

Firestone

FIBERS AND TEXTILES COMPANY



GASTONIA PLANT

JUNE, 1991

VOL. 4, NO. 10

PLANT MANAGER'S MESSAGE

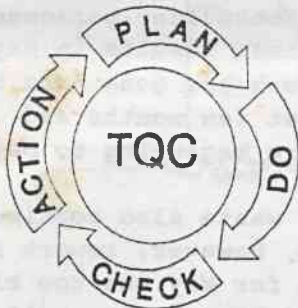
By: J. Anand

Based on the latest projections for tire sales and the resulting tire plant shutdowns we have decided to shut down our plant the week of July 8th in addition to the week of July 4th. Estimates for tire sales in the next few months are still not very optimistic.

Congratulations to all shifts that have gone without a recordable injury during the last six months.

Approximately two-thirds of all people qualify for this award and, although we have had some injuries this year, our accident rate is better than at this time last year. Let's work hard to further improve this performance.

=====



PARTNERSHIP

'91

On Friday, June 21 we had our 2nd Plant-wide TQC Presentations. The seven teams participating this year were: PUMP, KEY SAFETY, LEADER 1, WASTE REDUCTION, ELIMINATORS, WHITE HAT and the PACK-R-CRACKERS.

The LEADER 1 team from Treating was selected to represent Gastonia in the Partnership '91 presentation to be held in Akron August 7th and 8th.

The purpose of Partnership '91 is to share the results of teams' efforts throughout BFS North America during the past year and to select a team to participate in the special 100th Bridgestone Deming Plan Presentation to be held at the Technical Center in Kodarira (Japan) October 29 through November 2, 1991.

Good luck LEADER 1 !!!

SAFETY NEWS

By: Bill Passmore

The Safety Award cups have arrived and were distributed by the key safety teams during the week of 6/24/91. Listed below are our departments, shifts, and floors completing six months:

TWISTING: 5th floor, 1st & 3rd;

4th floor, 1st & 3rd; 2nd floor, 1st & 3rd; 1st floor, all shifts

WAREHOUSE: All shifts

SHOP: Electric Shop, Carpenter Shop, all shifts; Roller Shop, Machine Shop, 2nd & 3rd

WEAVING: 1st floor, 2nd & 3rd; Basement, 3rd

TREATING: #3 & Chafer, all shifts; #8, 2nd

QUALITY CONTROL: 2nd & 3rd

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING: 1st shift

MONTHLY RESULTS FOR MAY

	Pounds	
	Budget	Actual
Sales	4,433,000	3,580,102
Production (Woven/Twisted)	3,429,000	2,345,650
Treated (Includes Nylon 6 from Woodstock)	4,316,000	3,133,549

Sales continue to be lower than budget due to reduced demand at BFS tire plants as well as our trade customers. Our actual production was reduced to meet our total customer requirements.

WASTE REPORT - MAY

	Actual % to Production	Objective % to Production
Twisting:		
Nylon	1.025	.478
Polyester	.916	.593
Weaving:		
Nylon	.886	.475
Polyester	.347	.551
Treating:		
Nylon	.486	.438
Polyester	.208	.175