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Now, see what's hot at the laundry.

Ty Acton, Editor

Ironer Maintenance Classics

While creating a firm, squared leading edge is easier to do with some materials than others, if leading edge problems crop up when pressing a wide variety of materials, it may be time to check your roll bearings and roll boxes.

If either or both have become loose or worn, the ironer rolls will push forward, put tremendous pressure on the front roll and crumple almost every type of material as it tries to enter the ironer. If loose, insert a brass shim to fill the gap. If worn, replace or repair the parts immediately and enjoy a leading edge quality upgrade.

Generations of Innovation for Laundries Worldwide

From the Editor

It feels like we're all on the edge. News of plant closings and layoffs arrives every day, interrupted only by news of worker injuries, safety violations and fines. So if we have to be on the edge, let's be on the leading edge.



Ty Acton

Being on the leading edge means taking action to advance our industry, doing something better, something that creates a competitive edge and ultimately results in a stronger, healthier industry. Be at the forefront in training workers to follow best safety practices and enjoy the peace of mind that allows you to sleep comfortably at night. Think of the savings in worker's comp and insurance as bonuses. Be at the forefront of high throughput ideas, the kind that can reshape how productivity is achieved and how it translates to profitability. Be at the forefront of water and energy conservation. It's not merely a goodwill effort for the planet. In the coming years, the use of water is likely to carry a high price tag and the excess use of water a penalty.

When there are so many costs to manage right now, it's hard to think about other costs looming ahead in the future. But the cost and revenue structure of a laundry has changed and it's more likely to continue evolving than it is to return to the easier days of the past. Yes, even if it didn't seem like it a few short months ago, those days were far easier. But what we do today and tomorrow and the next day and the next is what determines how we'll fare moving forward.

Call me anytime with questions or email tacton@tingue.com.

Latest Innovation: Colored Belting



Signs use color to help people find their way quickly without stopping to read the complete text. Files are color coded for easier retrieval without requiring each tab to be read. Savvy laundry managers use colored feed belts to help their

workers set squared leading edges fast without checking again and again for proper alignment.

Instead of using the same color for every feed belt, consider placing one colored belt at the edge of each lane. This establishes the point where sheets, towels, aprons and other

Corner Quotables

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

-- Anne Bradstreet

"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow."

-- Proverb

"No one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year."

-- Ogden Nash

"There is no winter without snow, no spring without sunshine, and no happiness without companions."

-- Korean Proverb

"If you do not sow in the spring you will not reap in the autumn."

-- Irish Proverb

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goods need to be set to prevent overlaps. With a contrasting color, the feed belts provide a visual cue that workers easily understand without requiring extra training or bilingual skills.

Try one in cotton, polyfelt or woven polyester materials. See <http://www.tinguebrownco.com/products03.shtml>

Or call 800.829.3864 for a sample.

A Squared Leading Edge, Pure and Simple

If your table linens, sheets and other flatwork aren't feeding as consistently as you would like then the material is more likely to be the cause than your workers.

Many 100% polyester fabrics and blends lack the rigidity and texture needed to quickly set a squared leading edge and keep it squared through the front roll. Creases in a variety of places and angles often point to feed issues as the culprit causing costly go-backs.



Some ironer roll covers can actually compensate for materials that defy being squared. Our Pureflex Polyflex ironer roll cover, for example, grips the fabric and gently draws it over the chest with enough momentum to glide through the entire ironer, staying squared and flat throughout the process.

Our secret is a proprietary weave combining high-tech materials with a coarse texture. And it only needs to be installed on the first or first two rolls of the ironer to improve the feeding.

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