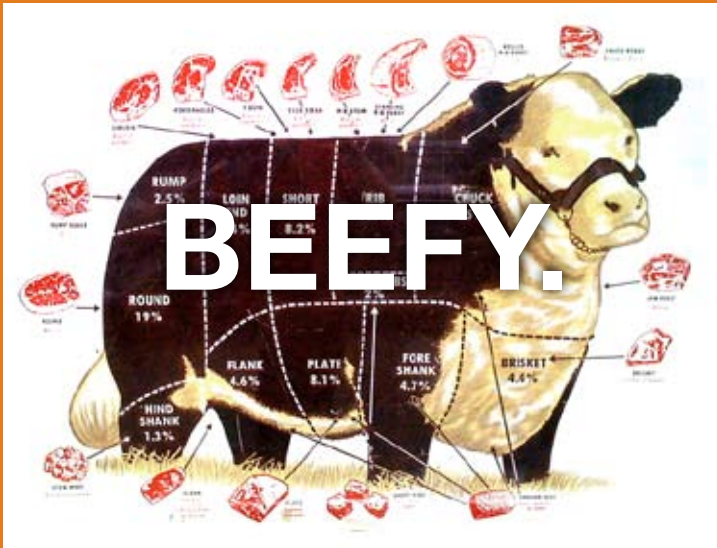


THE CONVEYOR

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FEATURED PRODUCTS >>



BEEFY.

CLEATS.

>> BEEFY CLEAT MOLDS

6" high Beefy Cleat molds are here. These cleats add to our hot vulcanized sidewall product. 96" wide belt in stock: 4ply440 lb tension 1/4" top cover x 1/16 bottom. MOR compound.

RUBBER RON'S REPORT >>



"Talk is cheap, until you hire an attorney."

– Anonymous –

So, 2008 came and went fast. Let's hope not too slow. I always look at March as our fiscal year ends and a new set of sales and banking goals begin. I often reflect on what happened to make sure we are making some progress.

March 2nd 2009 marked the anniversary of one year at our new RPI warehouse campus. On the weekend of February 23 and 24, 2008, our employees moved 86 flat beds and 50-foot vans of office furniture and slabs of belts. On Monday we started the phones and worked out

of the new building. The following week we moved another 12 flat bed trailers. Friday at Noon we turned off the Presses. We loaded all production Vulcanizers, to set in place on Saturday. On Sunday, 6 employees hooked up our 7 presses for Monday morning production. Total down time was 4 hours. Our production guys moved with the same efficiency and dedication that they use on the line.

The price of gasoline in March '08 was \$3.47 per gallon and oil at \$147.00 per barrel. Today we are at \$2.12 per gallon and \$48.00 per barrel. The biggest

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decrease was the Stock Market, The Dow Jones from 12,000 to 6,600.

Makes me glad I own belt rather than S&P 500. Conveyor belt took a 40% increase in 2008. So far we have only seen a 5% to 12% decrease in the first quarter of 2009. Now, some factories are already talking of an increase. Some domestic manufacturers have not given any reduction. I am still hopeful of stable prices for the balance of 2009. My best guess is that the reductions are over. The pricing will stabilize until sales and demand pick up.

In November '08, I was able to inspect 3 rubber factories in India. Visit the Natural Rubber Trading office in Singapore, and tour another modern conveyor belt plant in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The 3 Indian companies are all expanding with new modern facilities. The Malaysian factory is only 2 years old. All of the factories are High Tech, high quality and very efficient. I was fortunate to have visited Mumbai. It is a great city of about 30 million people. I left the week before the terrorist attacks. However, while touring a park, I was accosted by a monkey. He tried to steal my peanuts. Fortunately, no weapons were available. India is a land

with many contrasts of culture, religion and architecture. Ancient temples and modern skyscrapers. India is probably the oldest civilization in the world. There have been some written texts that extend to at least 10,000 years of history. The whole country has an enthusiasm of being alive and on the move toward the future. Their belting and rubber industry is certainly alive and well positioned for the next 20 years. «

EMPLOYEE PROFILE »

Floyd Jones has worked for Rubber & Plastics for almost a year now. He is what you might refer to as a "Guru."

When Floyd started in the belting industry, belt was made from cotton and leather. He began working for WA Belt & Drives and spent 28 years with them. He was in charge of their conveyor belt division at three locations. He then moved to BBC in Tucson, Arizona. He worked as Branch Manager, continued to solve customer's problems and sold conveyor belting. Price Rubber was the next stop on the Jones Express Train. He was an Outside Sales Representative overseeing 5 western states. Next up, Kaman Industrial in Tucson, where Floyd continued his role in sales and worked as the Branch Operations Manager.

A brief stint with retirement left Floyd yearning for more...or was it his passion and love for rubber that brought him back to our industry? He started work at Rubber & Plastics Inc. in 2008.

Floyd has many talents, earning him the nickname "Sales Extraordinaire"!

Floyd likes to spend his time with family. You won't find Floyd taking long walks on the beach. He prefers to rip it up on his Honda dirt bike! When he's done riding, you might find him relaxing in a warm bubble bath reading the latest Rubber Ron Tech Notes or going over CEMA conveyor manuals.

Floyd has been a great addition to our company, and we hope you have a chance to meet him.

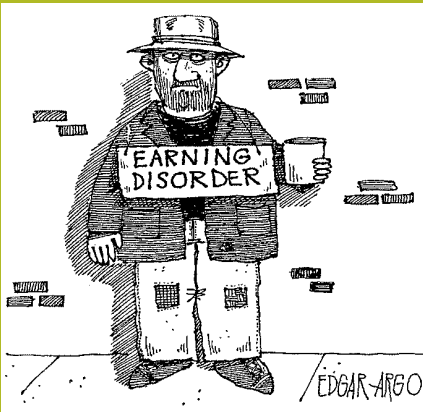
Please call to discuss your conveyor belt needs, go over any technical questions or just place an order!

To contact Floyd: fjones@conveyorbelt.com

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TECH NOTES »

A WORD ON TOP COVERS »



The following table is intended strictly as a guide for top cover gauge selection. A precise table is impossible because final selections are heavily dependent upon experience, previous belt history and a general appraisal of the factors which follow. Final selections may be based on a single dominant factor or on a group of factors. Final gauge selection may sometimes be lighter or heavier than the indicated ranges for special reasons.

The pulley cover gauge selection is normally a function of the top cover gauge and previous belt history. Use a heavier pulley cover gauge if belt history indicates failure due to pulley cover wear. «

6 factors favor heavier gauges:

- » Low end of time cycle range
- » High end of lump size range
- » Poor loading—history of cutting, gouging, wear, etc.
- » Ultimate belt life desired
- » Belt in constant usage
- » Costly carcass

5 factors favor lighter gauges:

- » High end of time cycle range
- » Low end of lump size range
- » Good loading—normal cutting, gouging, wear, etc.
- » Belt of secondary importance—downtime not a serious factor
- » Belt in intermittent usage

RECOMMENDED TOP COVER GAUGE IN INCHES

MATERIALS	MODERATELY ABRASIVE	ABRASIVE	SHARP-ABRASIVE
	GRAIN WOOD CHIPS LIME FERTILIZER	PHOSPHATE ROCK OVERBURDEN SINTER LIMESTONE SAND AND GRAVEL COAL	GRANITE QUARTZ ORES TRAP ROCK TACONITE ORE COPPER ORE
PARTICLE SIZE	ALL SIZES	TO 3in. OVER 3in.	TO 3in. OVER 3in.
COVER GAUGE (in.)	1/32 - 1/8	1/8 - 3/16 3/16 - 1/4	3/16 - 1/4 1/4 - 1/2

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