

# GRANCO CLARK HEATING AND HANDLING SYSTEMS



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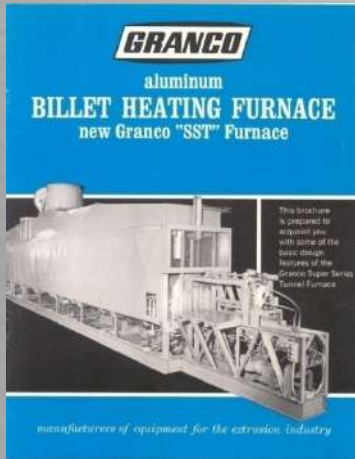
# Company Background

## GRANCO, INC

- ❑ Flame Impingement 1958
- ❑ Tunnel Furnace 1963

## CLARK AUTOMATION

- ❑ Walking Beam Tables 1959
- ❑ Integrated Handling 1966



# Company Background

## GRANCO CLARK, INC

- ▣ Hot Jet Recuperation Furnace 1978
- ▣ First Automated Handling Supplier 1986
- ▣ Cut-On-The-Fly Double Puller 1986
- ▣ High Pressure Spray Quench 1988
- ▣ Taper Quench 1990
- ▣ Hot Billet Saw 2005
- ▣ Fusion Bond 2008
- ▣ High Pressure Log Washer 2013



# Company Background

## GRANCO CLARK HAS DELIVERED:

- ▣ More than 1200 Billet and Log Furnaces
- ▣ More than 450 Handling Systems
- ▣ Over 125 Automated Handling Systems



# Design Considerations

**How do we think about the  
Aluminum Extrusion process?**

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# Design Considerations

## Our Priorities:

- ▣ Process Productivity
- ▣ System Yield
- ▣ Equipment Uptime

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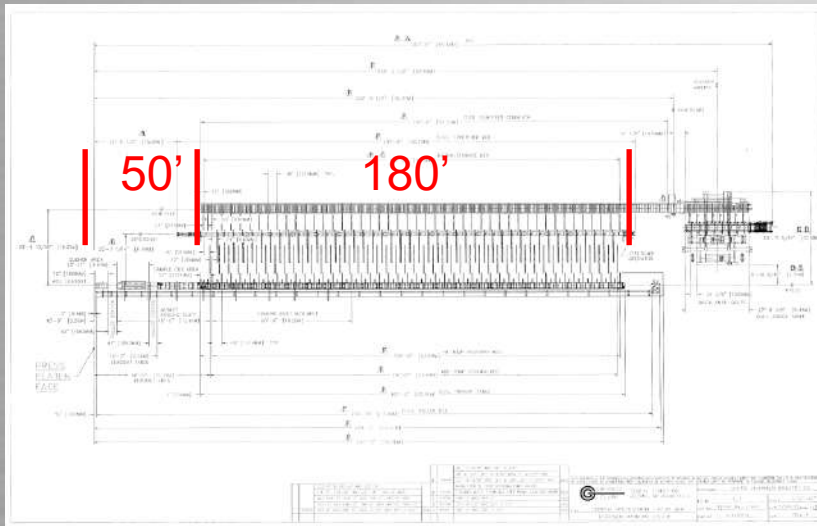
- ▣ Billet Heating
- ▣ Profile Handling
- ▣ Aging Systems

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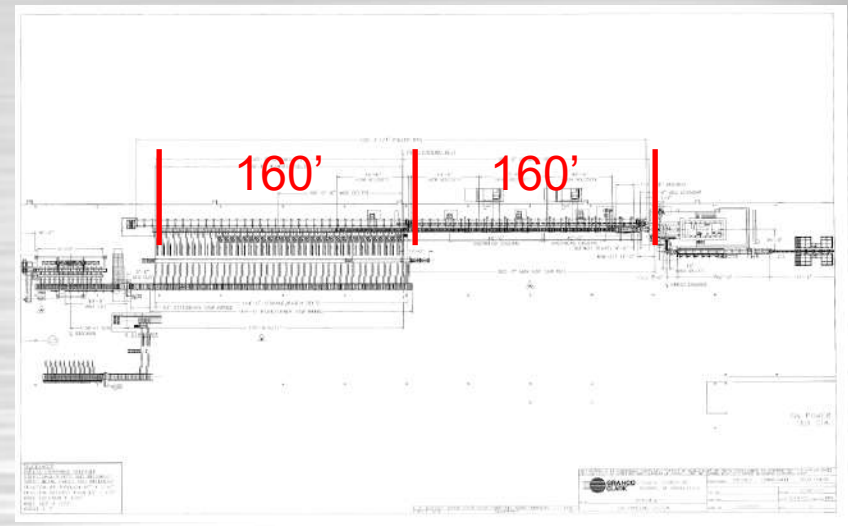
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*Flying Cut*



*Double Length*



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- ▣ Stacker For “No Handling”

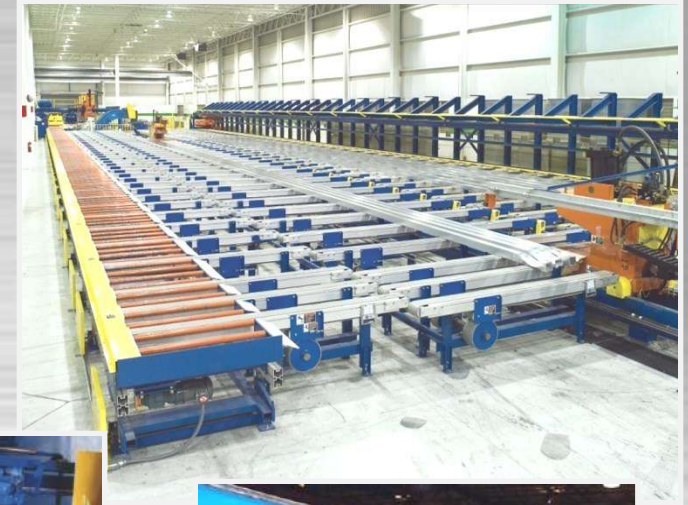
# Service & Support

## Equipment Uptime

- ▣ Standard Equipment and Programs
- ▣ Supervisory Computer System Diagnostics
- ▣ Internet Based PLC Support Device
- ▣ Design, Components, Workmanship,  
Are All of The Highest Quality



# Equipment Overview



# Die Heating



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# Chest Style Die Heater



# Multi-Compartment Die Heater



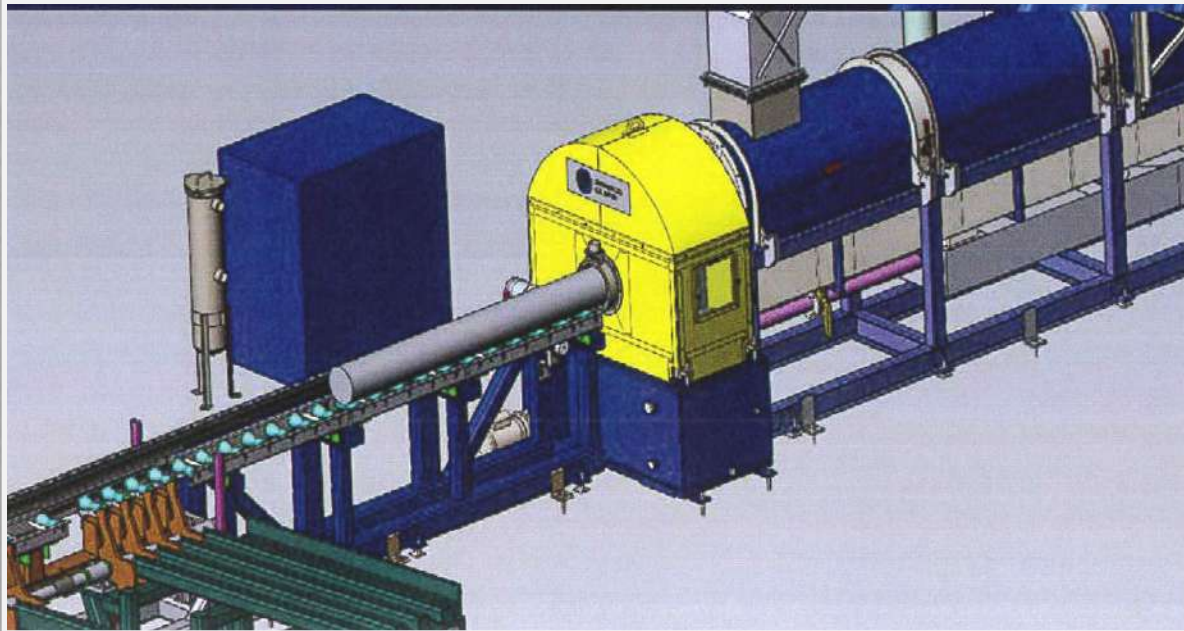
# Infrared Die Heater



# Press Feed Equipment



# Log Washer



# Log/Billet Furnace

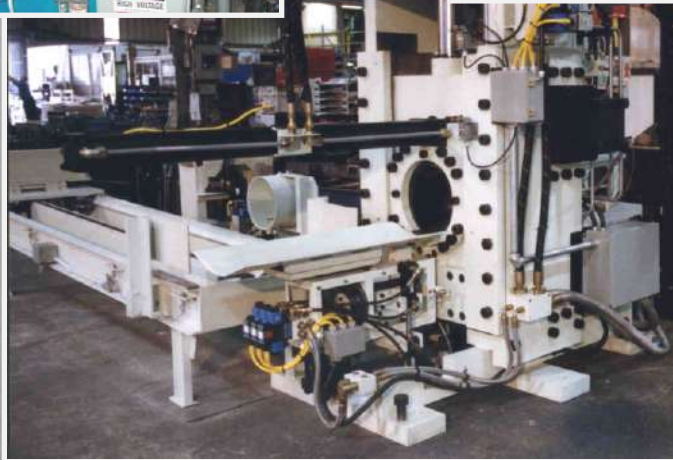
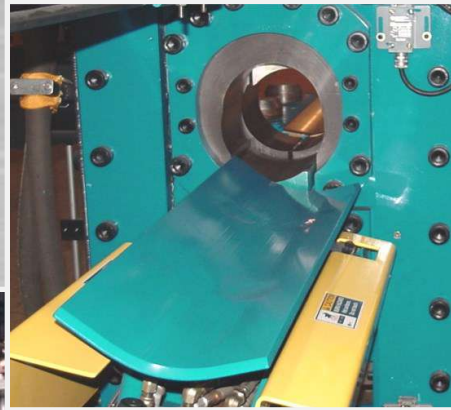


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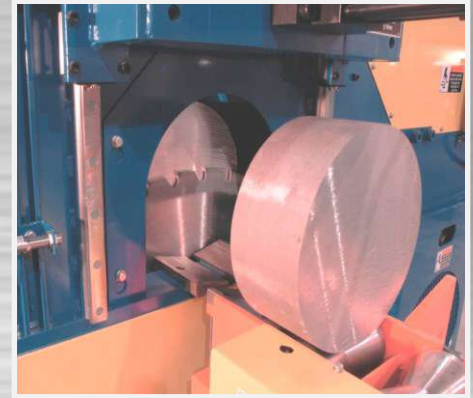
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# Granco Clark Hot Log Saw



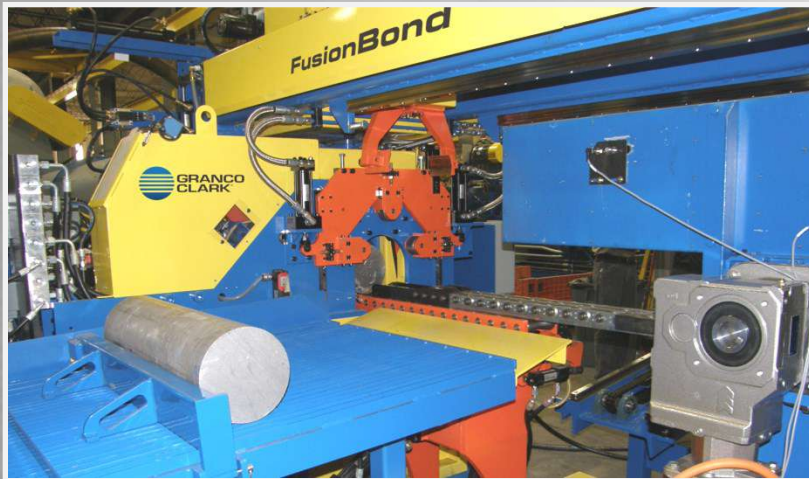
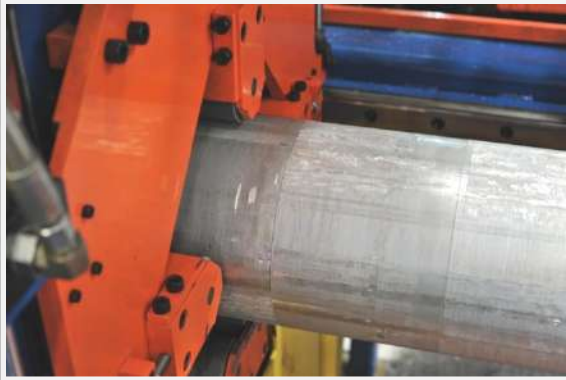
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# FusionBond



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# Taper Quench



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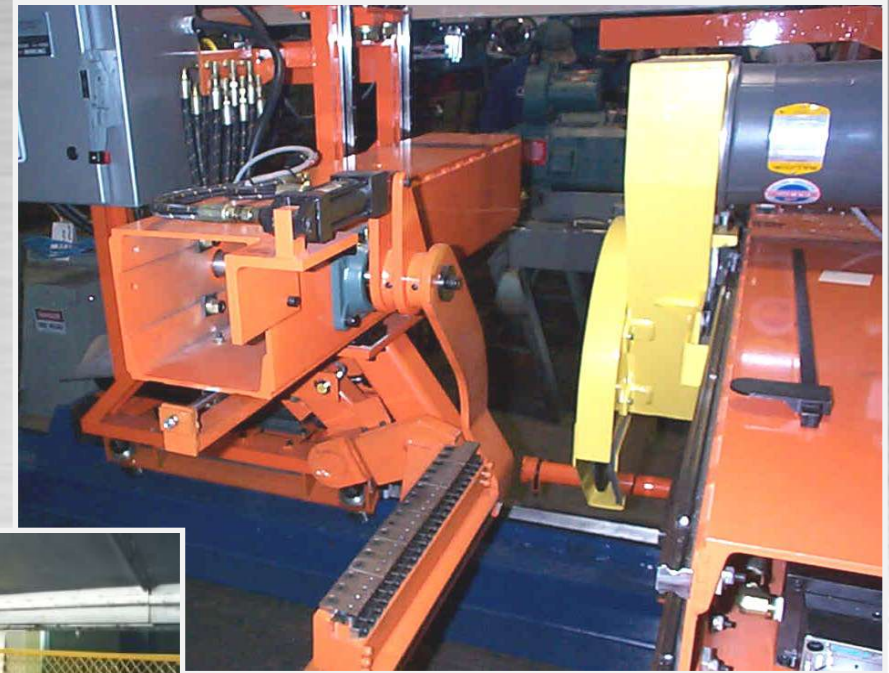
# Profile Handling Systems



# Adjustable Leadout Table/Profile Guide



# Puller Systems



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# Double Puller with Integrated Hot Saw



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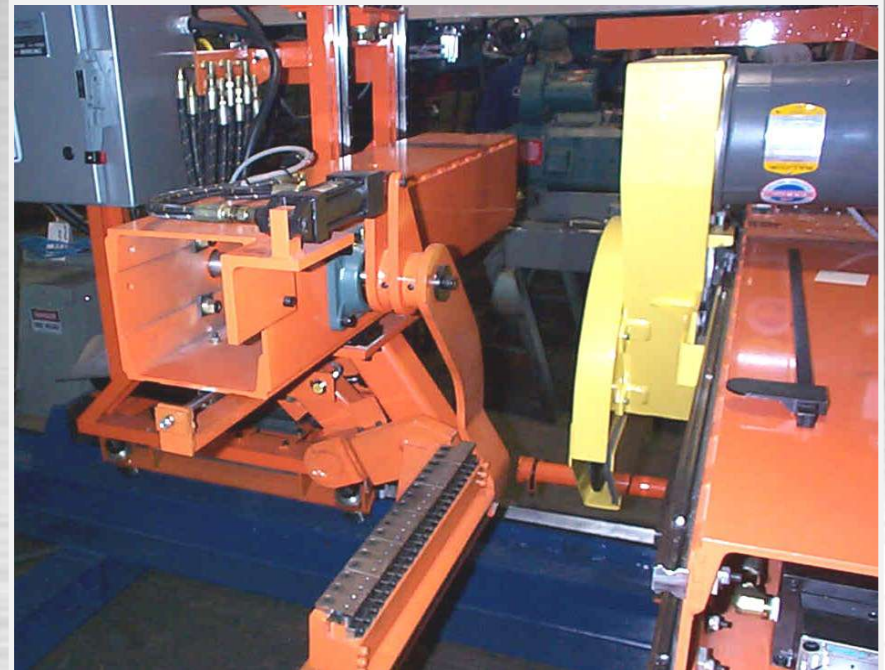


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# Double Puller with Integrated Hot Saw

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ Two Heads
- ▣ Double Length Program
- ▣ Flying Cut Program
- ▣ Proven – 235 Installations Worldwide



# By-Passing Twin Puller with Flying Hot Saw





# Quenching

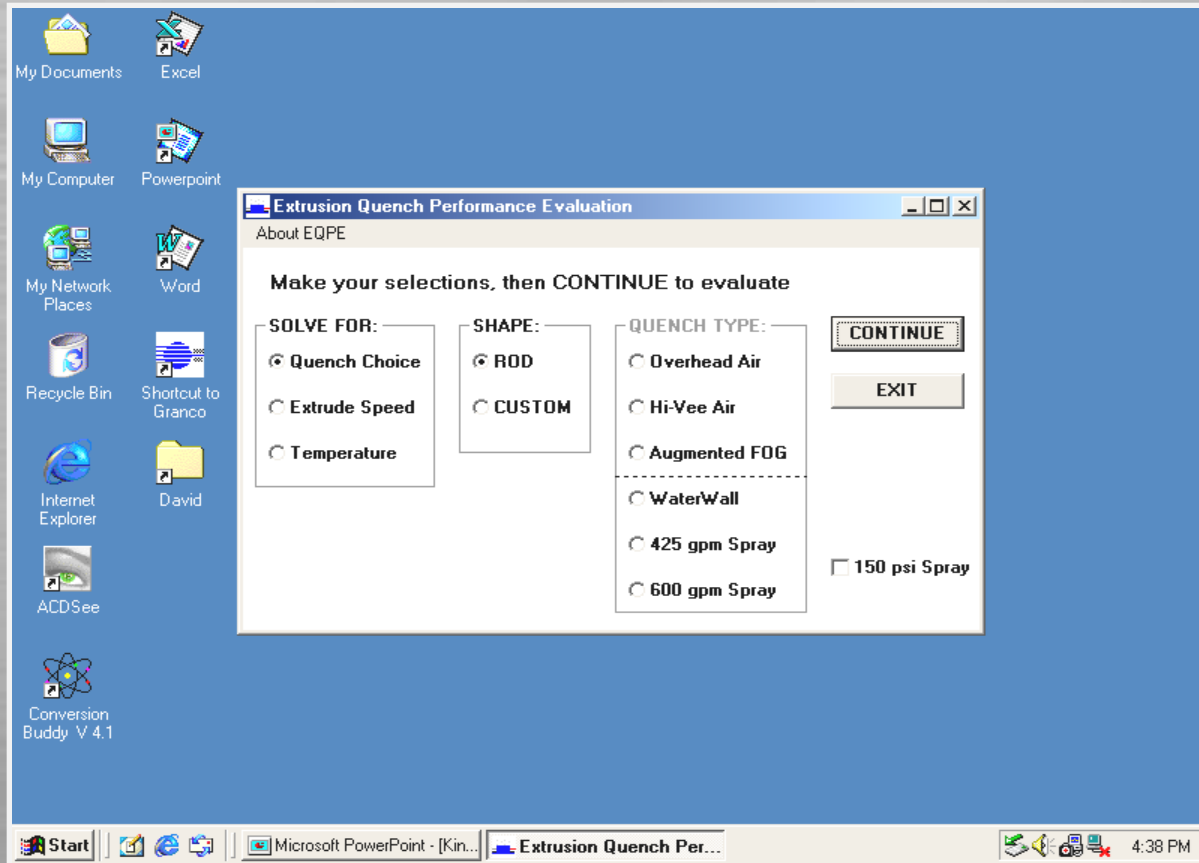


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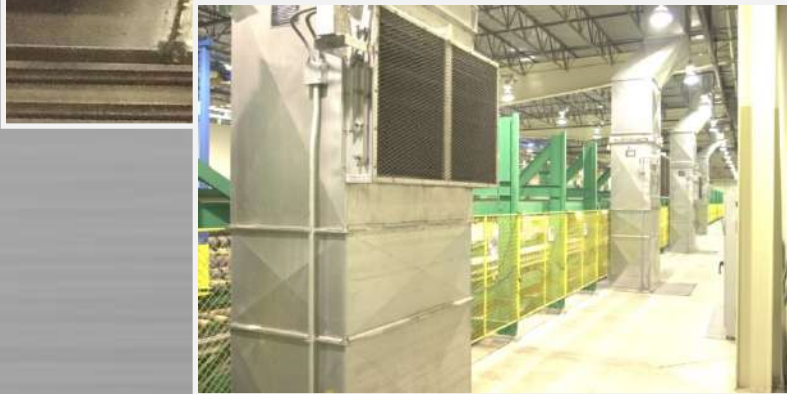
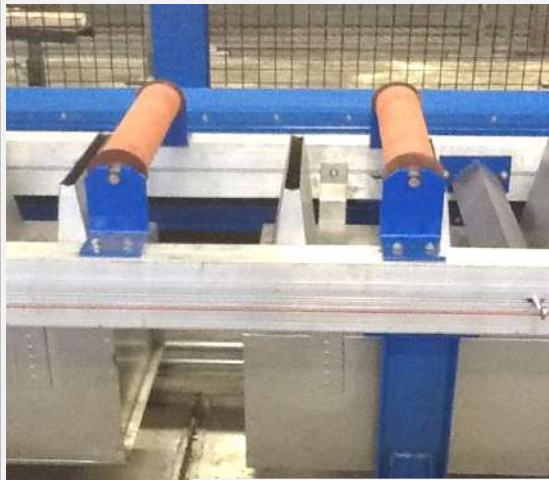


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# Extrusion Quench Simulator



# Integral Cooling



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# Roller Runout Conveyor

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- ▣ Raise/Lower Conveyor
  - Maintains Transfer Belt Alignment
  - Simple and Reliable



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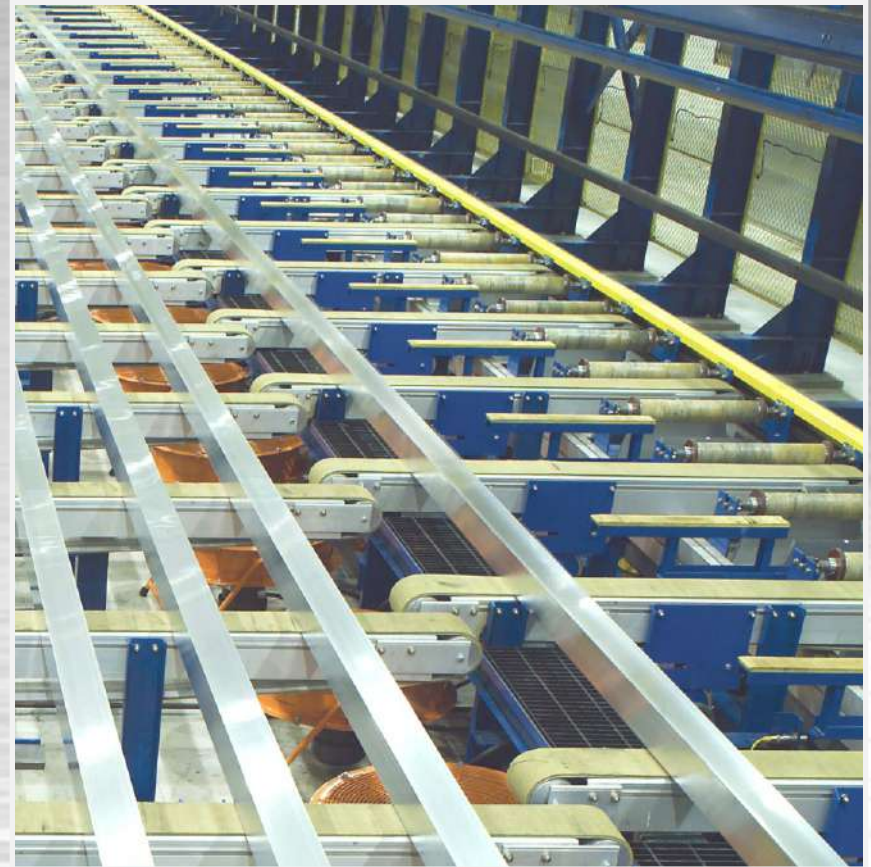
- ▣ Raise/Lower Conveyor
- ▣ High Temperature Needed Felt Roller Covers
- ▣ Drop Away Rollers



# Initial Cooling Station

## Key Technology Issues:

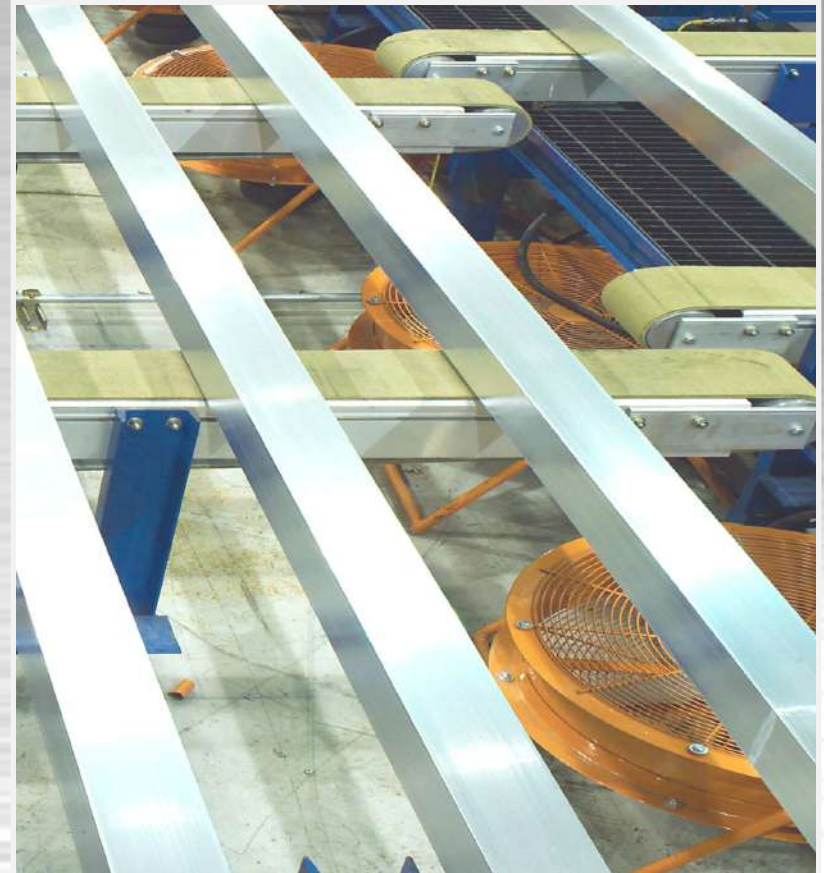
- ▣ Protects Belts from Heat
- ▣ Improves Belt Life
- ▣ Easily Replaced Kevlar Pads



# Cooling Fans

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ More Cooling To Assure Profile is Cold At The Stretcher





# Belt Handling Systems



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  - Maintains Belt Alignment



# Belt Handling Systems

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ Cooling, Storage, And Saw Discharge Belts Are All Fixed Horizontal – No Lifting
- ▣ Large “Center-drive” Pulley So Belt Tension Can Be Low
  - Maintains Belt Alignment Better – Less Maintenance
  - Allows Belts to be Reversible



# Belt Handling Systems

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ Cooling Table Belts are High Temperature
- ▣ Various Belt materials available customer spec



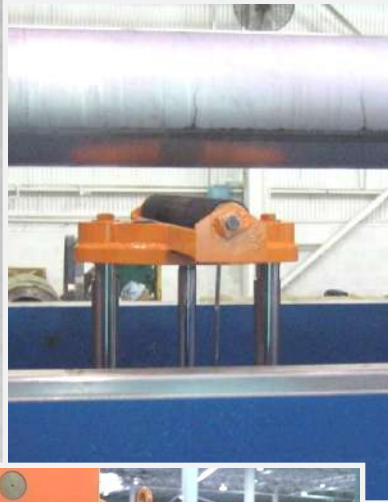
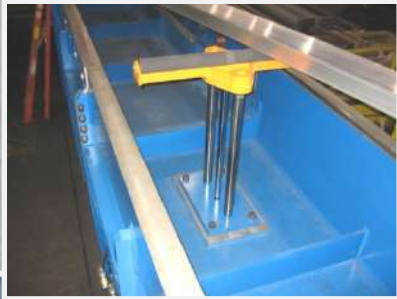
# Belt Handling Systems

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ Stretcher Belts are Automatic with Stretcher Head Movement
  - Operator Does Not Have To Manually Move The Belts



# Automatic Profile Stretchers



# Automatic Profile Stretchers

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ Laser Locates Tailhead
  - Measures The Position Of Tailhead And Controls Load/Unload Belts
  - No Reset After Power Outage



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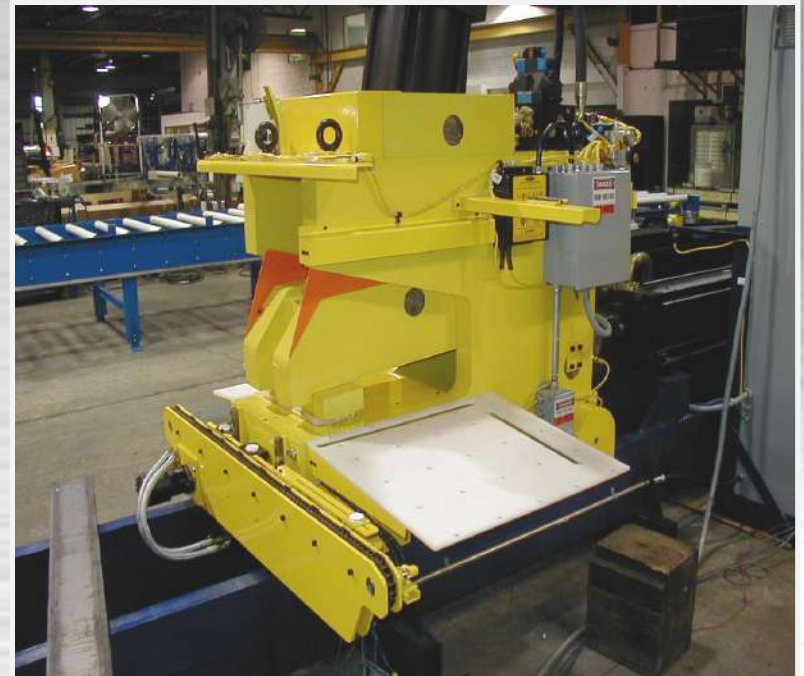
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- ▣ Infeed Belts Raise, Shift Left/Right



# Finish Saw and Gauge System



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## Key Technology Issues:

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  - Easy Blade Change



# Finish Saw and Gauge System

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  - Servo Driven
  - Gauge Head Lifts  
During Cut For Fast  
Evacuation



# Finish Saw and Gauge System

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ ECS is Machine Tool Quality
- ▣ Gauge System is Automatic and Self-Zeroing
- ▣ Automatic End Scrap Handling
  - Scrap Belt Lowers And Powers The Scrap Down To Conveyor



# Profile Stacker System



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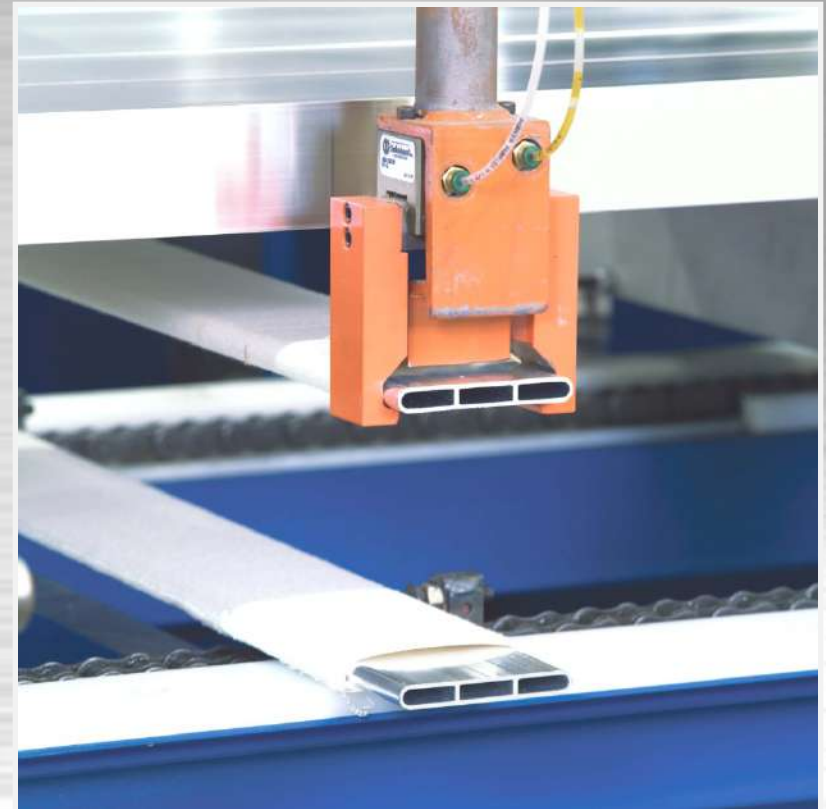


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# Profile Stacker System

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ Steel Or Aluminum Spacers
  - Aluminum Spacers Can Be Covered Or Uncovered
  - Steel Spacers Must Have Covers



# Profile Stacker System

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ Steel Or Aluminum Spacers
- ▣ Reliable Spacer Insertion Mechanism





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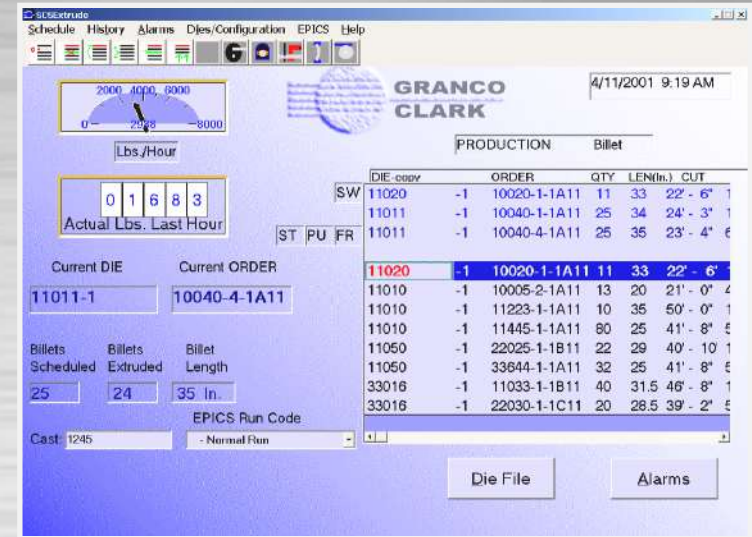
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- ▣ Reliable Spacer Insertion Mechanism
- ▣ Spacer On Profile Or Spacer On Support Can Be Selected By Operator



# Supervisory Computer System

## Key Technology Issues:

- ▣ **SCS Extrude** - A Software System To Automate The Extrusion Process
  - Production Schedule Execution
  - Auto Equipment Setup (Recipes)
  - Data Collection
  - Fault Diagnostics



# Supervisory Computer System

## Web-based Interface

- A web server available as part of the core application
- Browser based interface to view real time data



## Data Collection

- Fault History (Alarms)
- Production History
  - Billet Detail
  - Billet Length
  - Exit Temperature
  - Number of Pieces
  - Etc.....
- Downtime History
- Recipe Value Change Tracking

## Fault Diagnostics - Detailed view



## Auto Setup/Recipes

	DieID	Order
SW	11011-1	10040
ST	10062-1	13580
PU	FR	10165-1 13580
	10365-2	13540
	10195-1	12720

- LOAD/SAVE Die concept
- Buttons on operator interface, (interfacing to the controls system).



## Fault Diagnostics



# Supervisory Computer System

- The supervisory computer system takes orders from the company order entry system, creates an electronic production schedule and automatically configures the equipment for each order. Other recipe software systems can be adapted to integrate with SCS. This provides great repeatability and allows operators of all skill levels to use the expertise of the lead operators by running the order with the stored parameters. This recipe information will be given to the SCS system via .txt files.
- Most extruders are drawn to the SCS because of the automatic equipment setup feature, but perhaps the biggest payback is the full “what’s wrong & how-to-fix” diagnostics, not just alarm-fault monitoring. The fault diagnostic system in many cases returns the system to service without the need for a service call, saving hours or even days of downtime

[SCSExtrudeDemo.ppt](#) [SCSExtrudeUserGuide](#)



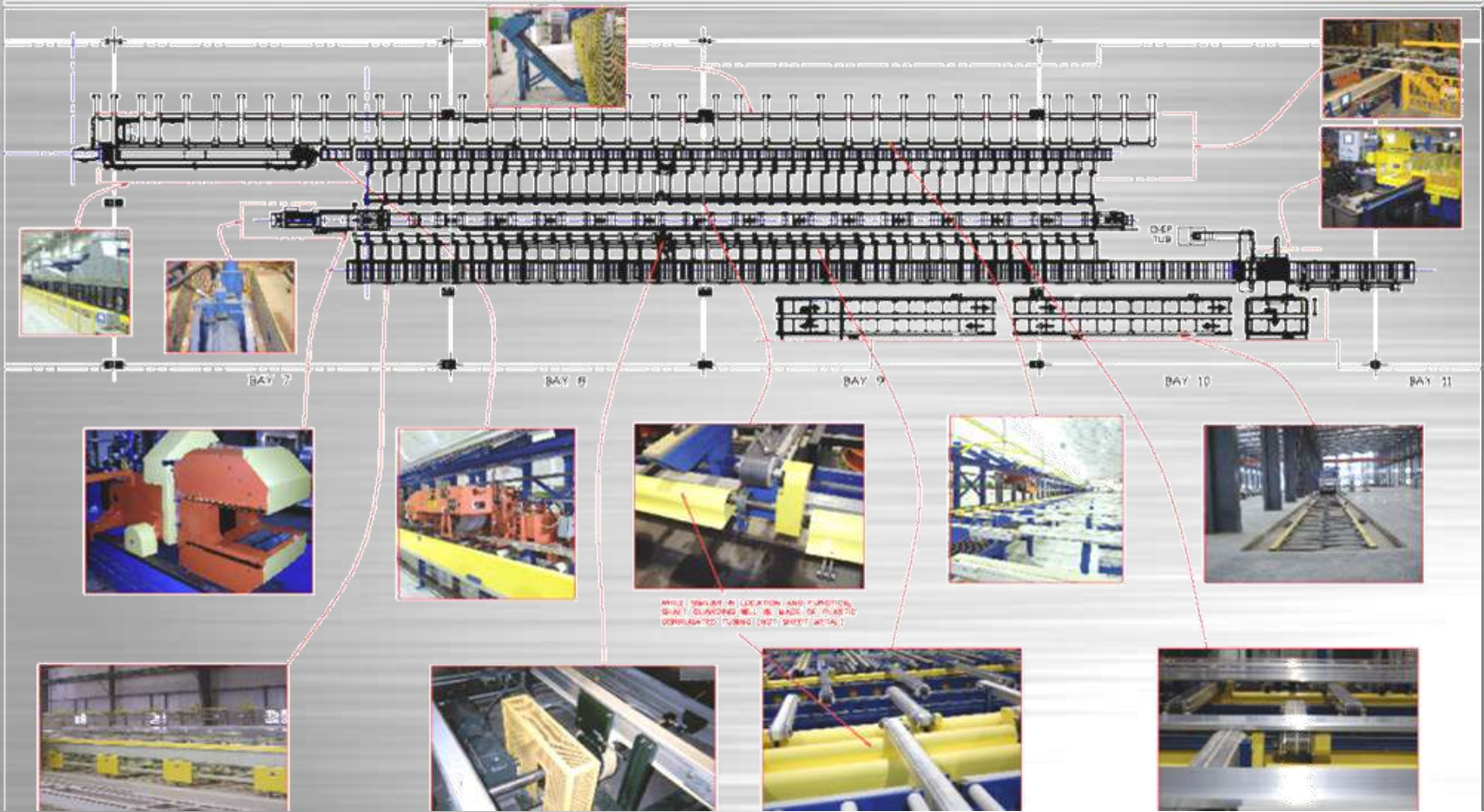
# Guarding Package

## **Guarding as Supplied by Granco Clark**

- The machine guarding that we are offering supersedes the OSHA minimum. Other European suppliers do not typically offer area guarding (e.g. puller fence, barriers around stretcher or leadout area, etc.). In addition to the area guarding, we include an array of personal protection guarding on the equipment itself, not only for pinch points but also for rotating shafts.
- While not considered guarding, we have included as standard, a full length catwalk system between the initial transfer belts for travel along the length of the system. This primarily is used for maintenance or others who require access to the “middle” of the system. Access to walkway requires the system to be shutdown automatically by way of a safety switch (on barrier door) when attempting to gain access to the stairway.



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# Aging Oven & Rack Handling System

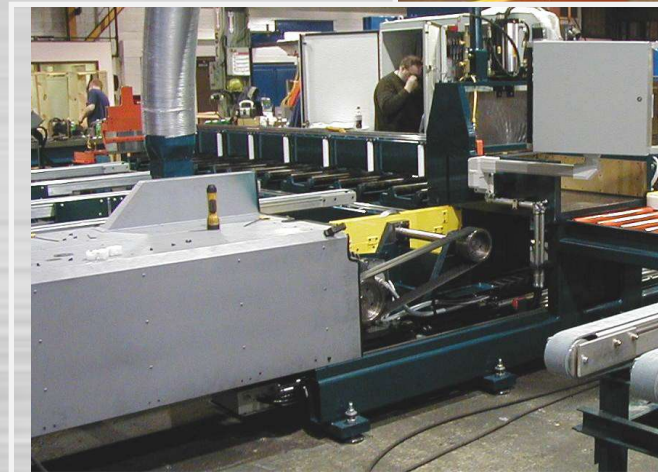


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# Precision Finish Cut Saw



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# Discussion Items

