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SAFETY CODE FOR RUBBER MILLS AND CALENDERS

INTRODUCTION

The mechanical hazards involved in the rubber industry are of such a character that the American Engineering Standards Committee has recognized the necessity of standardized practice in the safeguarding and the quick stopping of all machines used in breaking down, washing, milling, cutting, molding, and vulcanizing of rubber, together with calenders, spreaders, coaters, and dryers, and similar machinery used in the manufacture of rubber goods.

One purpose of this code is to serve as a guide to State or other supervising authorities. It is also intended for use directly by the concerns operating machines of this or a similar character and may be adopted by any manufacturing concern as a standard to be followed by its superintendents, foremen, designers, mechanics, and operators. It is also intended for use by machinery concerns manufacturing rubber-working machinery.

SCOPE

The entire code shall cover the mechanical hazards encountered in the manufacture of rubberized fabrics, rubber tires, fire and garden hose, footwear, molded rubber goods, rubber belting, reclaimed rubber, rubber solution and products made therefrom, and miscellaneous rubber materials; shall cover the machines used in breaking down, washing, milling, cutting, molding, and vulcanizing of rubber, together with calenders, spreaders, coaters, and dryers, and other machinery used in the manufacture of rubber sheeting; special machines used in the manufacture of rubber tires included, but spinning and weaving fabrics excluded.

On account of the broad field to be covered, it was decided by the sectional committee to consider in this preliminary issue the safeguarding of mills and calenders at the point of operation, and this is the limited work that is dealt with in the following rules.

INTERPRETATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

The purpose of this code is to provide reasonable safety for life, limb, and health. In cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, the enforcing officers or body may grant exceptions from the literal requirements of this code, or permit the use of other devices or methods, but only when it is clearly evident the equivalent protection is thereby secured.
Laboratory equipment varies so much from manufacturing equipment in size, speeds, and heights that exceptions may be made from requirements indicated in this code, provided equivalent protection is given.

This code does not apply to the internal type mixer, washer, and masticator, except in so far as there may be exposed in-running rolls attached or used in connection with this type of equipment.

Note.—To secure the uniform application of this code, enforcing officers are urged before rendering decisions on disputed points to consult the committee which formulated it—the Committee on Safety Code for Rubber Machinery, in care of American Engineering Standards Committee, 29 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York City.

DEFINITIONS

The word "shall" is to be understood as mandatory and the word "should" as advisory.

The word "approval" means approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

The word "bite" means the point of meeting between any two in-running rolls.

The term "mill" shall mean machines with rolls used in the breaking down, cracking, washing, grating, mixing, refining, and warming of rubber or rubber compounds.

The term "calender" shall mean machines with rolls used for frictioning, sheeting, coating, and spreading of rubber or rubber compounds.

PART 1.—NEW AND EXISTING INSTALLATIONS

Rule 100. New installations.

After the date on which this code becomes effective, all new installations shall be in conformity with the intent and purpose of this code.

Rule 101. Existing installations.

All existing installations within a period of three years from the date this code becomes effective shall be made to comply with the intent and purpose of these requirements consistent with the physical characteristics of the drive and the general characteristics of the plant layout.

Note.—It is the purpose of rule 101 to recognize the difficulty of bringing existing installations up to the full intent and purpose of this code without incurring an expense inconsistent with the results obtained.

Rule 102. Reference to other codes.

(a) Lighting.—Rubber mills and calendars should be so located with respect to sources of both natural and artificial light that light of sufficient intensity will fall on the work; direct or reflected glare and shadows, including moving shadows, should be avoided.

Note.—For specific requirements see Code of Lighting for Factories, Mills, and Other Work Places (American standard), obtainable from the American Engineering Standards Committee and from the Illuminating Engineering Society, both of 29 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York City.

(b) Belt, pulley, gear, and shaft guards.—All belts, pulleys, gears, shafts, and other moving parts shall be guarded as required.
by the Safety Code for Mechanical Power-Transmission Apparatus
(American standard), obtainable from the American Engineering
Standards Committee, of 29 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York
City, or in accordance with the State laws of the particular operating
States.

(c) **Switches and other electrical apparatus.**—All switches and
other electrical apparatus shall be of a type or guarded as required
by the National Electrical Safety Code (American standard), issued
by the United States Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., or
in accordance with the State laws of the particular operating States.

**GENERAL**

**Rule 103. Mill-roll height.**

All mills should be installed so that the top of the front roll is not
less than forty-six (46) inches above the working floor level or
platform on which the operator stands, irrespective of the size of
the mill.

**SAFETY-TRIP CONTROLS AND QUICK-STOP FACILITIES**

**Rule 110. Safety-trip control—Mills.**

(a) A safety-trip rod or tight-wire cable for each individual mill
shall be provided front and back of all mills, extending the length
of the face of the rolls. It shall operate sensitively if it is pushed
or if it is pulled.

(b) The normal location of the safety-trip rod over the front roll
shall be two (2) inches to four (4) inches in from the edge of the
front roll and not more than sixty-nine (69) inches above the work­
ing floor level on which the operator stands, with provision made
for adjustment of three (3) inches either up or down. (See illustra­
tion No. 1.)

(c) The normal location of the safety-trip rod at the back of the
mill shall be two (2) inches to four (4) inches in from the edge of
the back roll and shall be in the same horizontal plane as the safety­
trip bar over the front roll, and the length of the lever from fulcrum
shall be the same.

**Rule 111.**

The fixed center rod or tie running the length of the roll, some­
times used for construction purposes, shall be omitted.

**Rule 112.**

The locations of safety trips apply to all sizes of mills.

**Rule 113. Dry grinding.**

(a) In dry grinding and in mixing processes, where the material
is shoveled into a trough over the bite of the rolls, the foregoing
rules 110 to 112, inclusive, will not apply, provided the throat of
the trough over the bite of the rolls is screened with heavy three (3)
inch by three (3) inch mesh of not less than No. 8 gauge wire and
the trough and the screen are made a permanent fixed part of the
machines and are so designed with regard to openings therein that
it is impossible for an operator's hand, intentionally or otherwise,
to come in contact with the bite of the rolls.
(b) In dry grinding processes similar in character to the above and where the machine is fed through a long trough—as, for instance, from an upper floor level—the foregoing rules 110 to 112, inclusive, will not apply, provided the trough is so designed and is of such a character that it is impossible for an operator in any manner to come in contact with the bite of the rolls.

Rule 120. Safety-trip control—Calenders.

(a) A safety-trip rod or a tight-wire cable shall be provided across the front and the back of all calenders, extending the length of face of rolls, to operate sensitively if it is pushed or if it is pulled. This rod shall be at a height not more than sixty-nine (69) inches above the working floor level or platform on which the operator stands and shall be within easy reach, with provision made for adjustment either up or down of three (3) inches in each direction. (See illustration No. 2.)

(b) On each side of all calenders and near both ends of the face of the roll there shall be a vertical tight-wire cable connecting with the bar tipping mechanism at the top and fastened to the frame within twelve (12) inches of the floor. These cables should be positioned at a distance of not more than twelve (12) inches from the face of the roll and at a distance of not less than one (1) inch from calender frame. (See illustrations Nos. 2 and 2A.)

Rule 121.

At the bite of in-running rolls where sheeting, duck, or other fabric is fed, a barrier should be placed across the full length of the
face of the rolls so designed and applied that the operator’s fingers can not come in contact with the bite. (See illustration No. 3.)

DETERMINATION OF DISTANCE OF TRAVEL

Rule 130.

(a) Measurements on mill shall be taken on the front roll; measurements on calender shall be taken on the drive roll. All measure-

ments shall be taken under normal operating conditions, with rolls running idle.

(b) An approved instrument consisting of a pen or pencil or equivalent, electrically or mechanically operated, shall be used in measuring distances traveled. This instrument shall be so designed and attached that the pen or pencil will come in contact with a strip of paper coincidently with the tripping of the safety control. The strip of paper shall be wrapped around the outside of the mill or calender roll. (See illustrations Nos. 4 and 4A.)
Rule 131.

(a) Every mill having a diameter of the front roll up to and including sixteen and one-half (16½) inches and running empty at any speed shall be stopped within a distance of not more than ten (10) inches' travel after the safety is tripped.

(b) Every mill having a diameter of the front roll over sixteen and one-half (16½) inches and up to and including twenty-two and one-half (22½) inches and running empty at any speed shall be stopped within a distance of not more than fifteen (15) inches' travel after the safety is tripped.
(c) Every mill having a diameter of the front roll over twenty-two and one-half (22½) inches and up to and including twenty-six (26) inches and running empty at any speed shall be stopped within a distance of not more than eighteen (18) inches' travel after the safety is tripped.

STOPPING LIMITS—MILLS DRIVEN IN GROUPS

Rule 132.

(a) Mills driven in groups of two or more and having a diameter of the front roll up to and including sixteen and one-half (16½) inches and running empty at any speed shall be stopped within a distance of not more than eighteen (18) inches' travel after the safety is tripped.

(b) Mills driven in groups of two or more and having a diameter of the front roll over sixteen and one-half (16½) inches and up to
and including twenty-two and one-half (22\(\frac{1}{2}\)) inches and running empty at any speed shall be stopped within a distance of not more than twenty-four (24) inches' travel after the safety is tripped.

(c) Mills driven in groups of two or more and having a diameter of the front roll over twenty-two and one-half (22\(\frac{1}{2}\)) inches and up to and including twenty-six (26) inches and running empty at any speed shall be stopped within a distance of not more than thirty-six (36) inches' travel after the safety is tripped.

STOPPING LIMITS—INDIVIDUALLY AND GROUP DRIVEN CALENDERS

Rule 135.

Every calender, irrespective of the size of the rolls, shall be stopped within a distance as shown below on the chart when meas-
ured at the maximum peripheral speed. Illustration: Suppose the roll is going at one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet per minute, then by reading the chart we note the stopping distance should not be more than thirty (30) inches.

![Illustration No. 4A](image)

Calenders the drive roll of which travels at a maximum peripheral speed of fifty (50) feet per minute or less shall be stopped within a distance of not more than twelve (12) inches measured on the drive roll after the safety is tripped.

Speeds above two hundred (200) feet per minute measured on the drive roll are special and require special consideration.
Rule 150.

Safety stops on mills and calenders should be tested daily, and accurate measurements of distance of travel shall be taken at least once every thirty (30) days.

**PART 2.—DISCUSSION**

It is realized that the quick stopping of mills and calenders is a very important factor in accident prevention in that it limits the injury to a worker if caught between the rolls. At the present time, due to the different type of drives and controls for stopping, there is a wide variation in the distance that a roll will travel after the safety trip has been operated.

Some form of braking device is absolutely necessary. With stock in the mill or calender the stop is much quicker than when the mill or calender is running empty, but in order to have a standard condition for testing and comparison it is necessary to make tests for quick stopping with all the equipment running empty.

A great many tests have been made to determine the distance a roll will travel after the safety control is operated, and the rules given herein show what may reasonably be expected with average good conditions and with as quick a stop as can be obtained without seriously jarring the machinery or breaking some part of the equipment.
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