

SERVICE BULLETIN / TECHNICAL TIPS

Title: SBW080111 – Sizing Line Pusher Bar Solution
Timeline: Immediate
Subject: Breaking of Pusher Bars on CFS Push-Off Drop Stations

Note – The weld that secures the Pusher Bar is subject to break over a period of time if the proper cylinder isn't used. Inferior cylinders induce more vibration and stress on the pusher bar causing it to weaken and eventually break. This could result in the pusher bar breaking during production and falling into product bins or onto conveyor belts. Broken Pusher Bars can also cause jam-ups at the drops which can lead to downtime.

CFS has noticed that many pusher bars have been ordered from numerous customers over the last year due to breakage. This is because the proper cylinder is not being used.

In late 2009 and into early 2010, CFS noticed that the cylinders we supplied for a short period of time were not up to our standards. The manufacturer of our cylinders had made changes to them without the knowledge of CFS. CFS had the manufacturer revert back to the original cylinder. The cylinders being supplied today are of high quality and meet the standards required by CFS.

Solution – Replace the inferior quality cylinders with the ones supplied by CFS and the breaking of pusher bars will be eliminated.

In Summary – Use the highest quality parts recommended and supplied by CFS for optimum performance of all sizing line equipment.