

# Wire Drawing Machinery

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# Introduction

- ✦ The class will provide descriptions, illustrations, and general information on various types of drawing machines

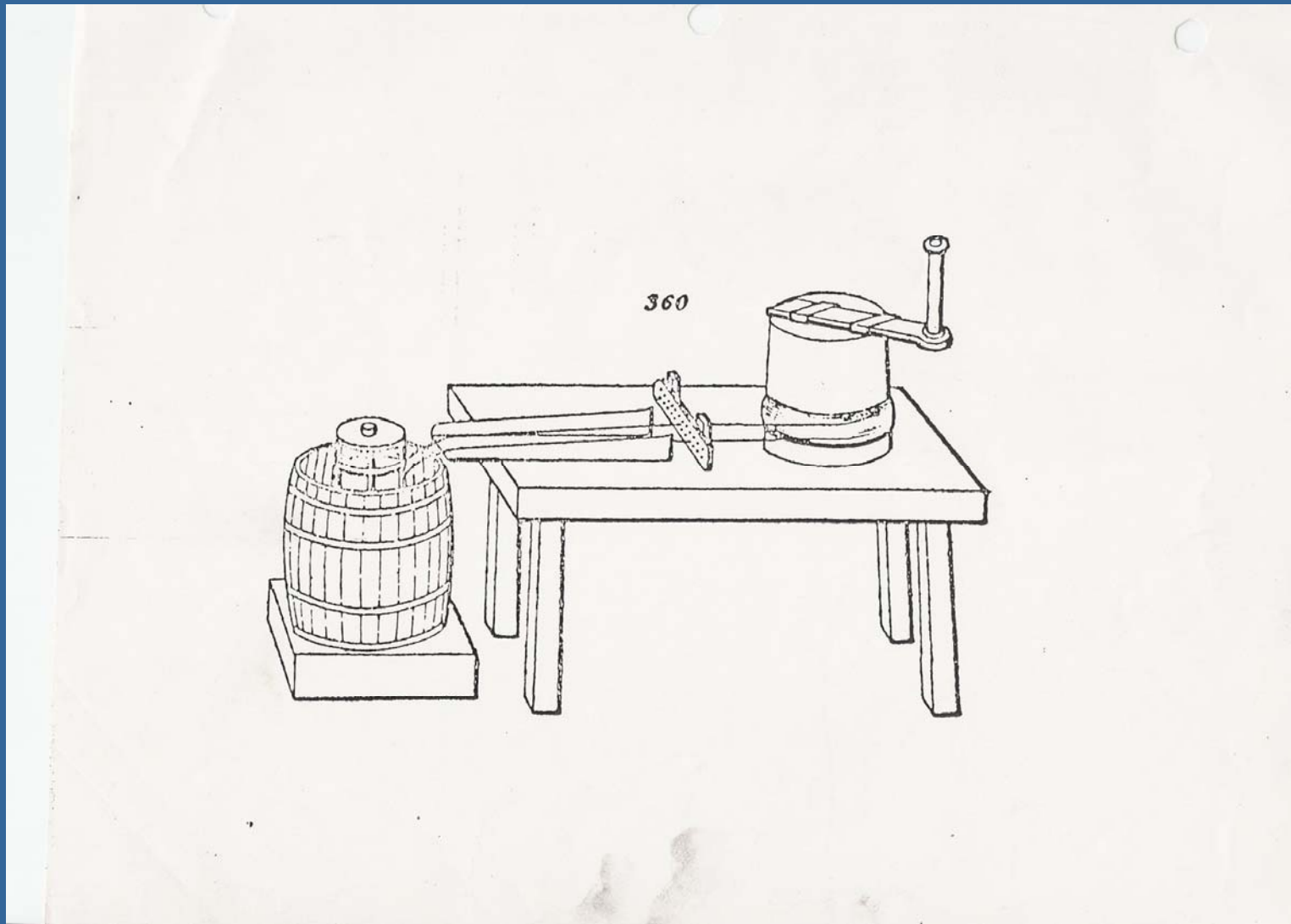


# Topics of Discussion

- ★ Brief look at the evolutionary developments of the draw machine.
- ★ Emphasis and detail will be given to the modern continuous draw machine and its auxiliary equipment
- ★ Factors needed to design or select a new machine.



# The Machine Has Evolved but the Biggest Change Is in Die Design

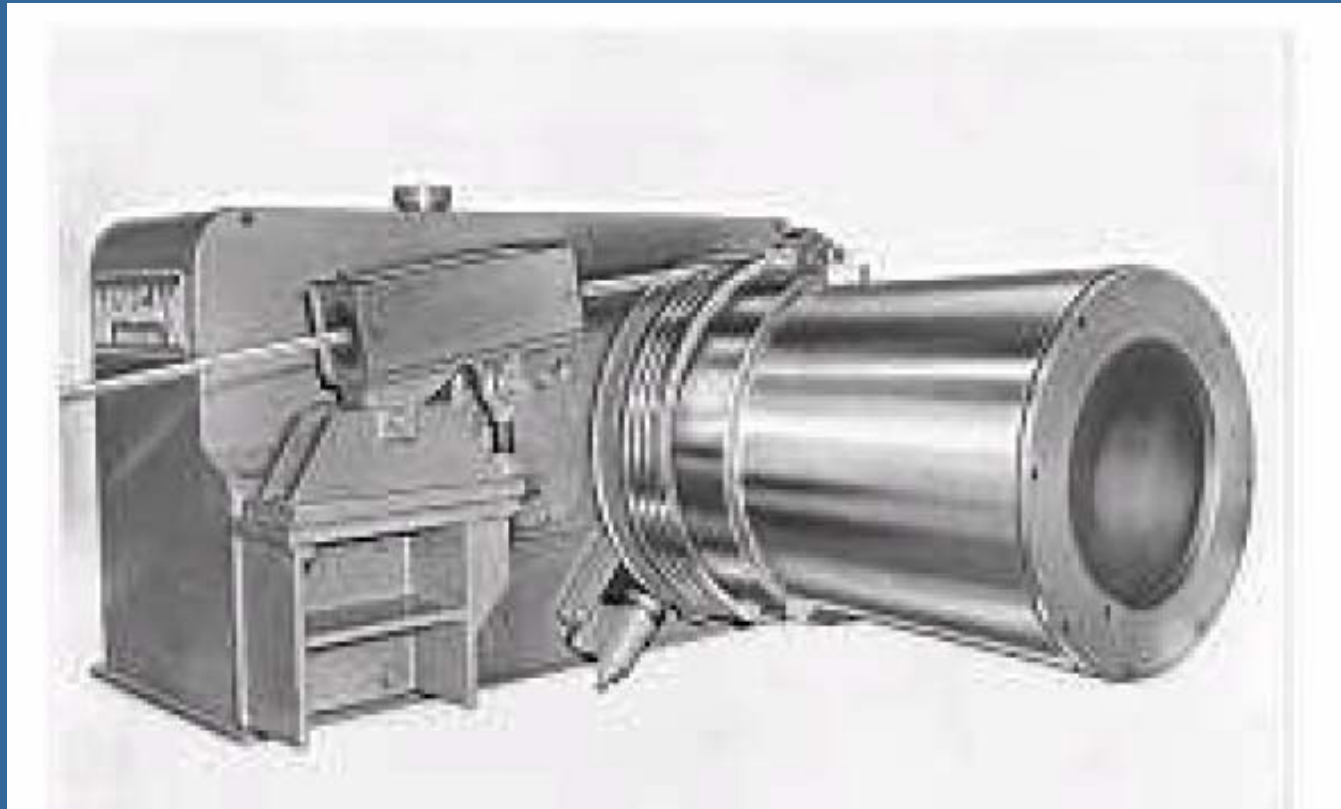




# Standard Vertical Bull Block



# Morgan Horizontal Bull Block





# Vaughn Horizontal Bull Block feeding Screw Machine





# New Single Block Bull Block





# Single Block With Guard Open



# Inverted Bull Block

## Inverted Bullblock with Pressure Rolls & Special Die Box

### **FEATURES—**

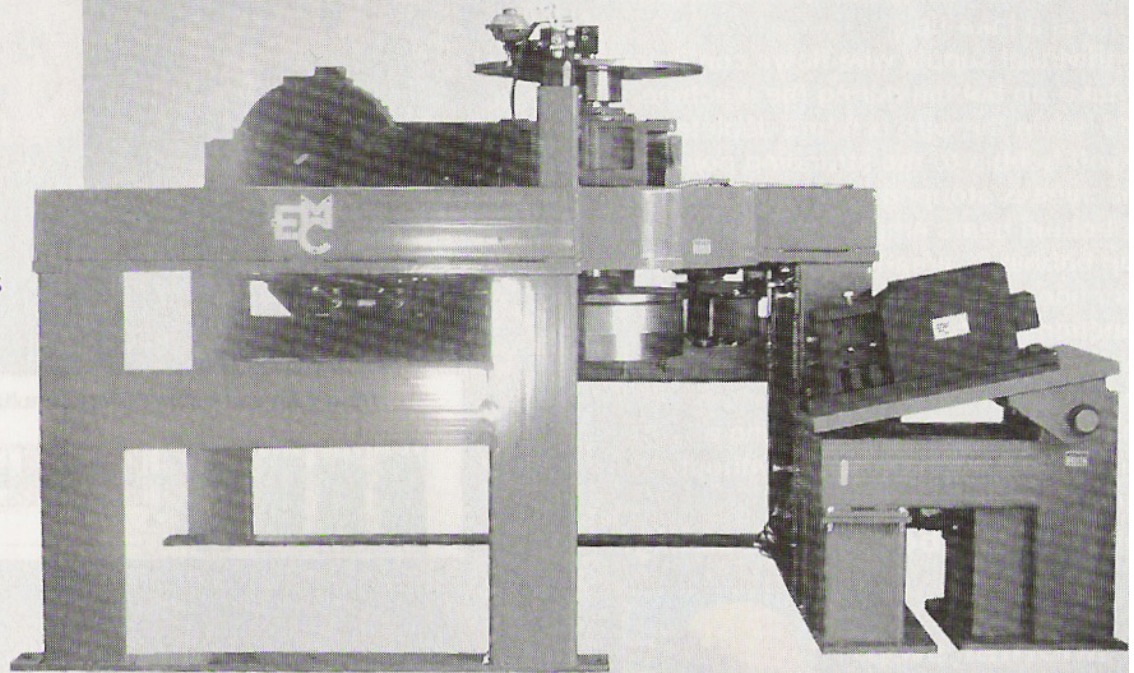
**BLOCK RANGE**—42" dia. to 22" with puller plate

**WIRE RANGE**—2" dia. and smaller

**MATERIAL TYPES**—High/low carbon steel and alloys

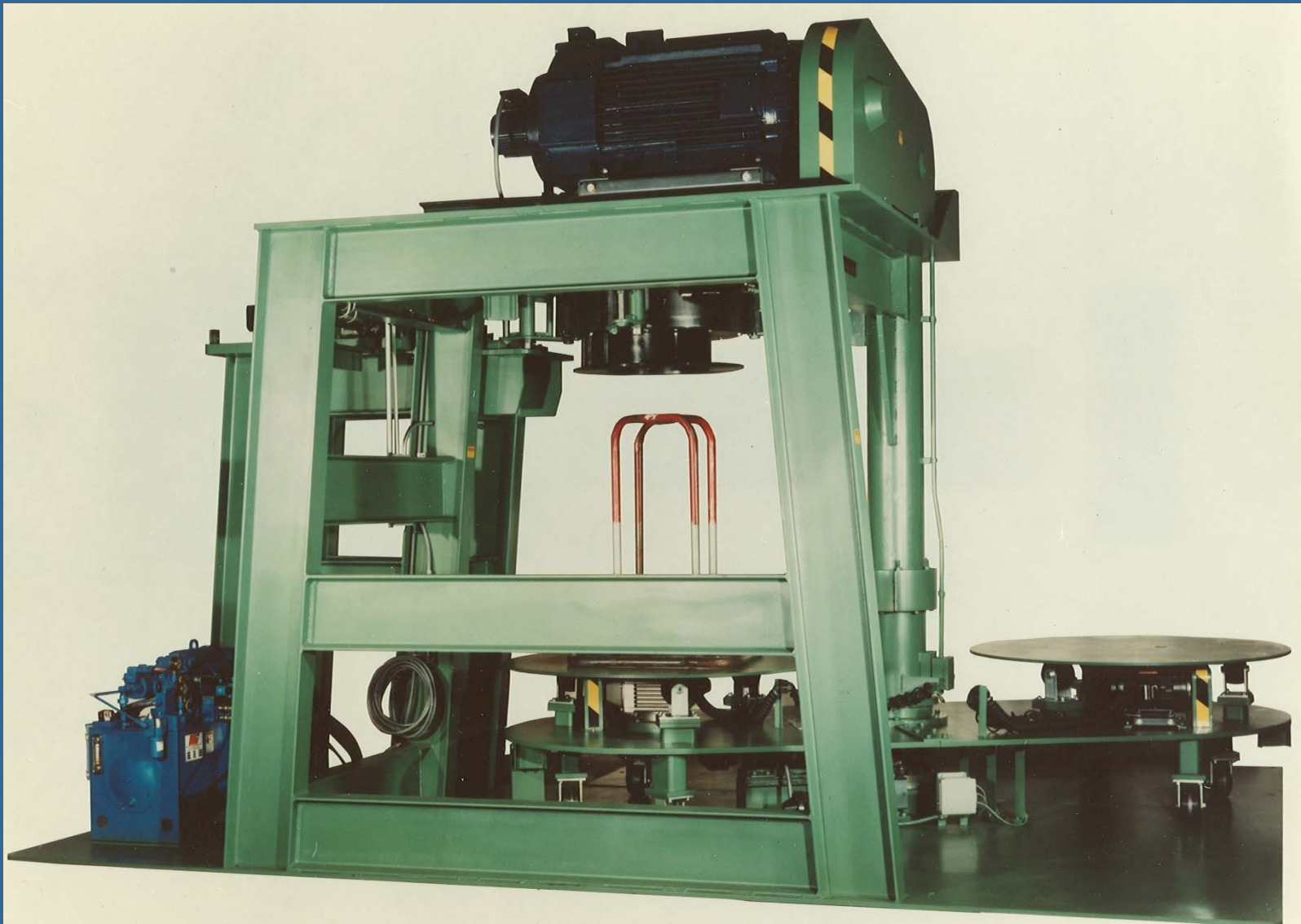
**LINE-SPEED**—Up to 600 fpm (182mpm)

**OPTIONAL ITEMS**—Internal built-in puller-grip,  
2 position shuttle turntable, 2 position  
indexing turntable





# Inverted Bull Block



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# What Will My Bull Block pull?

$SR = \text{Motor's Base Speed} \div \text{Gear Ratio}$

$Ft/min = SR \times K$  (  $k = \text{block circumference in ft}$  )  
( example a 30" block = 7.854 ft)

$\text{Die Pull} = HP \times 33,000 \div Ft/min$

Example A 30" BB with 150hp motor base speed 400 and a 15:1 gear ratio would have a Die Pull of 23,638 lbs.

$400 \div 15 = 26.67$

$26.67 \times 7.854 = 209.4$

$150 \times 33,000 \div 209.4 = 23,638 \text{ lbs. Die Pull}$



Once you know DP you can calculate what you can draw


$$DP = 43.56d^2 SK$$

d = diameter after draft in inches

S = Tensile strength before draft

K = a factor which varies with % reduction  
as shown in table 8A-I page 263 of the  
Ferrous Wire Volume 1 WAI.handbook

% reduction	K	% reduction	K
15	.0081	28	.0120
20	.0097	32	.0134
26	.0115	36	.0155



Example with the Die Pull of  
26,638     $DP = 43.56d^2 SK$

Can we draw .750" C1018 from .910"  
which is 32% reduction?

$$DP = 43.56 \times .750^2 \times 75,000 \times .0134$$

$$DP = 43.56 \times .5625 \times 75000 \times .0134$$

$$DP = 24.50 \times 75,000 \times .0134$$

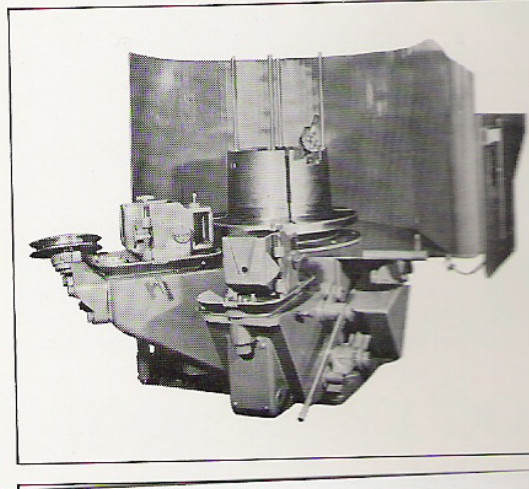
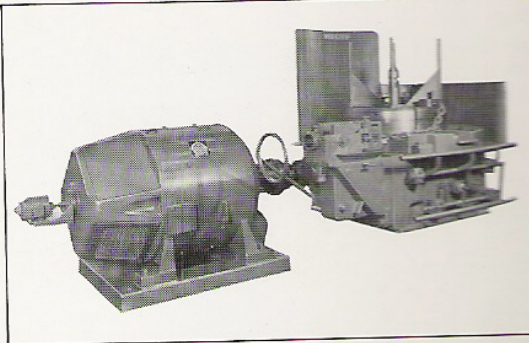
$$DP = 1837687 \times .0134$$

$$DP = 24,625$$

Answer Yes!

# Additional Old Bull Blocks

For Rod and Wire—  
Single or Double Draw



- ☀ Single Block, One die.  
Block set to have a  
Riding Stripper

Double Block, 2 Dies  
Collapsible Riding  
Stripper used to remove  
the wire

Important: That the drafting  
between the two dies be  
accurate, in order to  
control the bow going into  
the last die.



# Newer Double Deck Block Bull Block

WELD MESH ROLLING LINE – SMORGON





# How to Determine Drafting on a Double Deck block

- ✱ Measure the diameter of each block
- ✱ Divide the smaller dia. By the large Dia. x100
- ✱ Subtract the answer from 100 %
- ✱ Add 1 to 2% to % reduction for slippage.
- ✱ **Example:**
  - ✱ 18" small dia. ÷ 28" large Dia.=.643 x 100=64.3
  - ✱ 100% - 64.3%= 35.7 % reduction of area
  - 1% for slip =36.7% reduction between the 2 dies

# Alternative To The Double Deck Bull Block with Variable Drafting





When three or more consecutive reductions are required, The Continuous Draw Machine or Multi-hole machine is the next choice in production.

Continuous Machines can be either be of the **Slip type** usually for wet draw or **Non-Slip** usually for dry draw.

The dry draw continuous machines falls into 4 categories: Accumulation Machines, Full Stroke Dancer, Limited or Short Stroke Dancer, and Direct Through or Back pull Machines.





## OTO (Overhead Take –Off) Accumulator Machine





# BB or Double Block Accumulator Machines





# BB with Motorized Transfer Pulley

## VARIABLE TENSION FRICTIONLESS

### Transfer Ring Drive

#### NON-FRICTION DRIVE

ELIMINATES FRICTION MATERIAL REPLACEMENT  
SAVES UP TO 3 1/2 HP PER BLOCK  
REDUCES HEAT INPUT TO BLOCK  
ELIMINATES ASBESTOS DUST POLLUTION

#### WIRE TENSION CAN BE VARIED WHILE RUNNING

#### REDUCES TOP BLOCK OVER-RUN WHEN STOPPING

#### EASIER THREADING

LESS OPERATOR EFFORT WITH NO TIME PENALTY

#### EASIER MAINTENANCE

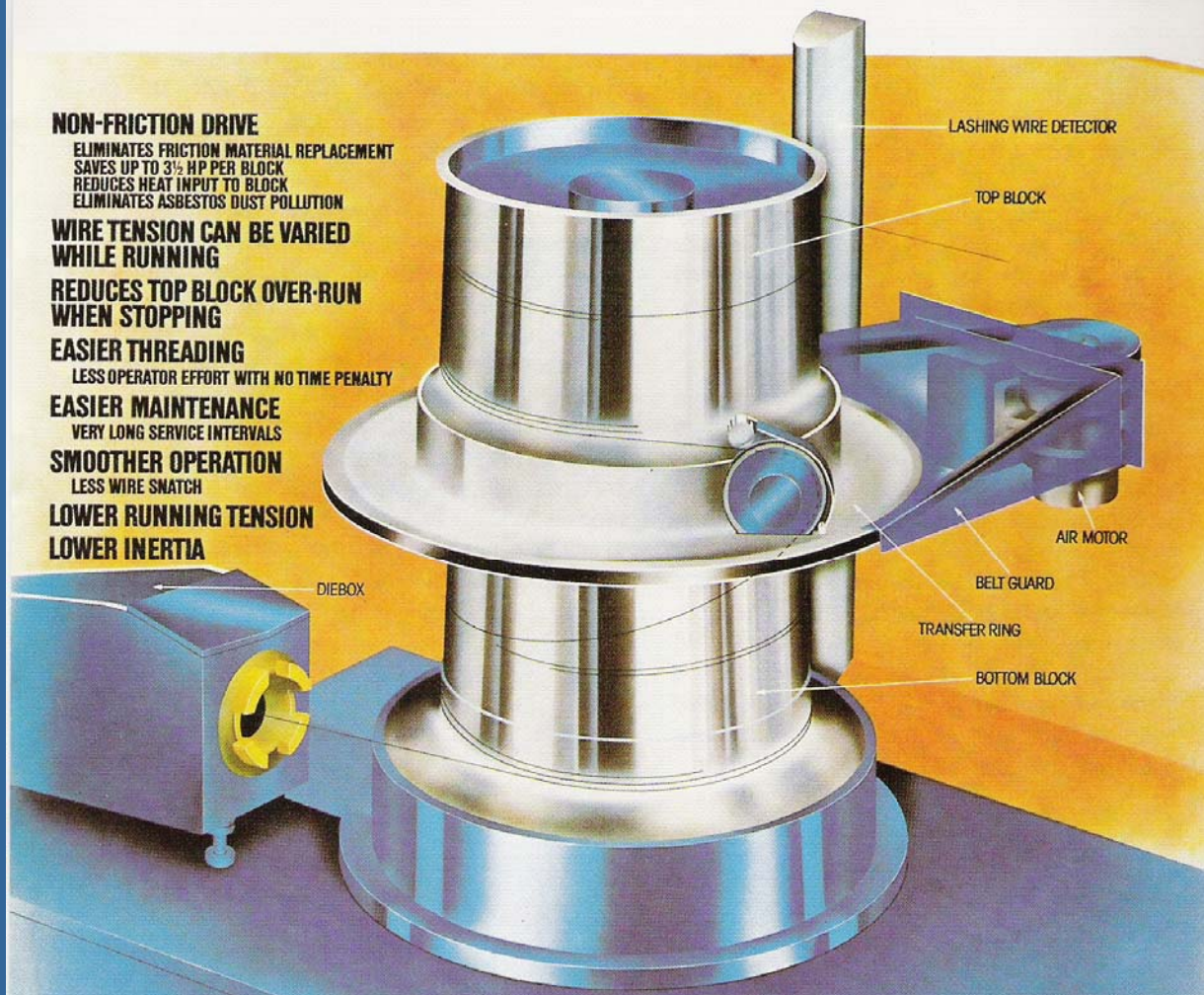
VERY LONG SERVICE INTERVALS

#### SMOOTHER OPERATION

LESS WIRE SNATCH

#### LOWER RUNNING TENSION

#### LOWER INERTIA





## 12 Die combination block size BB Machine



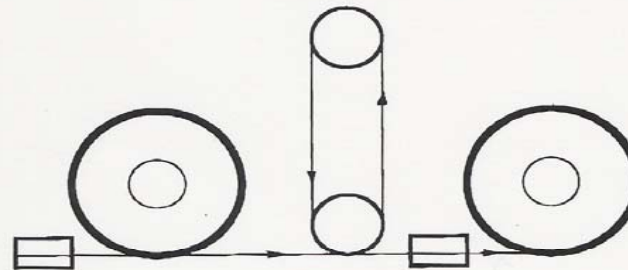
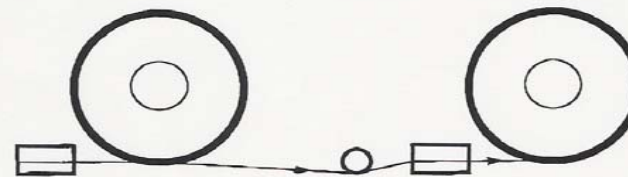
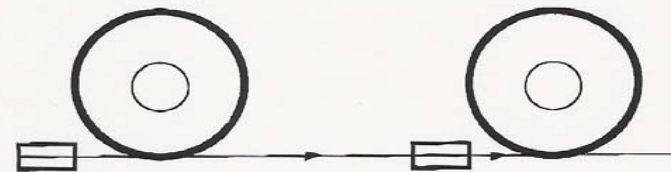


# A Full Stroke Dance Machine is really a controlled Accumulator Machine

**this Vaughn Motoblox<sup>®</sup>  
draws large diameter steel wire  
at speeds up to 2000 fpm.**





**DANCER ARM MACHINE****SENSOR/TUNER ARM MACHINE****STRAIGHT THRU MACHINE**

# 9 Die Vertical Axis Full Dancer





# 11 Die 200 mm Blocks Dancer Machine





## 11 Die 200 mm Block Dancer machine



# Limited or Short Stroke Dancer Machines Vertical Axis 1200mm Blocks





# Limited Dancer Machine Vertical Axis





## Limited Dancer Horizontal Axis 900 mm Blocks



# Back Side of Horizontal Machine





# Horizontal Limited Dancer 14 Die 180mm blocks



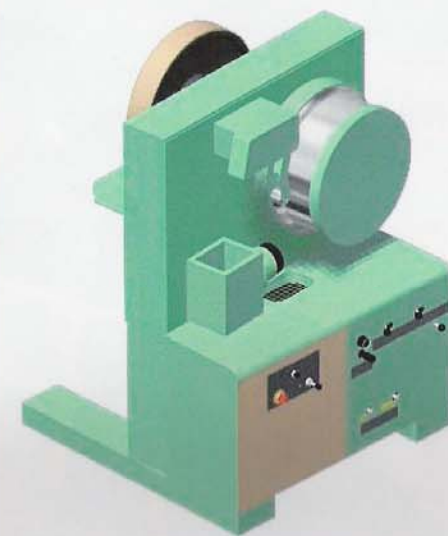


# Horizontal Modular Limited Dancer



Ferrous Wire Drawing "HST" Machine  
(modular construction)

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# Close View of Horizontal Modular





# Vertical limited Dancer Modular

## MTX dry 12 Die drawing machine



- Compact design
- Integrated electrical cabinet
- New transmission system



# MTX Modular 4 block unit



# MTX Modular Back Side Electrical Drives



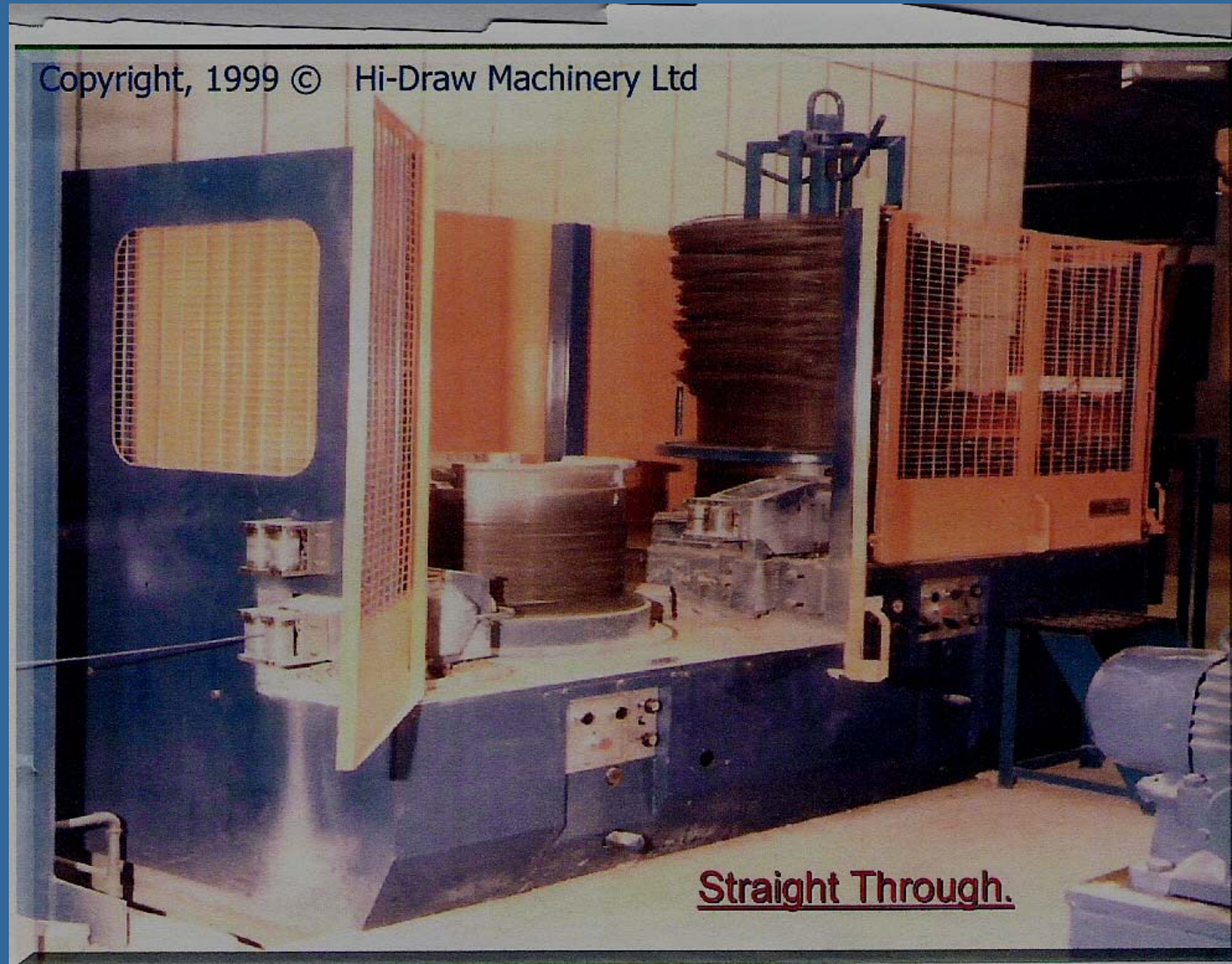


# Complete Modular Block Housing Drops In





# Back Pull or Direct Through Machine



# We'll take a look at the individual components of the Modern Continuous Draw Machine





# Steel Frame for Vertical Axis Machine with OTO position





# Safety guards

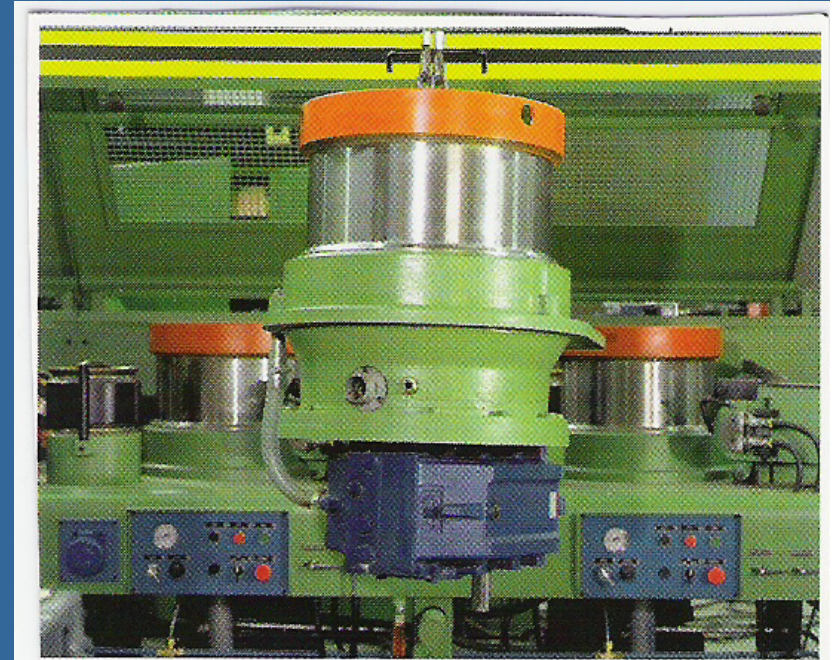
Fully enclosed environmental  
as on the right

Or reinforced Mesh type  
directly below





# Gear Boxes and Block Housing

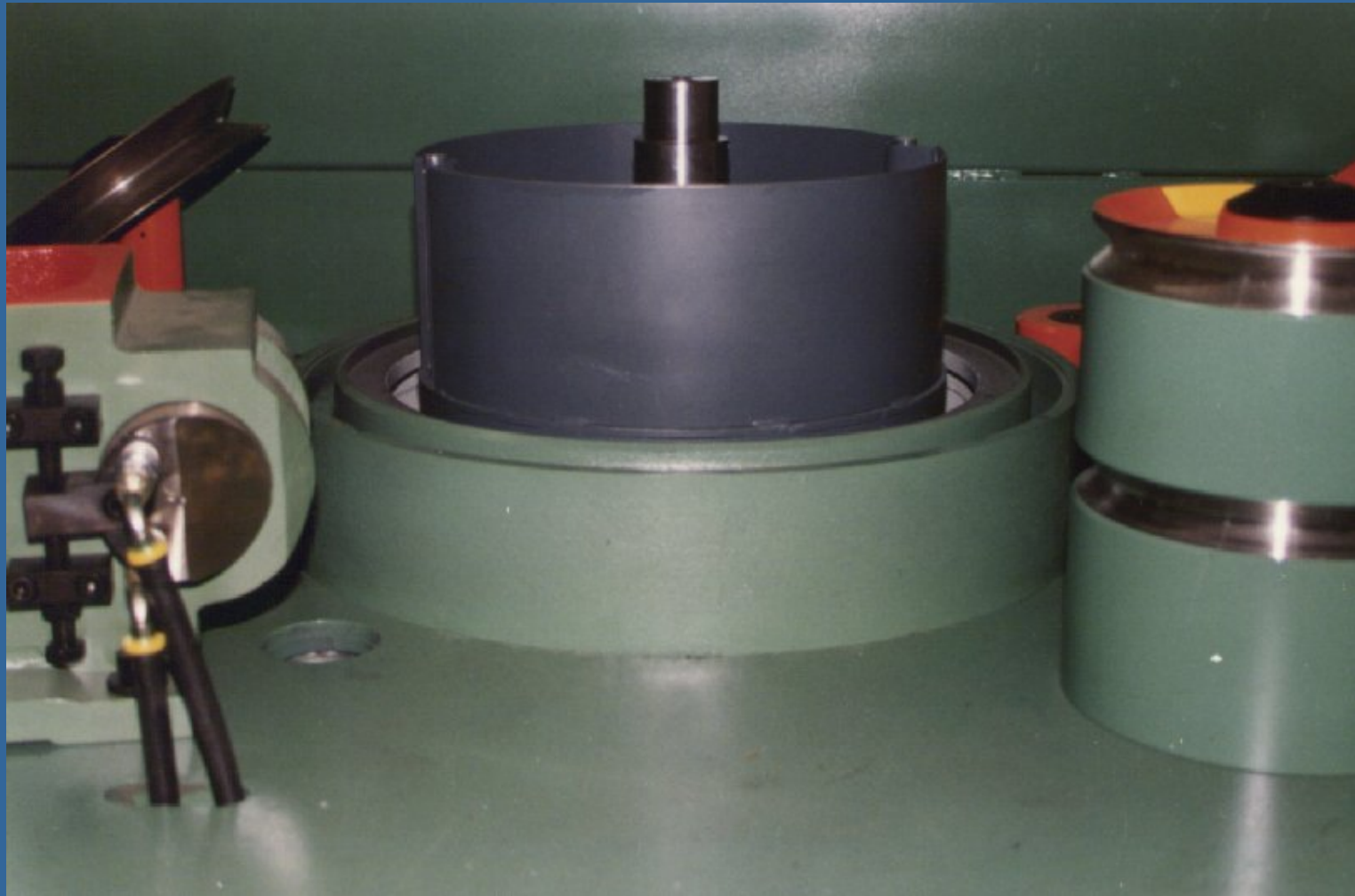




# Gear Box and Inner Block

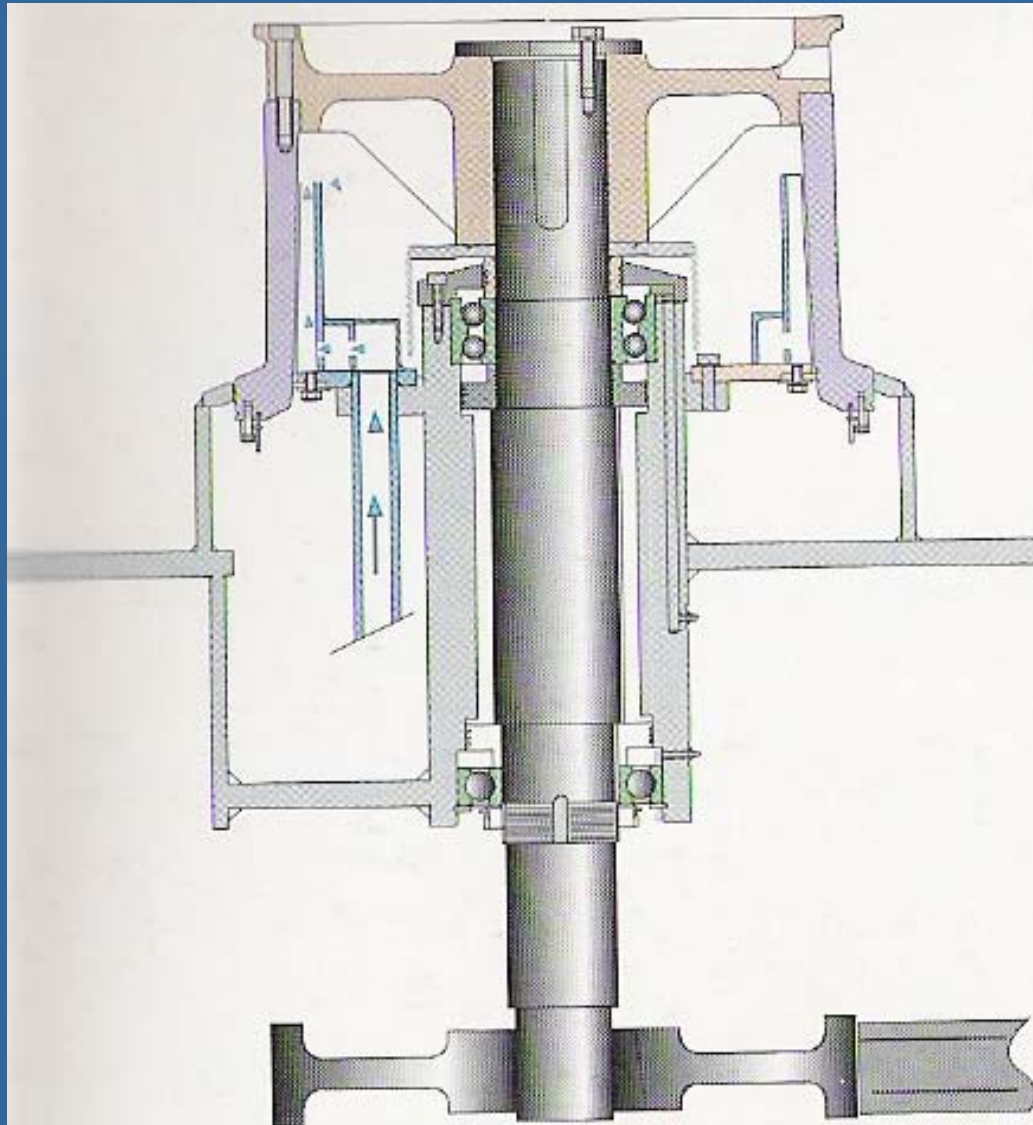


# Inner block of Narrow Gap Cooling System on 450mm Block





# Drawing of Narrow Gap Cooling Block

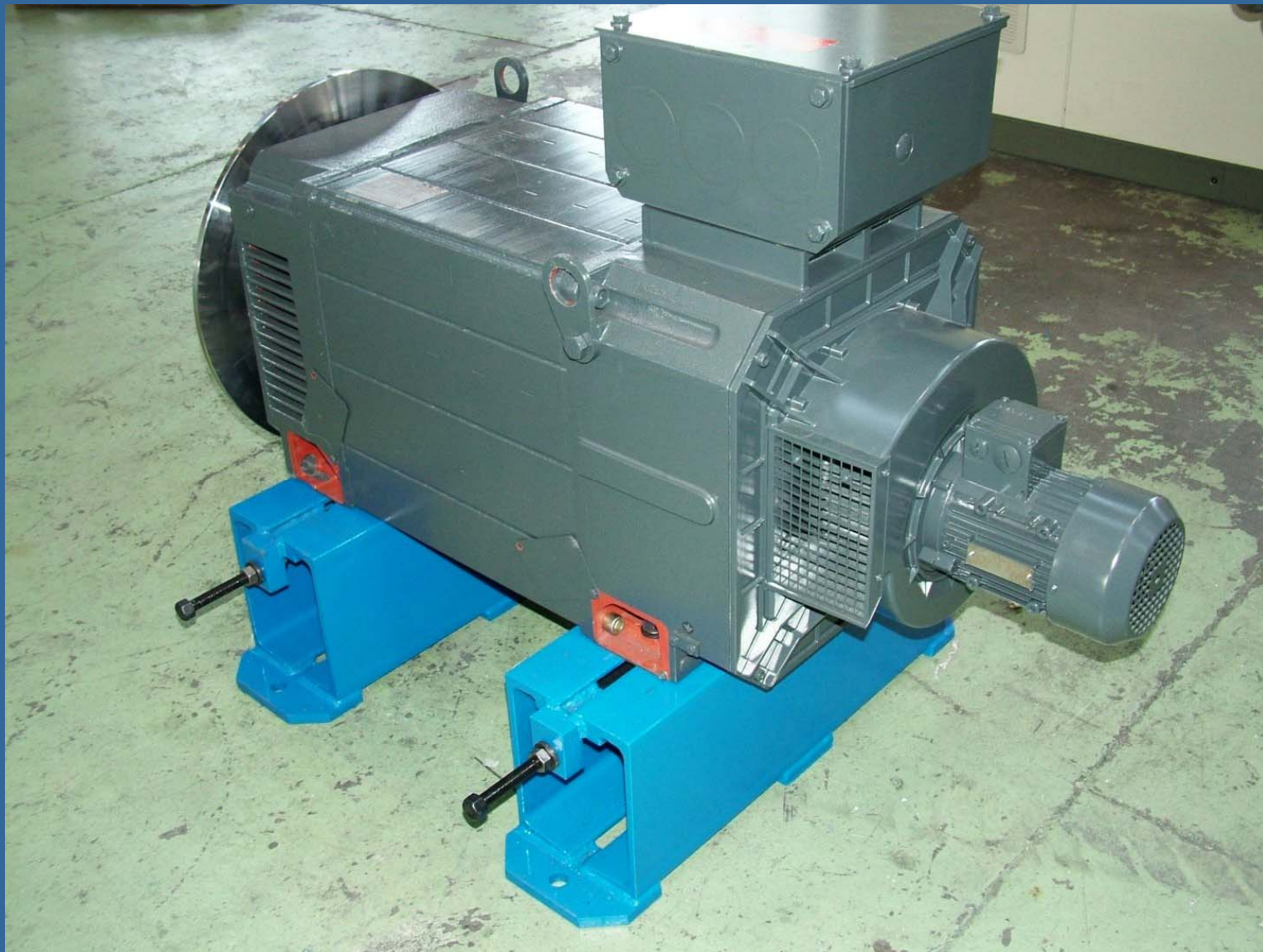


# Motors on Floor Bases at back of Machine

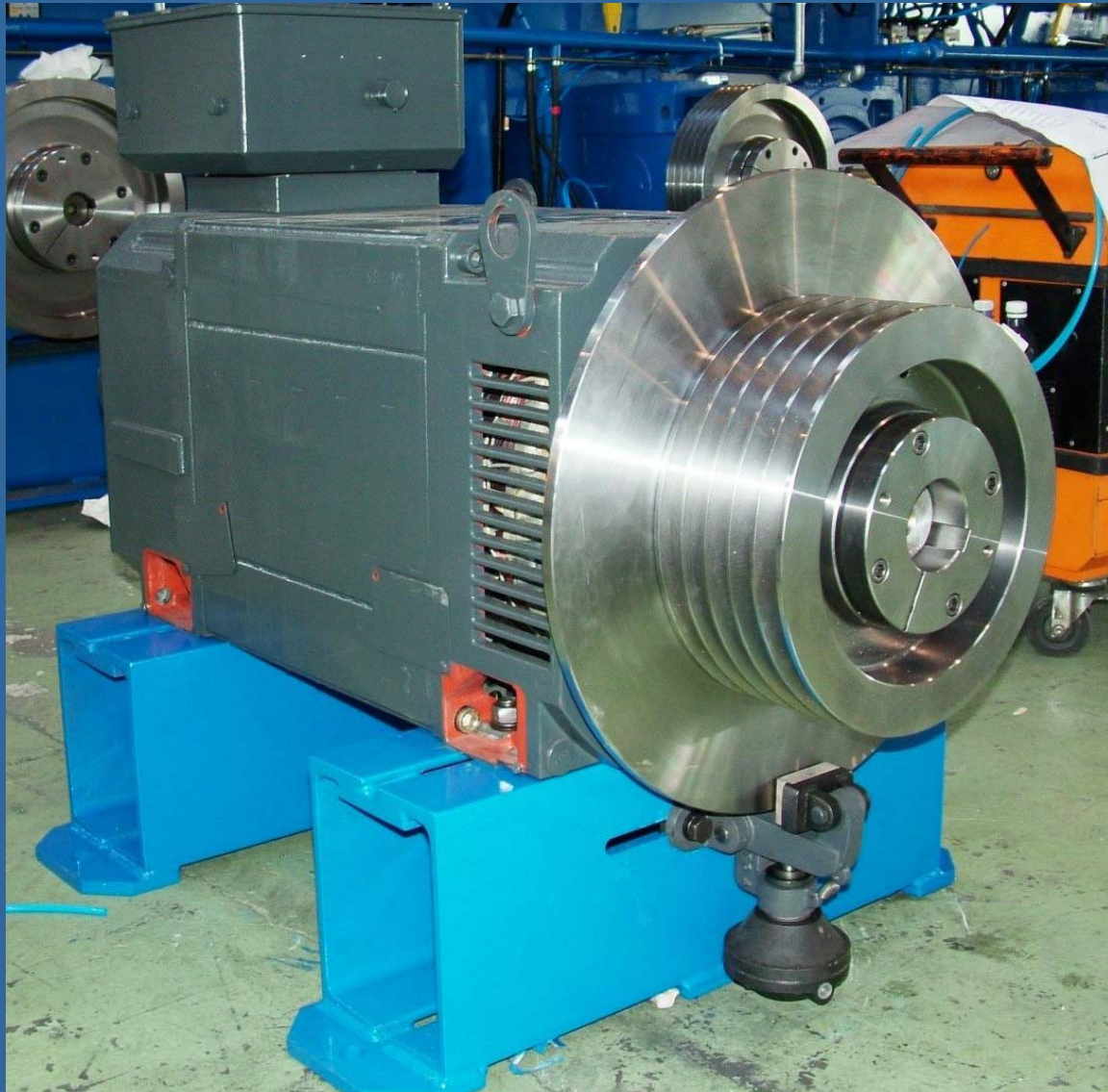




# AC Motor with Blower & Brake



# Closer Look at the Brake





# Motors Mounted to a 1200 mm Machine

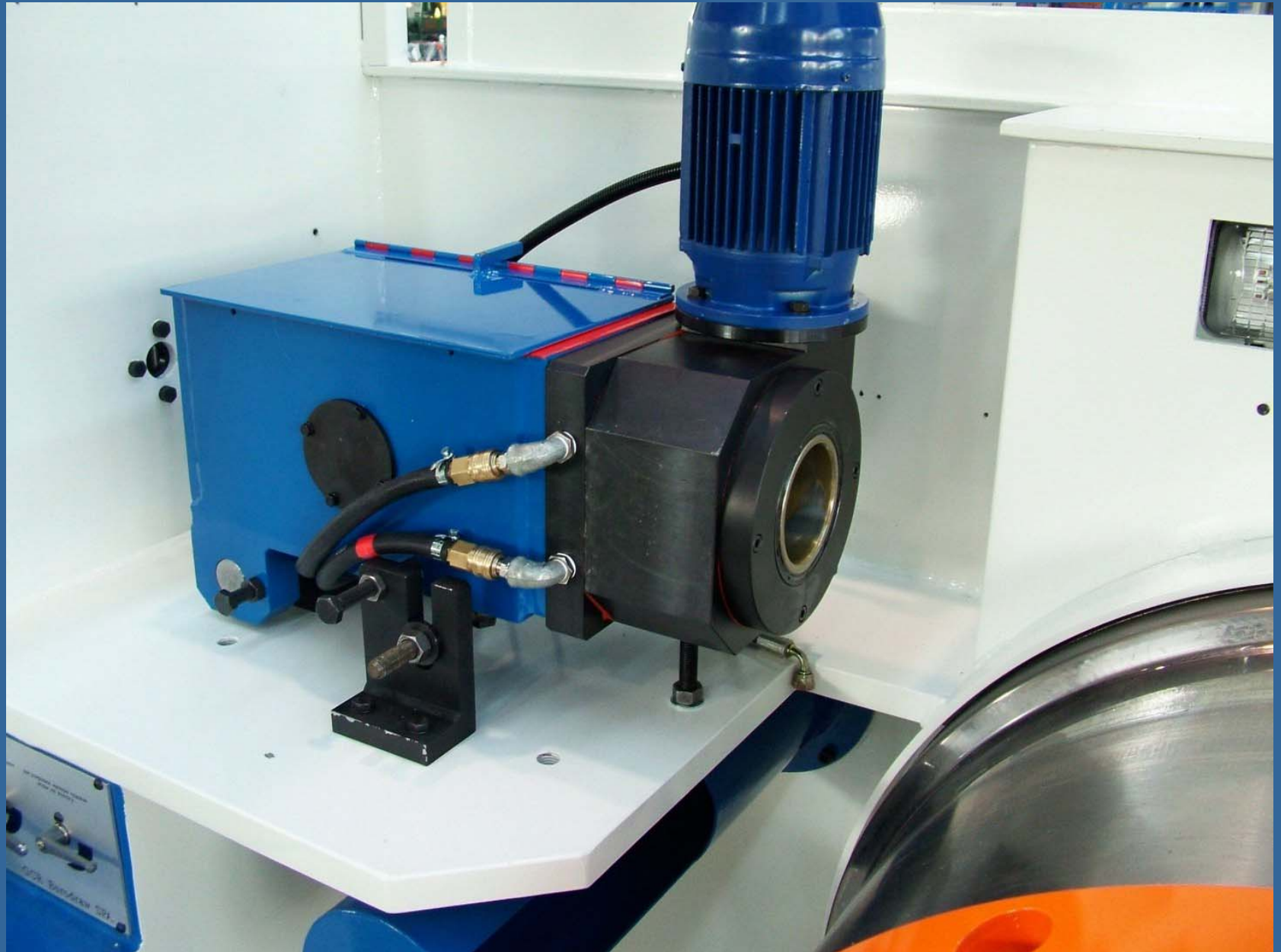


# Wet Die Box for Removal of Residual Draw Lube

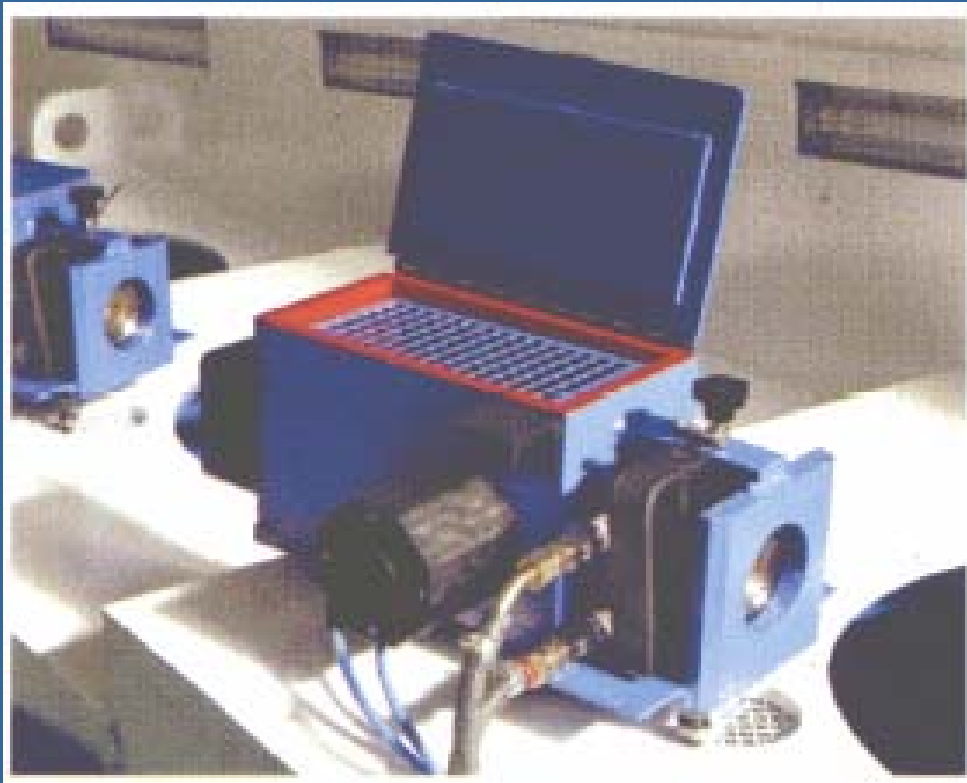




# Die and Soap Box Rotating Die



# Pneumatic Soap Stirring Mounted on Side of Die Box





# Electric Soap Stirring Mounted on back of Die Box



# Quick Change Die Cassette





# OTO Block First Position for Quick Stopping When Rod Tangles



# Self Cleaning Laser Wire Measuring Gauge





# Electrical Control Cabinets



# PLC Systems Replace the Old Relay Logic Control Functions





# Common DC Bus used with DC/AC Inverters




# Operator Control Panels





# Operator Control Panel Attached to Machine





To Complete the wire drawing process the wire must be packaged to meet the next production process or customer needs

- ✱ This is done with one of the following:
- ✱ Lift-Off Riding Stripper
- ✱ Deadblocks with die
- ✱ Coilers without die
- ✱ Spoolers



# Riding Stripper



# Vertical Deadblock

***RVT static vertical-axis  
coilers with drawing draft***



- ✴ The draw die and wire straighteners are mounted to the rotating plate with coil lowering device underneath



# Horizontal Axis Deadblock



# Horizontal Deadblock Flyers

## ★ Draw Die



## Casting Device





The flyer can be gear or belt driven



# Horizontal DB/Pattern Lay





# Horizontal DB with Coil Lowering Pattern Lay Unit



Horizontal  
Stator Block  
Coiler with  
pattern laying  
& coil lowering

# DB with Coil Accumulation for uninterrupted automatic run





# Horizontal Axis Spoolers



# Dual Horizontal Spoolers





# Dual Spooler Opened Up

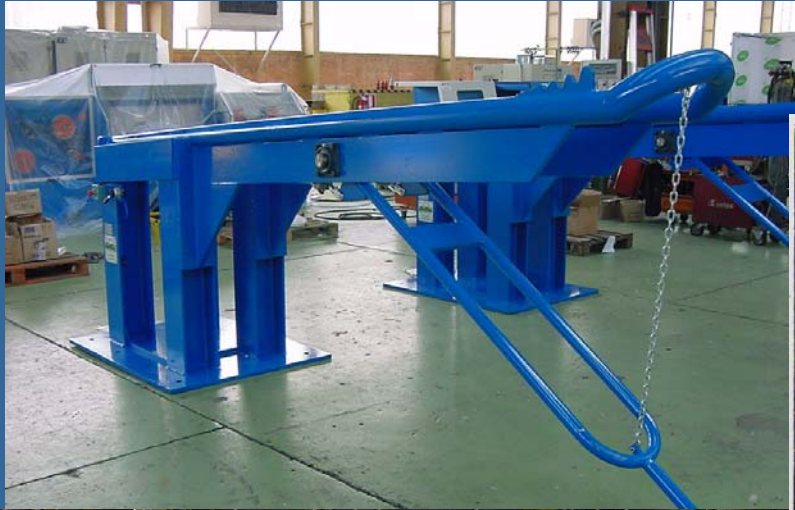


# Dual Vertical Axis Spooler





# Stationary Horizontal Rod Payoff (Boom Flipper)





# Vertical Rod Payoffs





# Horizontal Flyer-Type Rod Pay-Off

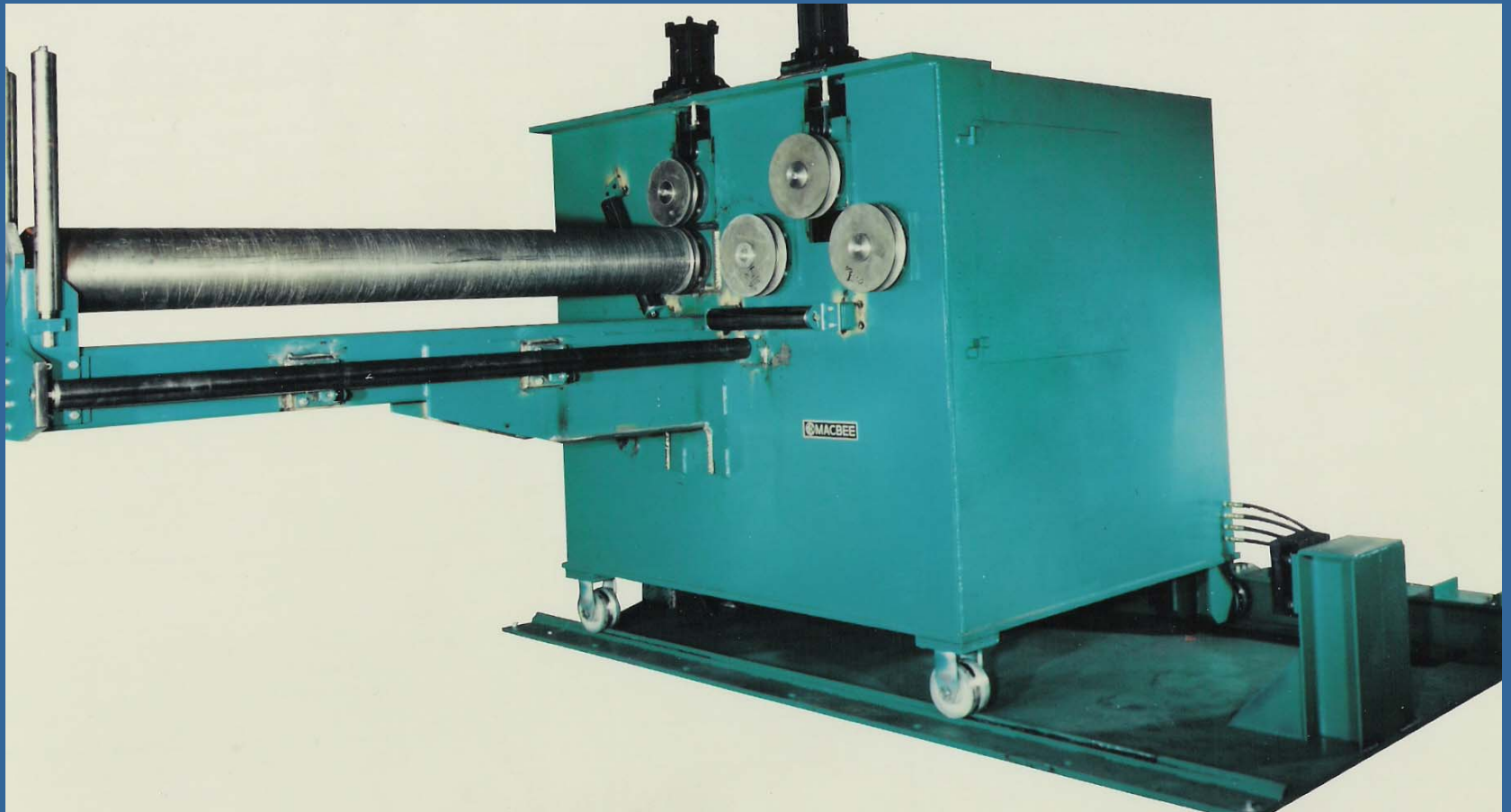


# The Pusher Part of the Flyer-Type Pay-Off & Loading End



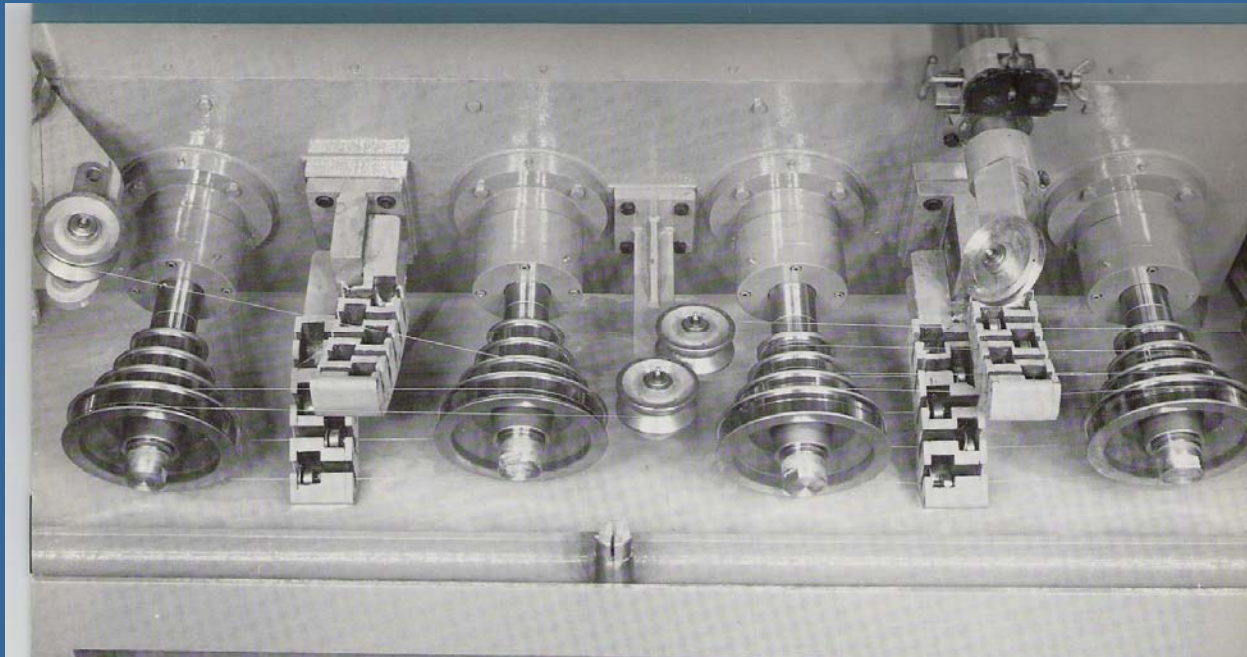


# Horizontal Powered Payoff



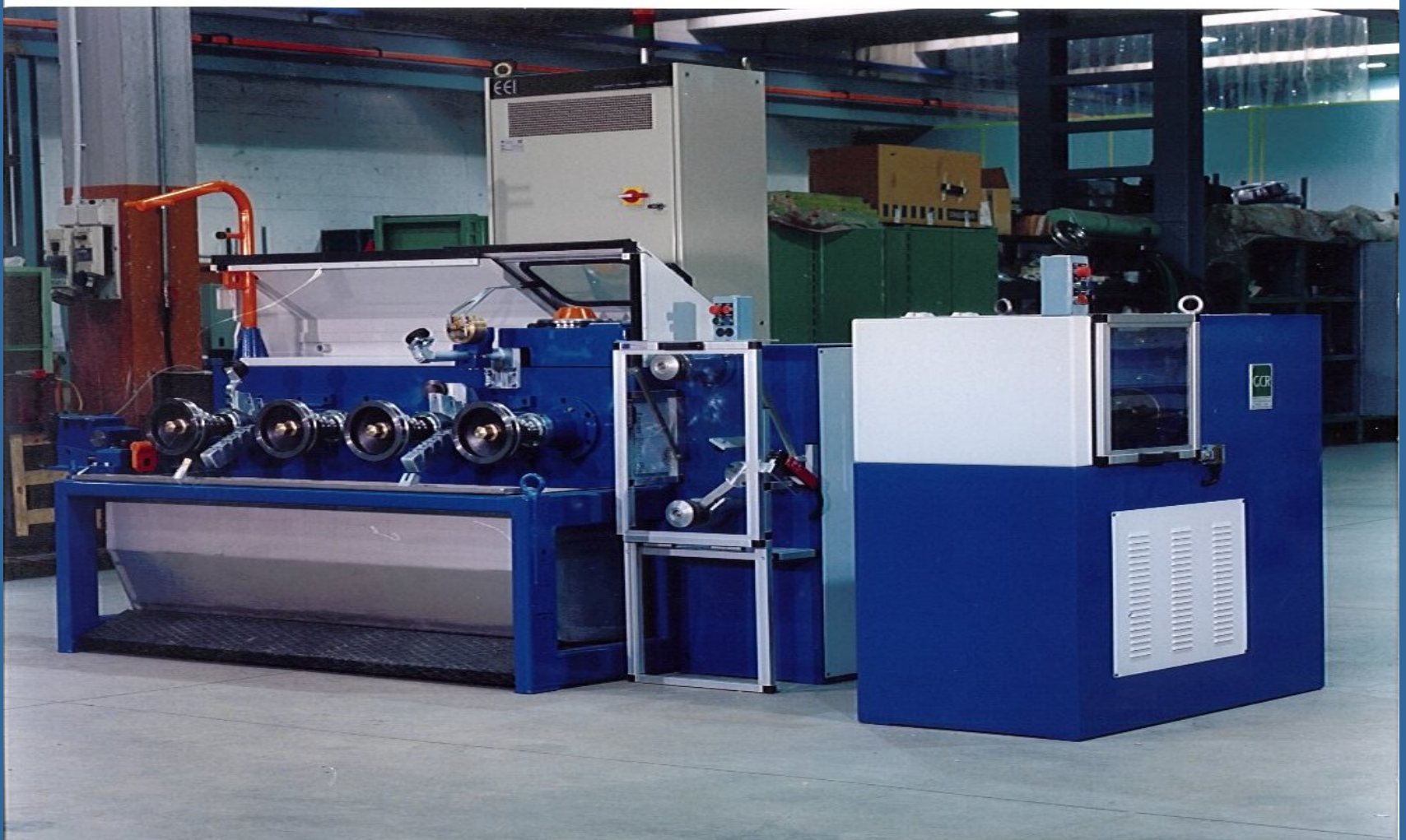
# Wet Draw Machines

- ☀ Slip Accumulation
- ☀ Variety of Types basic difference is in capstan arrangement( Cone or Tandem ) and method of lubricating dies and blocks (Tilting Immersion or Spray Style)

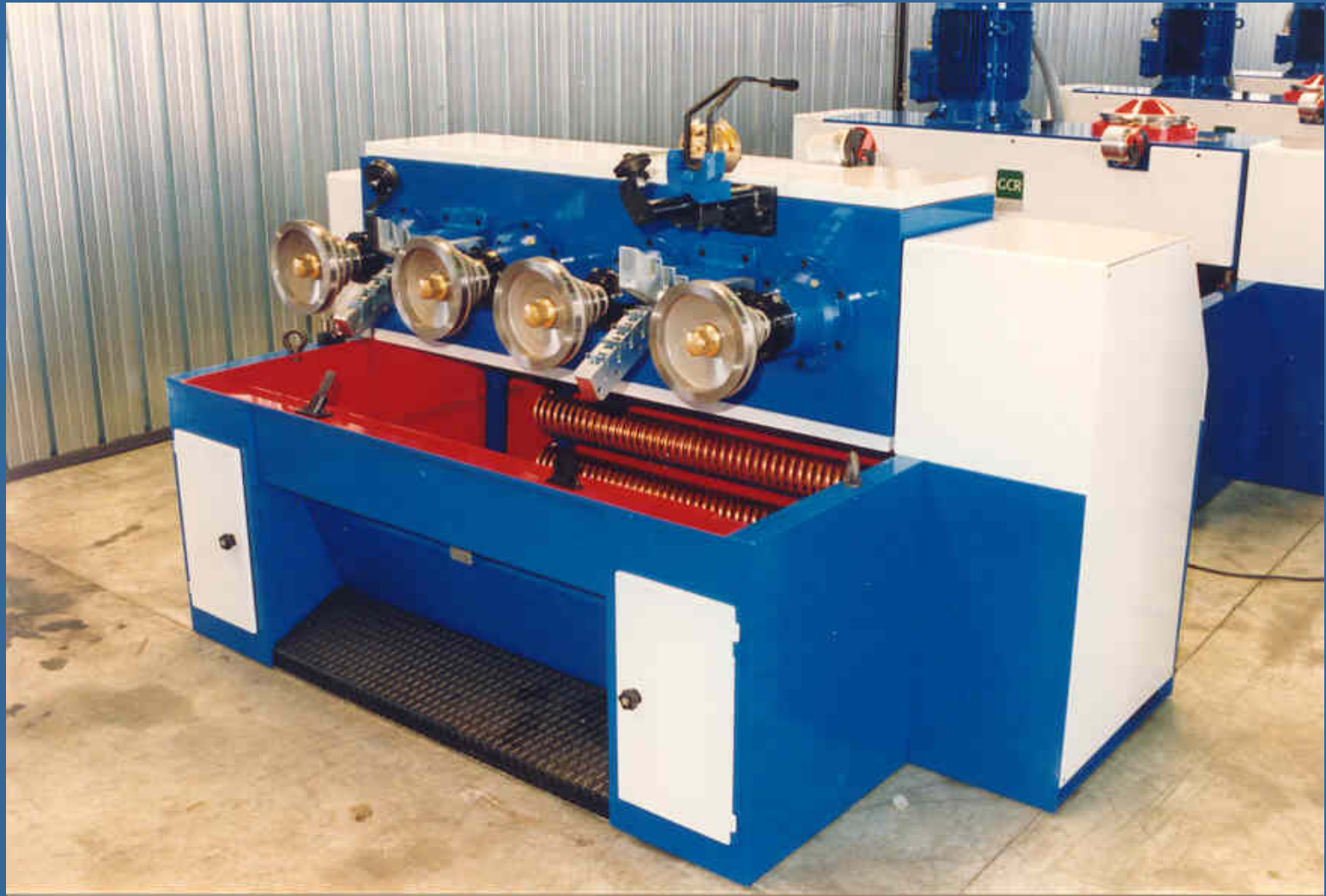




# Cone Style Tilting Immersion

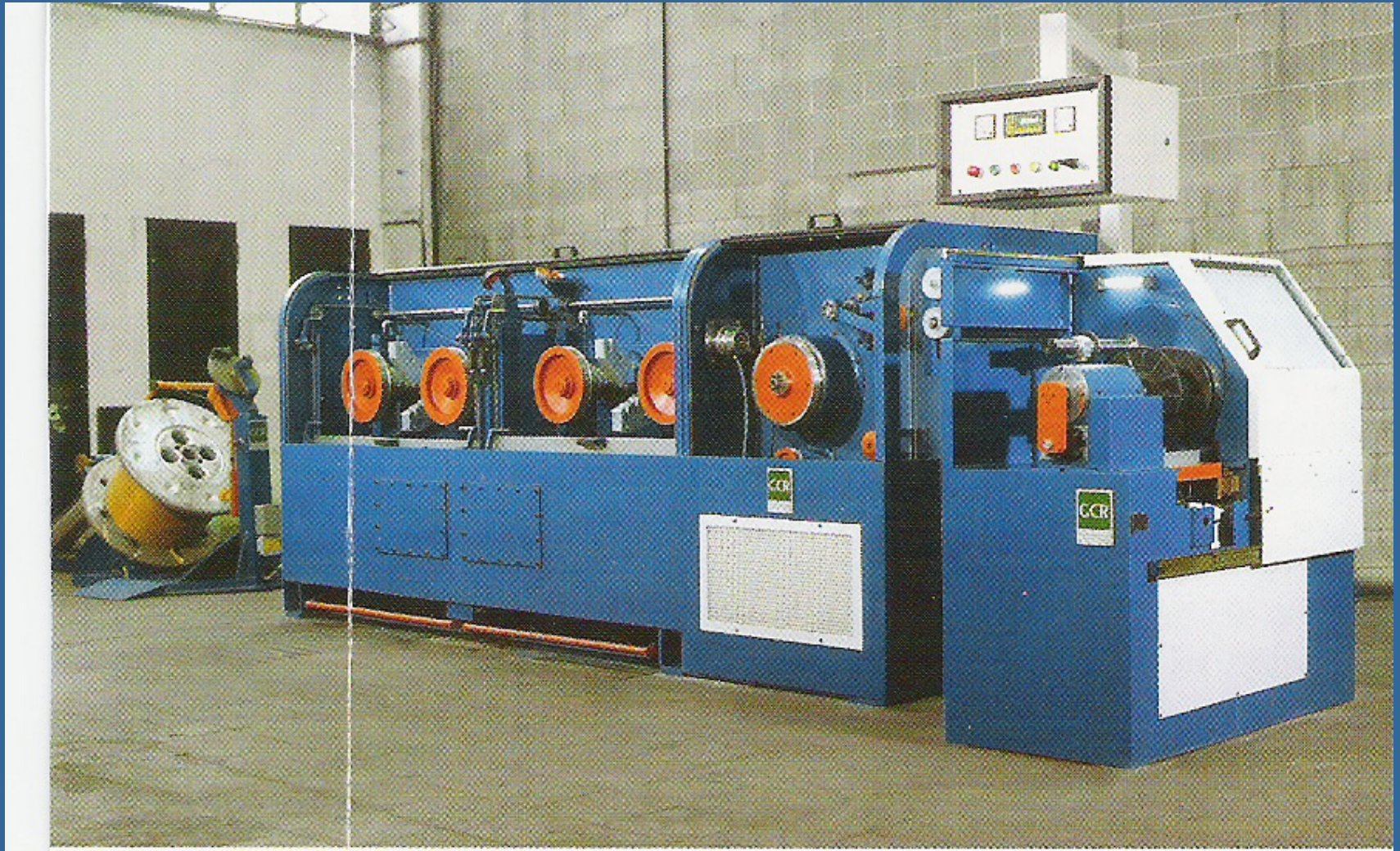


# Close Up of Tilting Immersion



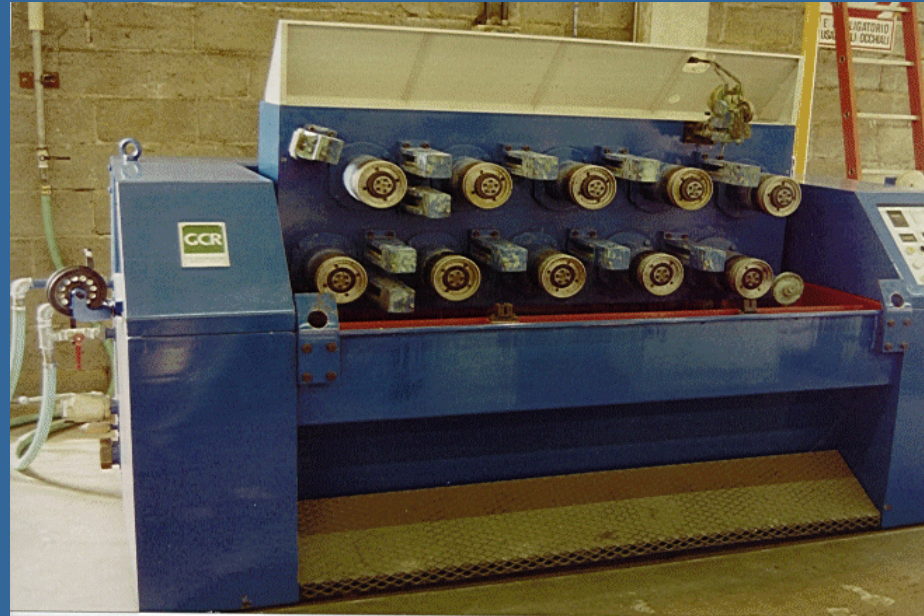


# Cone Style Spray Type

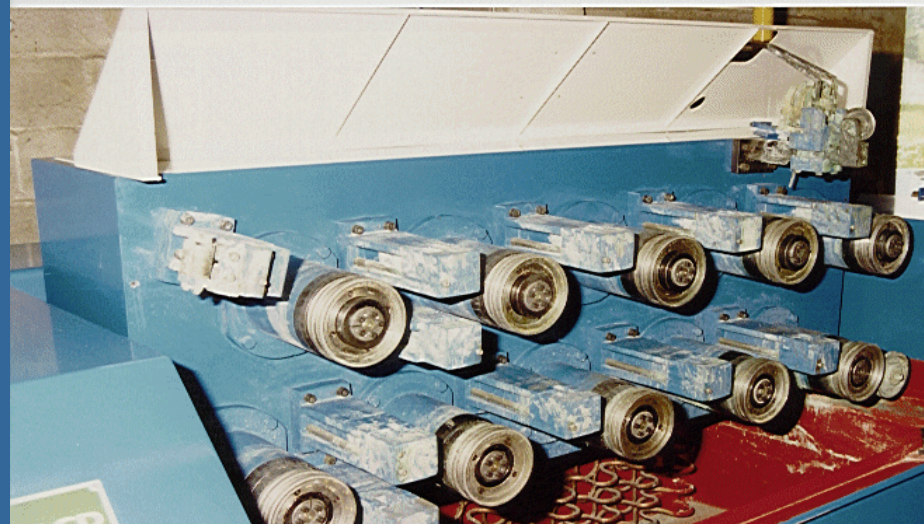




# Tandem Capstans



TB10 WET DRAWING MACHINE - K-1163







# Requirements for Designing a Machine to Fit Your Needs

- ✱ Starting Material Size & Tensile or Carbon Content
- ✱ Finish Size & Tensile if Known
- ✱ Speed you want to run at
- ✱ How you want to Take-up or Package the finish wire (spools, carriers, etc.)
- ✱ Size of finish package (spool size, carrier arbor size and height, Weight required)
- ✱ The above information for all jobs to run on that machine



Once that information is gathered there is software to:

- ✱ Determine the number of blocks needed
- ✱ Calculate the horsepower required to run all duties at a given speed.
- ✱ Knowing HP manufacturer can determine block size for proper cooling
- ✱ Finally the gear ratio and gear box selection is made



# Software Printout

MTS 610-8+ROT 610			Results:												
						Block	Total							Installed	Used
Entry diameter:	mm	7.13	Block	Diameter	Diemeter	Reduction	Reduction	Speed	Speed	Tensile	Tensile	Pull	Power	Power	Power
Exit diameter:	mm	5.25	Nr	mm	inch	%	%	m/sec	ft/min	kg/mm2	psi	kg	kw	kw	kw
Number of blocks:	N°	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Final speed:	m/sec	5.00	0	7.13	0.281			2.71	542.18	126	182748				
Carbon content	%	0.80	1	6.27	0.247	22.69%	22.69%	3.51	701.26	137	199167	2131	73.2	90	81.38%
Reduction last block		0.14	2	5.66	0.223	18.46%	36.96%	4.30	860.00	146	212189	1572	66.3	90	73.63%
Production Theroetical	Kg/h	3059.44	3	5.25	0.207	14.00%	45.78%	5.00	1000.00	153	221814	1155	56.6	90	62.90%
Production Practical	Kg/h	2447.55													
Production practical / day	Ton/day	58.74													
Production practical / month	Ton/month	1409.79													
Inst. Power	kW	90													
Days per month	days	24													
Efficiency	%	80													
Production practical per shift	Kg/8 hours	19580.4													



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