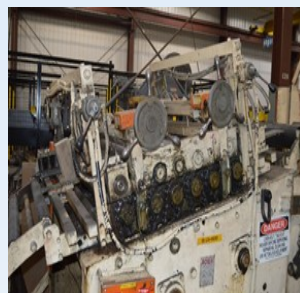


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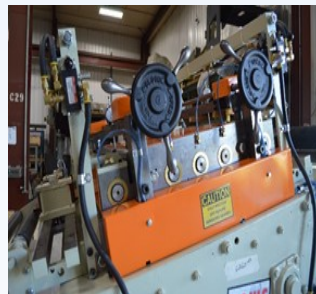


## EQUIPMENT SPOTLIGHT

**Refurbished Press Feed Line for Major Appliance Manufacturer:** A major appliance manufacturer with many of our ROWE and CWP feed lines sent us one of their older lines to be rebuilt, cleaned, repainted, and have the motor & control retrofitted.



The unit was thoroughly cleaned and the straightener head was disassembled. All bearings, rolls, sprockets, gears, chains, and guards were inspected and replaced as needed. The new motors and controls were installed, programmed, and tested. The unit was painted using our standard colors to best match the original colors of the equipment (Formtek-Beige and safety orange).



The units arrived at the customer's facility, were installed, and are currently in operation.

## EQUIPMENT SPOTLIGHT

**Greenheck Fan:** Formtek-Maine recently shipped a new, custom-built multi-station reel system to Greenheck Fan Corporation. Greenheck wanted a single, multi-reel system to quickly change to different size coils and have the ability to select which reel to run with a flip of a switch and with very little to no downtime. Formtek-Maine engineered, designed, and manufactured this new complex system to meet the customer's needs. This system features 4 single motorized reels with hold down arms, micarta tracks, and chutes for material travel. Some special features include sophisticated electrics, including safety modules on drives and a wireless pendant to increase operator mobility during thread-up. This multi-reel system will be producing components for large industrial fans.



## EMPLOYEE NEWS

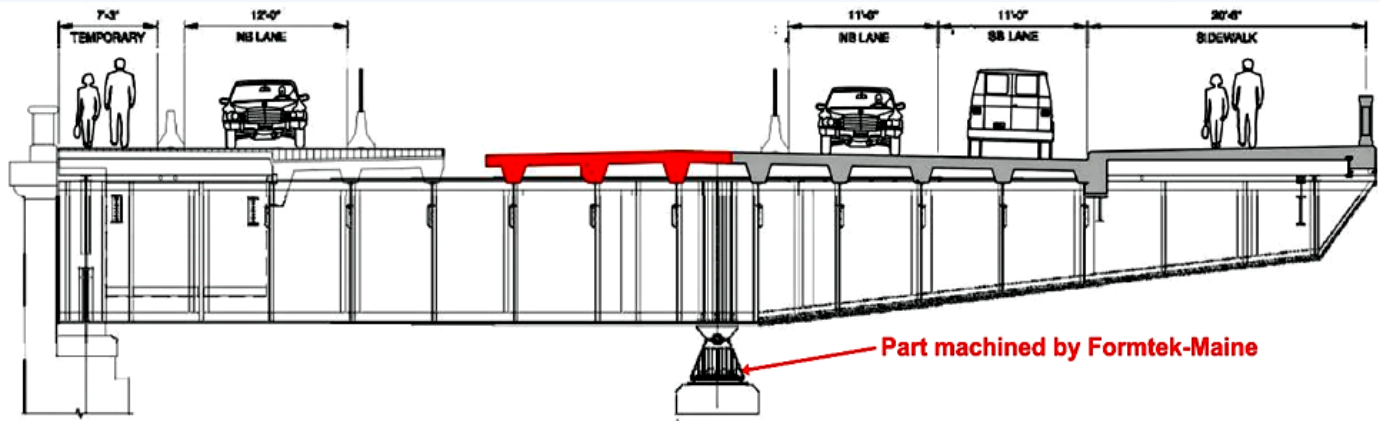
**New Employee:** Formtek Maine would like to welcome Kim Simpson to the Formtek team. Kim has been hired as our Purchasing Agent. Kim comes to Formtek with several years administrative and customer service experience. As Purchasing Agent, Kim's duties will include purchasing items as required per daily MRP reports and as required by department heads. She will shop purchased items to ensure we are getting best possible price and delivery, monitor usage levels and determine if safety stocking levels need to be reviewed. Kim will also cross-train with the HR and Receptionist/AP Clerk positions to offer coverage as required.



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## FACTORY TALK

**OKUMA BRIDGEMILL:** This month Formtek utilized its large 5-axis Okuma Bridgemill to machine bridge component parts for a NY bridge project. Each part weighed 5,000lbs and required the base to be milled clean, then the parts were rotated 180° and the support space pockets machined into each piece.



To watch a video of the process click on the link below:

[http://formtekmaine.com/Okuma\\_Bridgemill](http://formtekmaine.com/Okuma_Bridgemill)

## EQUIPMENT SPOTLIGHT

**Compact Press Feed Line for Whirltronics:** Whirltronics, a metal stamper in Buffalo, MN recently ordered their sixth high capacity ROWE compact feed line in 13 years. All six lines are virtually identical, but each subsequent line has included slight changes and special options designed to meet the customer's specific needs. Those changes include a set of encoder pinch rolls after the straightener/feeder to check for length discrepancies, 2 sets of stock guides for additional strip guidance, a hold-down peeler system designed for 3" wide coils, and a shelf on the straightener-feeder cabinet to mount the hydraulic power unit.



The line was shipped in August and is currently in operation at the customer's facility.