

ACCIDENT REPORT PHOENIX ARIZONA

HMB Department
Push Bar Missing Guard
Accident - October 14, 2008

Description of Accident.

- A HMB operator was placing coils on the slots of the push bar to be glued to the other coil units already on the machine.
- The HMB machine was missing a safety guard for the push bar on the right side. As the operator placed a set of coils and push the green buttons for the push bar to move forward he dragged his left hand on the table unconsciously as he was grabbing the next set of coils. His hand was still in motion when the push bar returned to its natural position and caught Operators left hand middle finger and pinched it. The operator had an open wound and was treated at the plant to stop the bleeding.
- Associate was taken to urgent care for medical attention and received two stitches and pain medication.

ACCIDENT PHOTOS



HMB #2 missing accordion safety guard on right side.



Temporary safety guard on HMB #2 after incident.

Safety Guards in place



HMB #2 with both temporary safety guards.



HMB #1 with correct accordion safety guards.

Correct Safety Guards



• Accordion safety guard on the forward position on HMB #3.



Both accordion safety guards on HMB # 1.

Casual Factors

- Failure of Associate to report missing Guards on daily checklist.
- Mind and eyes not on task / Was scheduled for Safe-start week of 10/20/08
- Failure of departmental supervision to follow up on Issue that have been identified during our monthly National Safety Audits.

Corrective Action

- Review the incident, JSA and work instructions with all associates that work in the HMB department. This will also include the daily start up check list.
- We had placed and order for this guards three weeks prior to injury with no luck on delivery.
- Contacted other plants and request correct guards due to the fact that ours will get here until Oct. 27 2008.
- Safety committee to review incident and suggest changes if need it.
- Documented coaching/counseling meeting held with Supervision due to lack of follow up.