



**SUPERBA HEATSET MACHINES:  
KEY ITEMS TO CHECK ON EVERY SHIFT**

- Look for steam/water leaks to prevent water on the floor that could cause a slip hazard.
- Check yarn paths for missing ceramics or grooved areas where yarn rubs to prevent fiber breakage or fraying.
- Inspect stainless steel belting for bent or damaged areas that could hang the fiber as it is being taken up on the winder.
- Check the yarn control system at the exit of the Superba for worn or cracked areas on the fiberglass/lexan tightening unit. Damage or wear in this area could cause processing problems and bad fiber.

**EPIC EMPLOYEE JAILED FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

For the past several years, Epic employees have been going to jail – to raise money for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).



Sherri Beard

The money raised is used to send youngsters with muscular dystrophy and related diseases to an unforgettable week at MDA summer camp at no cost to their families. MDA camp is a magical place offering a wide range of activities specially designed for young people who have limited mobility or use wheelchairs. There are over 80 summer camps of this type across the U.S.

The Epic employee volunteers in advance to be “arrested”. A personal goal is set to raise a certain amount of money for “bail”. On the day of the event, MDA personnel come to Epic, make the “arrest” and escort the volunteer to a local restaurant. They are then photographed behind bars, and fed lunch as they make phone calls to friends and try to raise the balance of their goal bail money to get them out of jail!

MDA has had a worldwide and lasting impact. Since 1951, MDA has funneled almost \$50 million to researchers in 36 countries on six continents for treatments and cures of neuro-muscular diseases.

This past year’s volunteer was Sherri Beard who works in Epic’s inventory control department. It has been a fun event for a very worthwhile cause that we plan to continue each year.

**MEXICO VISIT**

Epic technical sales representative/director of customer service, Jim Berry, traveled to Mexico in March to meet with agent Maria Elena Garcia Salinas of Coretex. Customer visits were made to provide technical assistance and training. Epic values these opportunities to meet, and partner with customers.



Epic agent Maria Elena Garcia Salinas (center) and Jim Berry (second from right) at airport with Maria’s family



Training Session with staff at Casimires Burlmex, SA DE CV

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Epic Booth Info: Hall 1, Booth A114.

## MUSCHAMP VISITS U.S. PLANTS

Rowan Garbett, General Manager of Muschamp Machine Services (Epic's Master Distributor) in Lancashire, England visited the United States earlier this month. The purpose of the trip was to meet with Epic staff, visit several plants in the Dalton, Georgia area and expand his knowledge of the textile industry. Quantum Textiles was one such plant. They produce their own fiber, and are a vertically integrated business—from pellets to carpet with a wide variety of equipment. The visit was a great opportunity to learn about multiple processes under one roof. David Stokes, the President/Owner of Quantum Textiles, was a former long-time employee of Epic Enterprises. His son, Wayne Stokes, is the Maintenance Manager. Quantum has been in business since 1999.



L-R: Rowan Garbett, David Stokes, Wayne Stokes

## ICBT/VERDOL TWISTERS: IMPORTANT THINGS TO CHECK ON EVERY SHIFT

- Check head ends for oil leaks and frayed belts
- Check yarn paths for missing ceramics and locked down bearings. These areas can cause off quality fiber and poor running conditions.
- Check spindle areas for yarn chokes/wraps. This can cause off quality and poor running conditions.

## NEED TO CONVERT A STANDARD SUPERBA 9 METER TUNNEL FROM WIDE COUNTERBAND TO TIE-DOWN TAPE? Here is what you need:

To convert from counterband to 9/16" tie-down tape (3 straps), you would need one (1) roll of EE102800 9/16" Nomex Tie-Down Tape (240 yards each) and 12 EE102820 Rollers.

To convert from counterband to 3" tie-down tape (1 strap), you would need one (1) roll of EE102804 3" Tie-Down Tape (100 yards) and 4 EE102822 Rollers.

## TENSION CAPSULE BASICS

There are two basic types of capsules, manual and air.

The manual style capsule is used in both the protection pot (in the multiple tension device) and in the overhead creel (in the double or single tension device). The manual capsule requires a nylon threader to thread the yarn through the tension device.

The air style capsule is used in the protection pot for twisters that have air threading capabilities. The design of the capsule allows it to be suspended when the air has been activated to pull the yarn through the air tension device.

## CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL

A South Carolina, USA customer recently shared that he is very appreciative of everything that Epic has done for them. He said our spindle rebuild training program was very helpful. They have a much better understanding of the spindle now and can better evaluate which spindles need to be sent away for rebuild and which ones can be done at their own plant. They have already seen an increase in spindle life. A lot of money was being wasted on in-house repairs that weren't addressing the root problem.



Please email [epic@epicenterprises.com](mailto:epic@epicenterprises.com) for more information on Epic's spindle rebuild training program.

## ARE YOU PRACTICING FIFO (FIRST IN-FIRST OUT) ON YOUR INVENTORY?

Just like bread, certain materials have a shelf life, including some of your spare parts.

Parts made of rubber, EpiMark markers, urethane parts, wood, grease, oil, and other such materials will degrade over time, especially if not stored in a cool, dry, dark place, away from any sunlight or ultraviolet light.



It is also human nature to want to save some safety stock of important parts on the side, just in case it is needed for emergencies. Where trouble might be found is when the safety stock of spare parts are never used, and they are also made from one of these degradable materials. It is good practice to always use your parts first-in, first out, even the ones in your secret hiding place.

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