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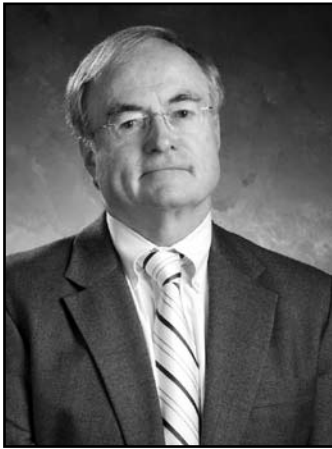
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2007 President's Address: Success Driven by Teamwork



Charlie Buckley, President
Davis-Standard, LLC

I can honestly say that 2006 was an excellent year for Davis-Standard, LLC. Our market share increased substantially and our employee productivity improved by double digits. Orders increased by 18 percent, well over the industry average. Customer satisfaction is on the rise and employee morale is high. The reason for this success is simple. You, our customers, demonstrated your confidence in our products and services and our employees raised their level of performance to meet customer expectations. Our progress reflects an outstanding team effort between customers and employees, moving us closer to realizing our vision of "converting

customer ideas into successful products." As we begin 2007, we remain very optimistic and I would like to share with you some specific reasons for this optimism.

Last year, for the first time ever, we asked you what you thought of us.

Our customer surveys revealed that you thought we had strong products, market leading technology and good people. However, you also pointed out that we needed to remain vigilant with our pricing and improve our customer focus. We heard your message and have taken action to address your concerns. We are committed to driving out non-value adding waste throughout our organization through our LEAN initiative while also developing and reinforcing a company culture committed to customer satisfaction. We have expanded our product lines to include cost-effective equipment with fast delivery. We have negotiated contracts with suppliers worldwide that enable us to maintain quality and shorter delivery times while reducing costs. We continually reinforce that customer satisfaction drives improved company performance with a realization that there is always room for improvement.

The integration of our Converting Systems and Extrusion Systems businesses was a significant milestone for us. When Davis-Standard and Black Clawson Converting Machinery, Inc. merged in 2005, we had the unique opportunity to bring together some very powerful brands in the industry, but also the challenge of coming together as one organization. One year later, we've not only capitalized on our strengths for both businesses, but we are unified as a company. Our Converting Systems and Extrusion Systems Groups will continue to focus on their core businesses while serving as a resource to each other in the best interest of our customers and Davis-Standard, LLC. To that end, we are in the process of reorganizing our European Extrusion Systems operations

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Hyplast Awards Film Line Contract to Davis-Standard, LLC

Hyplast NV of Hoogstraten, Belgium recently awarded a contract for a 20 meter (65 foot) blown film line to the Converting Systems Group of Davis-Standard, LLC. The line, slated for installation in early 2007, will include MAC super air-cooled extruders and a 2000mm (80-inch) three-layer proprietary die system. The custom die system features an insulated IBC system with a unique internal and external heating mechanism to reduce melt fracture and help increase rates. The design of the upper nip and gusseting is also customized, allowing for dual collapsing techniques. The line will utilize a 200mm (8-inch) core extruder and two 165mm (6 1/2-inch) skin extruders to achieve targeted outputs of



Davis-Standard's new die for agricultural films boosts outputs and quality over two tons per hour.

Hyplast, a Davis-Standard customer for over 30 years, produces a range of monolayer

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Conair Installs Davis-Standard Extruder in Pittsburgh Lab

Conair recently installed a 3 1/2-inch (90mm) Davis-Standard extruder at the company's technical center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The extruder is being used for developing and testing new downstream equipment designs. Specifically, it enables Conair to support trials for larger tubing and profile applications, and those with higher output requirements.



Conair uses its 3 1/2-inch (90mm) extruder to develop and test new downstream equipment.

"We've had a long-standing relationship with Davis-Standard and a mutual respect for each other's capabilities in the industry. This extruder is a welcomed addition to our lab," said Ernie Preiato, Vice President of Applied Products for Conair. "In addition to testing new downstream equipment, we'll be using this extruder for customer demonstrations, product development, and prototype samples."

Conair's technical center is widely used by the company's engineers as well as customers. It is also available to Conair's OEM partners like Davis-Standard who want to take customers to the facility. With the technical center, Conair has created a plant-like setting that enables its engineers to work with equipment before it is used in the field. Customers use the facility

to enhance existing products, improve output rates or product tolerances, and develop new products for prototype samples before going to production. According to Preiato, the facility enables customers to have time for "pure development," which is often hard with the production deadlines that exist in a typical plant environment.

For more information about Conair's technical center, contact Ernie Preiato at epreiato@conairgroup.com. For more information about Davis-Standard's laboratory and small systems equipment, contact Simon Dominey at sdominey@davis-standard.com. For more information about Davis-Standard's pipe and profile equipment, contact Wendell Whipple at wwhipple@davis-standard.com.

Ostness Recognized for Paper and Presentation



Lee Ostness

Lee Ostness, Product Manager of Coating and Drying Systems for the Converting Systems Group, recently received an Honorable Mention Award for his paper and presentation at the 2006 TAPPI PLACE Conference. Ostness'

paper entitled "Coating Technology for Flexible Packaging" was one of more than 80 papers presented at the conference held last fall in Cincinnati, Ohio. The session at which Ostness presented his paper was chaired by Don Teich, Converting Systems District Sales Manager. Winning papers were voted on by more than 250 attendees, making Ostness' Honorable Mention a significant achievement. Only three papers were recognized.

"Lee did a great job and it was nice to see

that people recognized the quality of his paper and presentation," said Teich. "There are always a lot of excellent presentations, so for his to be chosen as one of the best is quite an honor. We look forward to him presenting another winner next year!"

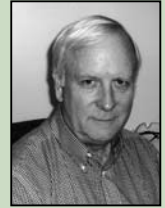
Ostness' presentation began with a list of typical products, substrates and coatings, and coaters used for flexible packaging applications. He focused on direct gravure, reverse gravure, offset gravure and smooth roll transfer coaters. Ostness discussed why these coaters were selected and provided information on theory of operation, capabilities, and operational parameters for each. Several charts were included to assist attendees with their coater selections in the future.

If customers are interested in receiving a copy of Ostness' paper, they can contact him at ostnessl@bc-egan.com.

Personnel News

Davis-Standard, LLC announces the following personnel news:

Scott Coope has been promoted to the position of Senior Product Manager, Wire and Cable Systems. Coope will be responsible for overseeing the design, fabrication, and fulfillment of contractual obligations for Davis-Standard's wire and cable product line, as well as for the company's entire Merritt product line.



Scott Coope

Jim Dalton has returned to the company in the position of District Sales Manager, Blown Film. He will be responsible for providing support and equipment to the blown film marketplace. Dalton has 18 years of experience in the film extrusion industry.



Jim Dalton

24/7 Success!

When a customer in Canada recently called Davis-Standard's 24/7 service and parts number at 9 p.m. on a Saturday night, he had no idea how quickly he would receive a replacement part. The customer was looking for a thrust bearing for one of his machines as the plant had a failure and production had come to a standstill. Mike Bray of Davis-Standard's service department took the call and immediately put the process in motion. Bray identified the part and arranged for shipment first thing Sunday morning. Since the part had to be exported to the customer's plant, Davis-Standard's finance department assisted Bray with getting the correct paperwork to clear customs. The customer received the part shortly after midnight on Sunday and the machine was operational on Monday. Davis-Standard further assisted with telephone support to confirm the part was correct and installed properly.

"We try to handle these cases as quickly as possible," said Bray. "As everyone in the industry knows, downtime equates to lost revenue and production delays. This customer has a very busy plant and getting the machine up and running saved them a lot of headaches. One of the main reasons we have our 24/7 service number is to be able to help with these types of situations."

Customers are encouraged to call Davis-Standard's 24/7 hotline any time there is a production problem or need for a specific part. The North American number for Extrusion Systems is 1-800-480-8105. The number for Converting Systems is 1-800-338-3660. Customers in Europe can call 49-173-710-6407.

Safety Bulletins Promote Training and Proper Use of Equipment

All of us in the industry want to reduce accidents which typically result from equipment misuse due to lack of training or customer failure to comply with OSHA. To assist customers in that regard, Davis-Standard, LLC publishes safety bulletins that contain recommended safeguards and procedures for safely operating and maintaining equipment. We plan to highlight at least one bulletin in each issue of the *Keystone Review* and provide a website link for you to read the bulletin in full.

Bulletins will be available for both converting and extrusion equipment. In this issue we are highlighting the slitter rewinder bulletin on the Converting Systems website, www.bc-egan.com. We hope that you find the bulletins helpful. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Keon Wild, Director of Product Reliability for Davis-Standard, LLC at wildk@bc-egan.com.

Safety Bulletin #1 - Slitter Rewinder Safety

This bulletin includes detailed training and procedure information about fundamental slitter rewinder operations including in-running nip, threading, splicing, use of overhead cranes when removing rolls, emergency stops, and lock out/tag out procedures. In some cases step-by-step information is provided to help even the most inexperienced operators with safety procedures. In addition, customers will find safety recommendations, explanations of unsafe practices, OSHA references, and information on national and international safety standards. This type of information and the format used is similar for all bulletins. Following are some examples of what you may or may not know with regard to slitter rewinder safety:

- Do you know that OSHA requires all drum slitter rewinder nip points located on the operator's side be guarded by barrier guards of sufficient height to fully protect

anyone working around them? The barrier guard must be interlocked with the drive mechanism to prevent operation above jog speed when the guard is not in place. The guard must also be interlocked so that the barrier guard cannot be raised or lowered from its operating position until the Slitter Rewinder has stopped. Barrier designs can vary depending on the type of drum slitter rewinder being used.

- Do you know that the following rules apply to safe threading procedures?
 - 1) Ensure the parent roll is properly located in the unwind stand and is free to rotate.
 - 2) Retract all slitters.
 - 3) Cut tail at unwind.
 - 4) At slow speed, thread tail through the web path to the slitter rewind drums.
 - 5) Use the jog mode when threading by hand.
 - Do you know there are specific steps for splicing a new tail under the roll tail or splicing a new tail over the roll tail? This bulletin provides step-by-step instructions.
 - Do you know the practice of using filler strips to compensate for variations in web caliper, slack splices or misalignment of the slitter rewinder is hazardous and should be avoided? The use of filler strips should be viewed as a last resort measure to be used when all else fails.
 - Have you read the rules for safe slitter rewinder operation as well as those for safe slitter rewinder maintenance? There are 20 points with regard to operation and 14 for maintenance.
- All this and more is available by visiting: www.bc-egan.com/images/PDFs/safety_slitterrewinder.pdf.

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and multi-layer polyethylene films for various applications in the agricultural, horticultural, construction and converting industries. These films include silo and silage bags, ground covers with unique gas retention properties, UV resistant greenhouse covers, automotive and industrial films, and construction films that provide humidity and weather protection. Many of these films are produced in widths up to 20 meters (65 feet) and in thicknesses of up to 200 microns.

According to Walter Willekens, Managing Director of Hyplast, Davis-Standard was able to offer the most complete solution for this project. "We chose Davis-Standard over several other suppliers as they had the best understanding of our technical needs for this job," said Willekens. "We have also been successful with our previous lines they supplied so we know we can rely on them to build and

service what we need. This line will help us further our production capacity and product offering in large-scale agricultural films."

Rick Keller, Vice President of Sales for the Converting Systems Group, noted that Hyplast appreciated Davis-Standard's customized solution approach. "We are now using a customized approach that was very well received by Hyplast. Rather than telling the customer what we think they need, we focus on listening to their needs and developing a solution accordingly. I think Hyplast and other leading film companies appreciate this way of doing business."

For more information about Hyplast, visit www.hyplast.be. For more information about the blown film offering for Davis-Standard's Converting Systems Group, contact Rick Keller at kellerr@bc-egan.com.

Upcoming Tradeshows

Davis-Standard, LLC will be exhibiting at the following tradeshows during January, February, March and April. We will also be hosting a Basic Extrusion Seminar at our Pawcatuck, Conn. facility.

Interplastika

January 30-February 2, 2007
Moscow, Russia
Booth FE18

MD&M West

February 13-15, 2007
Anaheim, California
Booth 3873

International Conference on Polyolefins

February 25-28, 2007
Houston, Texas
Booth 62

Basic Extrusion Seminar

Pawcatuck, Connecticut
April 3-4, 2007

IDEA

April 24-26, 2007
Miami Beach, Florida
Booth 1770

Davis-Standard Launches New Web Sites

The web sites for Davis-Standard's Converting Systems and Extrusion Systems Business Groups have a new look and improved features for 2007. The newly launched sites have been redesigned to enable easier navigation and provide more specific equipment information, including additional graphics and photos. Both sites offer access to updated news and events as well as safety bulletins for a variety of product areas to help customers optimize the maintenance and safety of their equipment.

Specific to the Converting Systems site, www.bc-egan.com, customers can request a service visit, service contract, technical papers and literature, and obtain a list of sales contacts by region. Customers can also find information such as typical line specifications including line speeds, tension ranges, widths, winder diameters and end use applications. At www.davis-standard.com, Extrusion Systems customers will find information about specific types of extruders, complete systems and applications. They will also have access to a new online parts store to conveniently place orders for commonly ordered parts.

We invite you to visit our web sites and take advantage of the improvements.

Extrusion Tips



The Impact of Barrel and Feedscrew Wear

By Paul Banks
Business Manager - Fiber and Aftermarket
Davis-Standard Extrusion Systems

Feedscrew and barrel wear inevitably leads to lower output and lost revenue. To avoid production deficiencies, it's a good idea to replace worn components before declining outputs are noticeable. The ROI for a replacement screw and barrel can typically be recouped over a very short period of time. New screw designs can not only bring your production levels to previous levels before wear has set in, but can bring increased output beyond the previous levels.

There are three main types of wear to consider: adhesive, abrasive, and corrosive.

Causes of Adhesive Wear (metal-to-metal contact)

- Straightness of barrel and screw
- Alignment of drive, barrel, feedsection, and feedscrew
- Screw design
- Uniformity of barrel heating
- Combination of screw surface and barrel liner
- Improper barrel support
- Unsupported dies at the end of the barrel
- Excessive head pressure

Causes of Abrasive Wear

- Processing polymers containing fillers such as calcium carbonate, mica, barium sulfate or glass fibers
- Processing blends containing masterbatches of titanium dioxide or other inorganic hard particles

Causes of Corrosive Wear (material attacking surface metals)

- Processing polymers such as PVC and flouropolymers that create aggressive degradation by-products during start-up, shutdown and normal processing
- Processing corrosive additives such as flame retardant masterbatch

Although wear is inevitable, there are six ways to extend the life of your barrel and feedscrew and get the most for your investment.

1. Check compatibility between the screw and barrel material of construction to avoid adhesive wear problems.
2. Select materials of construction for barrel and screw to guard against abrasion and corrosion. Various hard facing flight treatments extend the life of screws for abrasive materials.
3. Ensure that correct processing conditions are used.

4. Regularly check screw and barrel alignment.
5. Properly support heavy dies and other auxiliary equipment.
6. Use optimal screw designs for your process.

Typically when wear occurs, processors increase rpm to maintain the desired output requirements. Although this may seem like a quick fix, this method increases hourly power/utility costs and only works until the increase in rpm's influences melt temperature. At this point, product quality usually suffers and scrap is generated. If you opt to replace the barrel and/or feedscrew, not only can you resume normal production levels, but the return on investment can be significant.

For example, consider a minimal increase in productivity due to the replacement of the screw due to wear. Let us assume that you are currently achieving 275 pounds per hour throughput and that a new screw will put you back to a rate of 300 pounds per hour, or a nine percent improvement. If your end product sells in the marketplace for approximately \$1.10 per pound, you have the potential to earn \$40,000 in added profit during the course of a year assuming an incremental 30 percent margin rate on the increased production (25 lbs/hr extra throughput x 5,000 hrs/year total production x \$1.10/lb sales value of product x 30 percent margin rate). With the cost of a typical mixing screw under \$7,000, this yields an approximate two month payback.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get the most out of your barrel and/or feedscrew, please do not hesitate to contact our aftermarket department at (860) 599-1010 or Steve Megrew at smegrew@davis-standard.com.

New Online Parts Store Supports Extrusion Customers

The Extrusion Systems Group of Davis-Standard, LLC recently announced the grand opening of an online parts store located at www.davis-standard.com. With the new service, Davis-Standard customers will have the option of using Web-based parts ordering via a user-friendly online retail format beginning in January. More than 50,000 parts for extruders sold from 1981 to the present will be catalogued and available, including those for the Davis-Standard, NRM, Merritt and Killion extruder brands.

The store will not only enable customers to order or research parts for their machine 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but it will take the guesswork out of locating the correct part. When customers log in, they will be able to search by part number, sales order number

or bill of material number. They will also be able to pull up pictures and drawings of their machines. Sequence numbers labeling different parts of the machine will correlate to parts shown on the drawing. Customers can click on a part number or go down a level to the sub-assembly to find what they need. Once ordered, customers will receive an e-mailed order acknowledgement and will be contacted within 48 hours with an estimated shipping date. For in stock parts, customers should have their parts shipped as quickly as one business day.

"As with any online retail outlet, we've set up the store to be convenient and secure. Once our customers are registered, they will be able to more easily identify the part they need, order it and purchase it via credit card or purchase order," explained Jerry Warren, Business Director of Aftermarket. "Having our

parts resources accessible online to registered customers will also enable our aftermarket team to more quickly identify the right part and get it out in an expedited manner."

Warren also noted that as far as he knows, this is the first online parts store of its kind in the industry. Customers are invited to register for the store as soon as possible by calling the Extrusion Systems Parts Department at 1-800-480-8105 or by sending an e-mail via the website. They will be requested to provide serial numbers for their machines, which will be entered into the system. This registration will create a private and secure "space" for each customer. Once registration is completed, customers can start using the store.

For more information, contact Jerry Warren at jwarren@davis-standard.com.

Automatic Die Reduces Costs, Improves Quality

A Davis-Standard Series 50 internal deckle die upgrade has made all the difference on an extrusion coating line at Propex Inc.'s facility in Nashville, Georgia. The new auto profile die has significantly cut down on resin usage taking coating on fabric from a +/- 10 percent profile tolerance down to +/- 1 percent. According to Joel Manacop, Propex staff engineer at the Nashville, Georgia plant, this tighter tolerance immediately reduced material costs and has improved quality.

"In only a few months, this die has more than proven its worth. We took a 15-year-old Davis-Standard extrusion coating line and gave it an immediate boost with this upgrade. We have realized a cost savings of at least 20 percent and have a more uniform end product," said Manacop. "In addition to performance, the best feature of this particular die is the ease of maintenance. You can clean it in place which is a big advantage."

Propex has other Davis-Standard Egan extrusion coating lines at its Georgia plant as well as Mexico and Brazil. The company is pleased with the new die

and has seen an increase in line speeds. Other advantages of the Series 50 include reduced edge bead for most grades of polymer, an internal deckle system, removable lips for die cleaning, externally mounted block heaters, and a larger body cross section to insure thermal

push us in other directions. Davis-Standard handled the entire project for us including the addition of a gauging system supplied in conjunction with the die," Manacop added. "Davis-Standard's people have always been able to find solutions for us. They respond quickly and their service is impeccable."

Propex has experienced significant growth in the retail markets for the conversion of fabric into bags, building materials, house wrap, lumber wrap and similar products. The company is a full-service operation, performing all the weaving and extrusion coating in-house with the end product going to the supplier. As a global company, Propex is the largest producer of geosynthetic, concrete, furnishing, and industrial fabrics and fiber. The company's product lines serve the flooring, filtration media, automotive, recreation, packaging, agriculture, recreation, building materials and concrete systems markets.

For more information about Propex, visit www.propexinc.com. For more information about the Series 50 die, contact Ken Piora at piorak@bc-egan.com.



Advantages of the Series 50 include reduced edge bead, an internal deckle system and removable lips for die cleaning.

stability at high output rates.

"I am glad we pursued the automatic die option because many people were trying to

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into our facility in the U.K. Our Germany operation will focus solely on Converting Systems. This European reorganization will better utilize our facilities and improve our service to you.

Our employees have received a significant amount of training during 2006, which re-energized them and strengthened our customer focus. As an example, 350 people at our Pawcatuck, Connecticut location went through lean training courses that included root cause analysis, computer skills, effective meetings and more. From the office to the shop floor, everyone received training. Not only did this help give our people a better understanding of their day-to-day responsibilities, but they now have a vested interest in on-time deliveries and measurable improvement. We also initiated profit sharing for our manufacturing employees and set targets on production flow. You don't gain market share by sitting on your duff! We've instilled a new level of project ownership in our employees and we hope it is reflected in the type of service you receive.

We continue to invest in product technology and your response to our new products is proof that we are on track. For Extrusion Systems,

you've responded very well to our new HPE (high performance) extruder line and XP Express™ roll stand. Our small footprint HPE extruders come in an adjustable vertical or horizontal configuration and can be delivered in a few weeks. The XP Express is gaining momentum for custom and packaging sheet applications. We've sold several of these systems over the past few months because of the competitive pricing, fast delivery and versatile design. For Converting Systems, we've seen a very positive reaction to the new Model 1650 winder for wide width blown film producers. This winder winds film in widths up to 150 inches (3,810mm) and also has the unique capability for shaftless operation up to 140 inches (3,556mm) wide. On a similar note, the new Black Magic S4 winder for cast stretch films has an automatic core and roll handling system and can produce as many as six rolls every 25 seconds. We also continue to make upgrades and improvements to our feedscrew and control systems technology.

In the area of service, our expanded 24/7 service hotline has been beneficial. Recently we had a customer from Canada call at 9:00 p.m. on a Saturday because their line was

down and they needed replacement parts as soon as possible. The parts were shipped the next day (Sunday) and the customer was back in production on Monday. In addition, our Extrusion Systems group has a new online parts ordering service at www.davis-standard.com. This service will significantly expedite our ability to locate the right part and get it out to you as quickly as possible. Ordering parts will be more convenient for you and you'll find the site a great resource for your machine's bills-of-material and assembly drawings.

Lastly, we are now a privately held company with management owning more than 20 percent of our common equity. While Chemtura was a good partner for us, we now have the flexibility and solid financial backing to pursue long-range strategic plans. These plans, among other things, include the expansion of our presence in Asia.

Thank you for your business and confidence in us as a company. We wish you well and look forward to another very positive year in 2007. If you ever have concerns, questions or suggestions as to how we may better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me at charliebuckley@davis-standard.com.

Davis-Standard Sells 500th Dual Reel Take-up

Davis-Standard's wire and cable business group recently achieved a significant milestone with the sale of the company's 500th dual reel take-up. The "Clipper" style machine was sold to American Bare Conductor and will be used for processing THHN building wire. This machine has been a mainstay in Davis-Standard's wire and cable product line due to its durable design and economical pricing. It also provides automatic transfer capability from full reel to empty reel without stopping or slowing down a line.

"This take-up has been around for over 20 years and has proven itself both in safety and reliability," said John Zachow, Business Director of Davis-Standard's wire and cable business group. "It is a very efficient machine and has performed exceptionally well for customers. We look forward to selling the next 500."

Davis-Standard sold the first dual reel take-up of this kind in 1983 to Hi-Temp Wire in Bohemia, New York. This take-up, now owned by General Cable, continues to run 24 hours a day, six days a week at the company's manufacturing facility in Franklin, Massachusetts. According to Tim O'Farrell, Plant Manager for General Cable, the technology and reliability of Davis-Standard's dual reel take-ups are proven and appreciated by customers.

"We have three other take-ups just like the first one in our Franklin plant and they all

perform extremely well. We process electronic cables, data cables and specialty wire, so we run these machines hard," said O'Farrell. "I also have the benefit of knowing the person who designed this take-up, so I understand the



Dual reel take-ups have been a mainstay in Davis-Standard's wire and cable product line, offering a reliable machine at a good price.

technology first-hand. It is a quality machine that is designed to withstand heavy use for the long-term."

Davis-Standard supplies single reel, dual reel and portal take-ups for a range of wire and cable applications. Dual reel "Clipper"

take-ups are designed for winding wire and cable continuously at speeds up to 8,200 feet per minute (2,500 meters per minute). Operation may be fully automatic with various reel handling systems or semiautomatic, requiring tending only for loading and unloading of reels. A vertical, floor mounted, or integral dancer controls the winding reel speed so that all material is wound with constant, even tension. In-line or rewind spooling take-ups are available for MTS, THHN or up to NM 10/3 building wire and many cabled products. Take-ups feature parallel-cantilevered shaft construction with independent drive for each reel.

Self-traversing portal take-ups are equipped with a cutting and feeding station, and available in different sizes for a wide reel dimension range of 40 to 125-inches (1,000 to 3,200mm) and for weights up to 44,000 pounds (20,000 kg). Digital traverse systems are optionally available for flat-type cables with automatic reel dimension measurement and pre-set traverse recipe capabilities. Reel loading and unloading can be done semi-automatically, and AC or DC drives are available with or without a gearbox. Available safety features include pressure wave switches to stop the traverse, light curtains, safety gearings and overhead safety-shut off.

For more information about Davis-Standard's dual reel take-ups or other wire and cable equipment, contact John Zachow at jzachow@davis-standard.com.

Chevron Phillips Donates Resin for Davis-Standard Open House

An extrusion line running hula hoops was the main attraction at Davis-Standard's employee appreciation open house in October. Held at the company's Pawcatuck, Connecticut facility, the event was attended by more than 700 Davis-Standard employees and their families. Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP donated the resin for the hula hoop production, which was a hit among young attendees. The Chevron material was Marflex® high density polyethylene. The line also featured a 2 1/2" Davis-Standard Mark V® extruder with spider



Children of Davis-Standard employees pose with their newly processed hula hoops.

die, a ten-foot Conair vacuum tank, Conair puller/cutter, and a Betascan Lasermike Accuscan 5040.

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