equipment





Equipment is not new anymore



Improved Steady Stand Springs

Current situation:

We understood how critical the mill stand chock support springs are to our performance. Without repeatable performance of the chock springs it causes the mill frustration and increased cost. Over the years the roll shop has performed numerous trials with the spring stack arrangement and spring replacement. Using thousands of springs over time.



Mill stand configuration



Arrangement of upper chock assembly Cap/cover Spring Pack Threaded shaft **Bronze** Nut

Spring washer stack arrangement



Belleville Spring Assembly





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Spring Washer Arrangement



HYSON Steady Stand Spring



Nitrogen Cylinder & Belleville Assembly



Cross Head force analyses



A: Static Structural Stress Intensity Type: Stress Intensity

Unit: psi Time: 1 12/12/2012 4:01 PM



3713.2 Max 3300.6 2888.1 2475.6 2063.1 1650.5 1238 825.47 412.94 0.41602 Min



0.000







7.000 (in)

Compressed Nitrogen Cylinders



Nut Installation



Assembling the upper chock



Measuring and setting cylinder position for correct compression



Installing the cap to the HYSON Springs



Compressing the assembly



Putting it to the test!!





HYSON's Steady Stand Springs Provide:

- Dimensional consistency between cylinders.
- Ability to know exactly how much force is generated by each cylinder.
- Ability to infinitely adjust the force of each cylinder.
- Eliminates labor cost of assembling and adjusting individual Belleville stacks.



HYSON's Steady Stand Springs Provide:

- Reduced cobbles by improved gap control
- Increased uptime between maintenance events

 Consistent and repeatable force values that result in improved finished beam quality.



Where forces are generated during the rolling process.

Bronze nut failures



Nuts failing at lube ports



Solution





Six month trial a success



No indication of stress fractures at lube ports.



Minimum wear and discoloration



Questions?

HAVE A SAFE DAY!

