

DEPARTMENT NEWS

TWISTING

By: Richard Harrison

Ply productivity shows continuous improvement through the month of October. Average pounds have increased to over 140,000 pounds/day: Our requirements are 154,000 pounds/day. Keep up the improvement.

Bad work continues to also show improvement. We are near the year objective of 700 spools/day, but more work is needed to achieve this goal. Every doffer needs to strive for their personal objective of nine spools/day or less.

Waste in the Twisting Department also shows continuous improvement through the month of October to a low of .66% at the end of the month. This is due to the following reasons: doffers are more aware that they are accountable for the product that they produce; reclaimers are more consistent in waste reduction. They better understand what is acceptable. Reclaiming waste was as follows:

<u>Pounds per day -</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
2nd floor	278	194
4th floor	585	394
5th floor	100	146

The fixers are working together all on the first shift. Better than 100 twisters have been through the 10 point check resulting in better builds and less waste.

TREATING UNIT

By: Phil Huddleston

Congratulations to second shift for being the Shift of the Month for October.

We are happy to say LARRY BAKER is recovering from his heart surgery and is now at home. We would like to wish LARRY a continuing recovery.

<u>October Efficiency</u>		
#8 Unit	Goal	87%
	Actual	81%
#3 Unit	Goal	87%
	Actual	78%

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

By: Becky Lefler

We are looking forward to JIMMY SWANSON'S return soon. JIMMY has been out due to some heart problems.

QUALITY ASSURANCE/TECHNICAL

By: Dave Lewis

In keeping with the activities around to improve the working environment, the technicians in the Technical Department have redecorated the physical testing lab located at the #8 Treating Unit. They have scrubbed, painted and cleaned the area and it looks great! We hope you will come and see it sometimes. A tough job well done!

We get continuing pressure from our customers to improve our quality. The tire plants for example are making a detailed study of our reprocessed fabric to determine if they can continue to accept it. These rolls of fabric have to be rerun because of cord defects from twisting, or weaving defects from weaving or mistreatment in treating. bad data from the lab, or specification errors, or ...whatever. The point is that the defect was generated in Gastonia by our error and the customer is saying he may no longer agree to take them.

This "first quality or scrap" policy is already in effect in the tire plants. At this time such a policy would have serious financial impact on profits. We must do what we can to stop making less than perfect fabric.

Have a nice Thanksgiving.

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CUSTOMER CONTACTS

By: Dave Lewis

We have recently completed the second tire plant quality survey. We ask the tire plants to rate us on twelve categories using a 5=excellent and 1=poor scale.

Roll Startups - Showed most improvement, going from a 2.75 to a 3.41 rating. This is attributed to the now functional surface windup on the #8 Treating Unit.

Baggy Fabric - Showed the worst decline, going from a fair 3.31 to a 2.90. This is impart due to the summer weather. We have made some major loom improvements to address this. So, the next survey will show an improvement.