

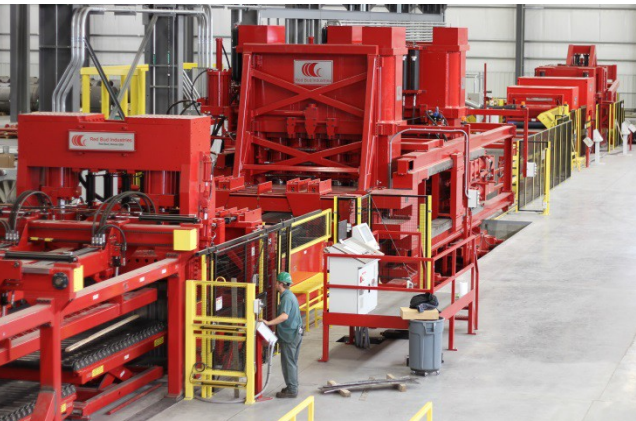
Installation

**Paxton & Vierling Steel Company
Carter Lake, Iowa**

Red Bud Industries recently celebrated a landmark earlier this year by processing the first 1.00" (25.4 mm) thick coil on a Red Bud Line. The line is installed at Paxton & Veirling Steel Company. at its Omaha, Nebraska, facility. Not only is this the biggest Cut-To-Length Line ever built by Red Bud Industries, it is also



one of the largest in the world. The line includes a 3000 ton (2678 metric ton) Stretcher Leveler featuring our SUREGRIP® system. This technology allows HR P&O material and other hard to grip material to be run without slippage or having to change the gripper pads. The non-slip metallic grippers can also be used for up to a year or longer without needing to be replaced.



The unit also features our "Quick Draw" technology that makes it the world's fastest Stretcher Leveler of its size. Cycle times are under eight seconds from the time the material is stopped for stretching to the time it starts moving again. This is up to three times faster than other units on the market. The line also runs in

both start/stop and looping modes. Material up to .375" (9.53 mm) thick can be run in looping mode, again making the line one of only a select few that can do so. Material that can run in the loop while being stretched runs up to twice as fast as the same material run in start/stop mode, again making the line one of the fastest in the industry.

Another notable feature is a High Speed Shear which incorporates our new "Switch Blade" technology. Quick change knife cassettes reduce blade changes to just a few minutes. The Shear also automatically sets knife clearance and has the ability to automatically adjust the angle of the Shear in order to improve squareness tolerance of the cut parts.



The new line is rated for 1.00" (25.4 mm) material at 77" (1956 mm) wide and has an 80,000 lbs. (36,287 kg) coil capacity. Maximum stack length is 576" (14,630 mm) with provisions to run up to 720" (18,288 mm). The line has a maximum speed of 200 FPM (61 MPM).

The SUREGRIP trademark is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.