

# Adjusting Traversing Restbars Mechanical and Hydraulic



# Traversing Restbars – Hands Off Technology

## Hands off Technology

- Focus on Safety
- Taking the time to do things right
- Removing yourself from dangerous situations
- Being aware of your surrounding.
- This includes... Rigging
- Lunch at College Station 2024



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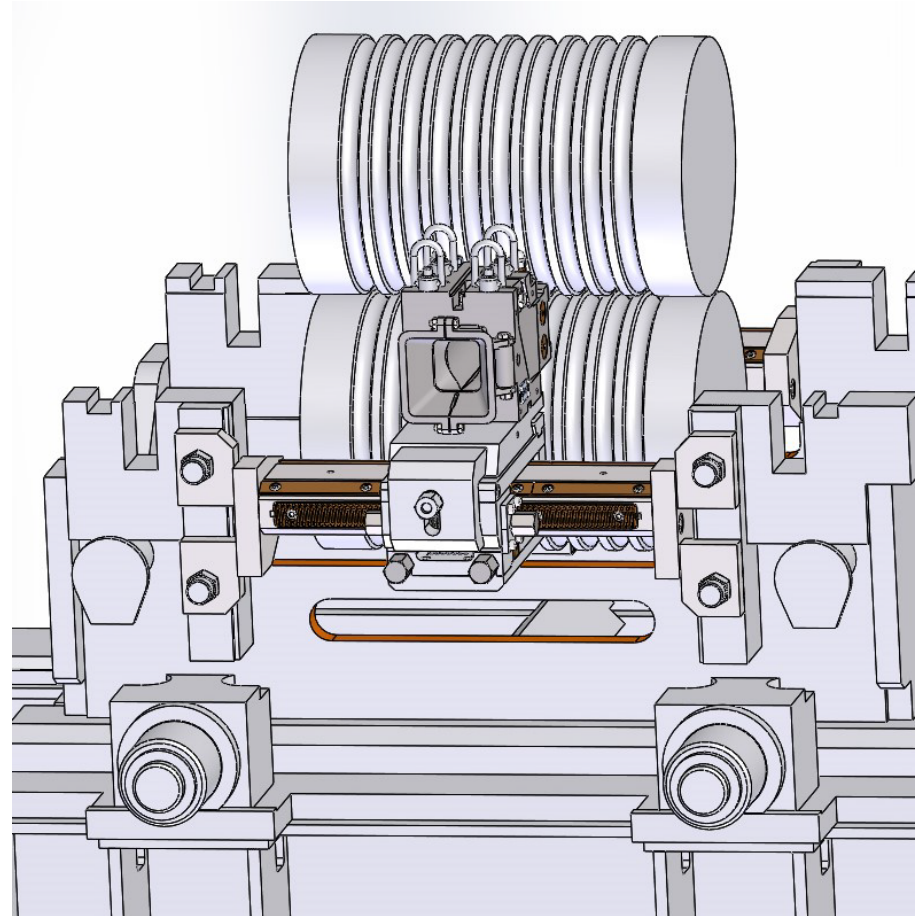
- Increased safety guidelines throughout Industry
- Reducing operator activities around hot stock – Red Line Initiative
- Ability to Adjust Guides from a Safe Distance



# Traversing Restbars – Hands Off Technology

## What is a Restbar?

- Piece of Equipment - Main purpose is to secure/position the Guide on the Mill Stand
- Located on both the Entry and Delivery Side of the Stand.
- Responsible for Horizontal and Vertical positioning for the Guide on Mill Roll Pass
- Common operation is to Un-Clamp saddle, relocate position, and then Clamp in place.



## Static Restbars – Traditional Stand

- Manual Adjustment: Pass to pass
- Hands on Clamping and Un-Clamping to position Guide Saddle to Adjust Mill
- Tooling/Wrenches Required
- Overhead crane or Hammer Required based on size of guide.
- Premature damage to Equipment

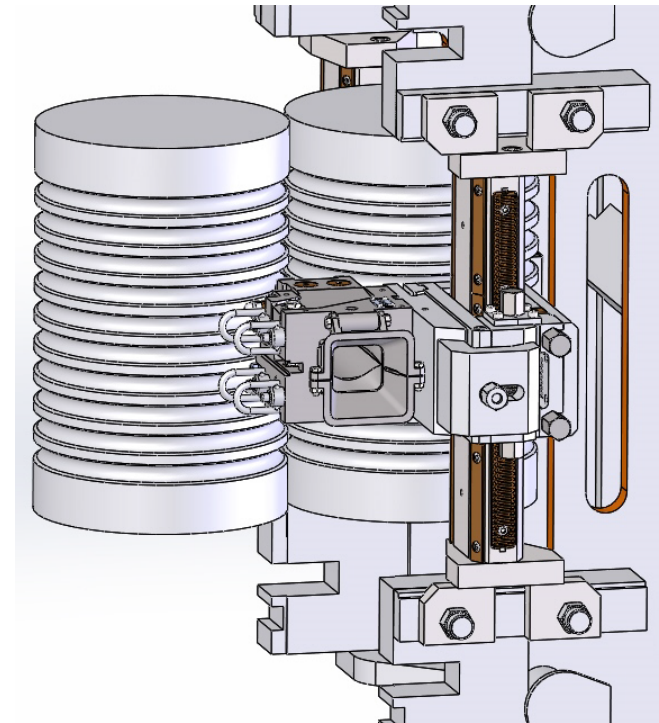


# Traversing Restbars

- Static Restbars vs, Traversing Restbars
- Using mechanical advantage to adjust guide saddle.
- Very beneficial in the vertical stand, Possible 3 man operation reduced to a single operator. Time is money.



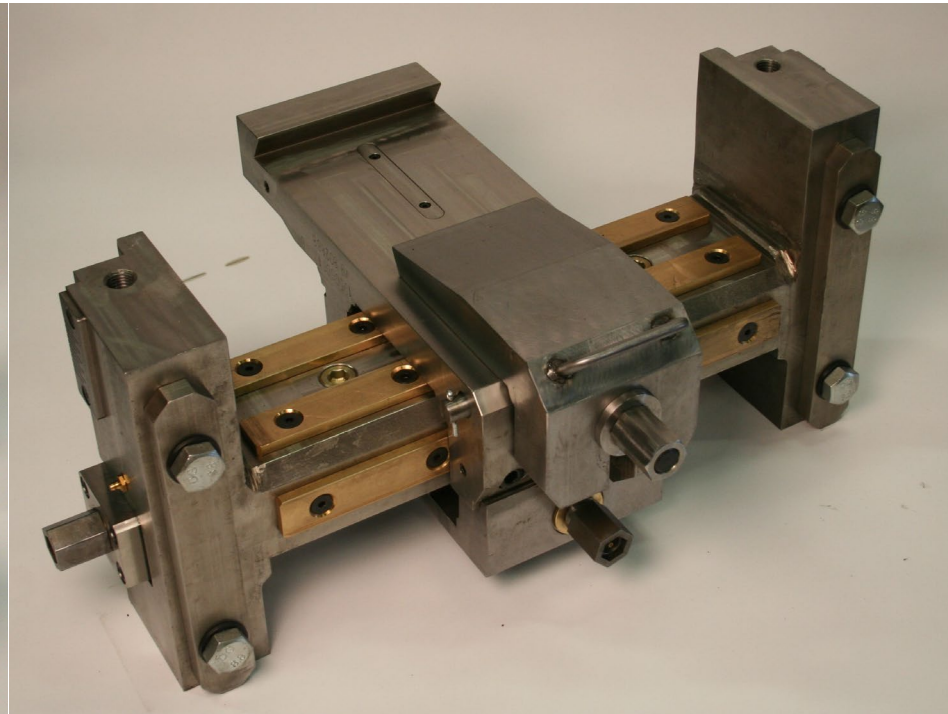
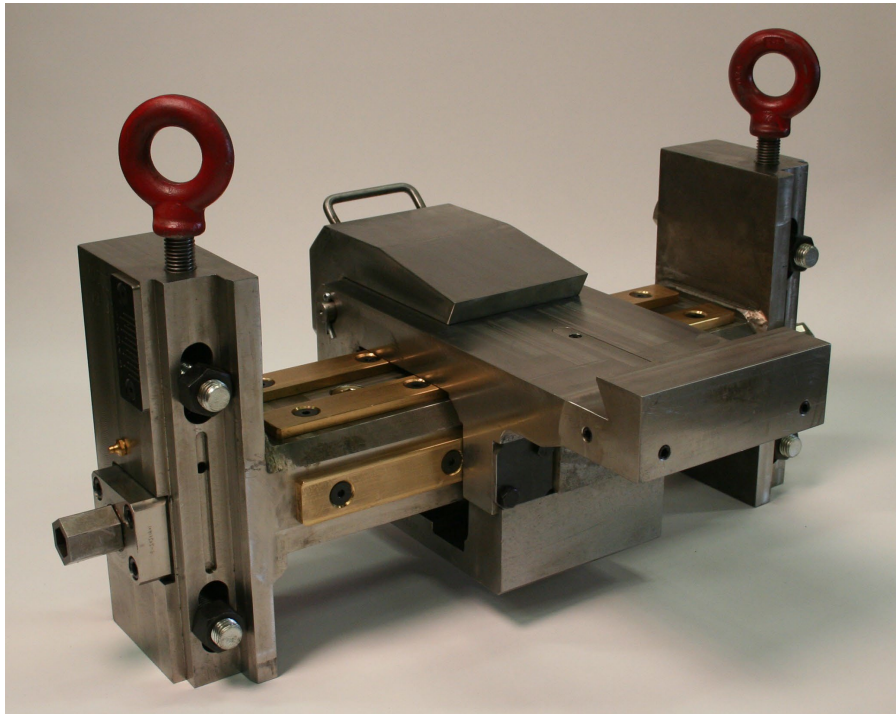
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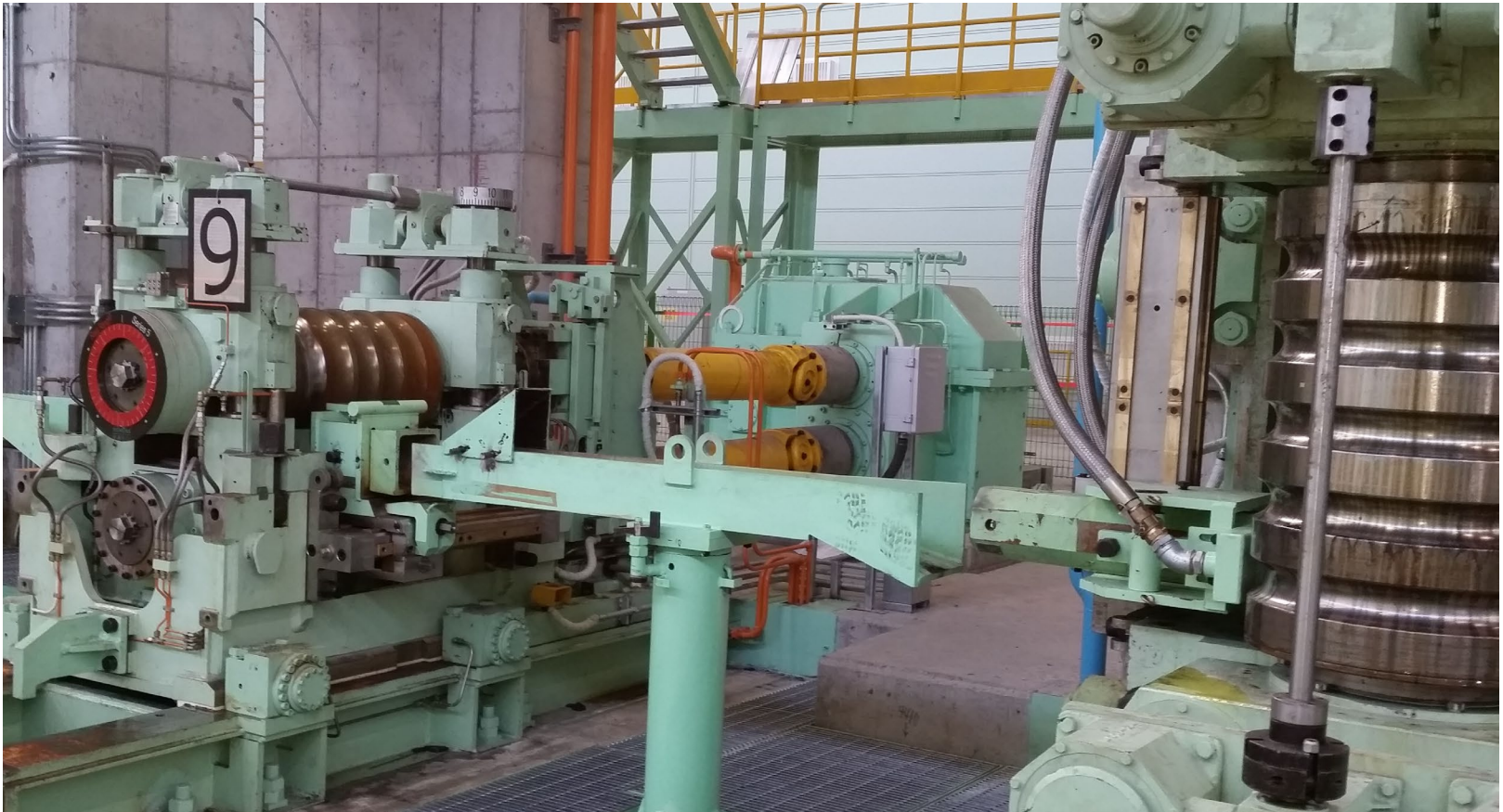
## Traversing Restbars – Stainless Steel

- Over 25 Year Experience – Numerous Installations around the World
- Heavy Duty construction
- Replaceable wear liners – simple to change.



# Traversing Restbars

- Horizontal and Vertical Stands Installation
- Entry and Delivery Sides – Common Design for Multiple Stands
- Reduction in inventory, common spares



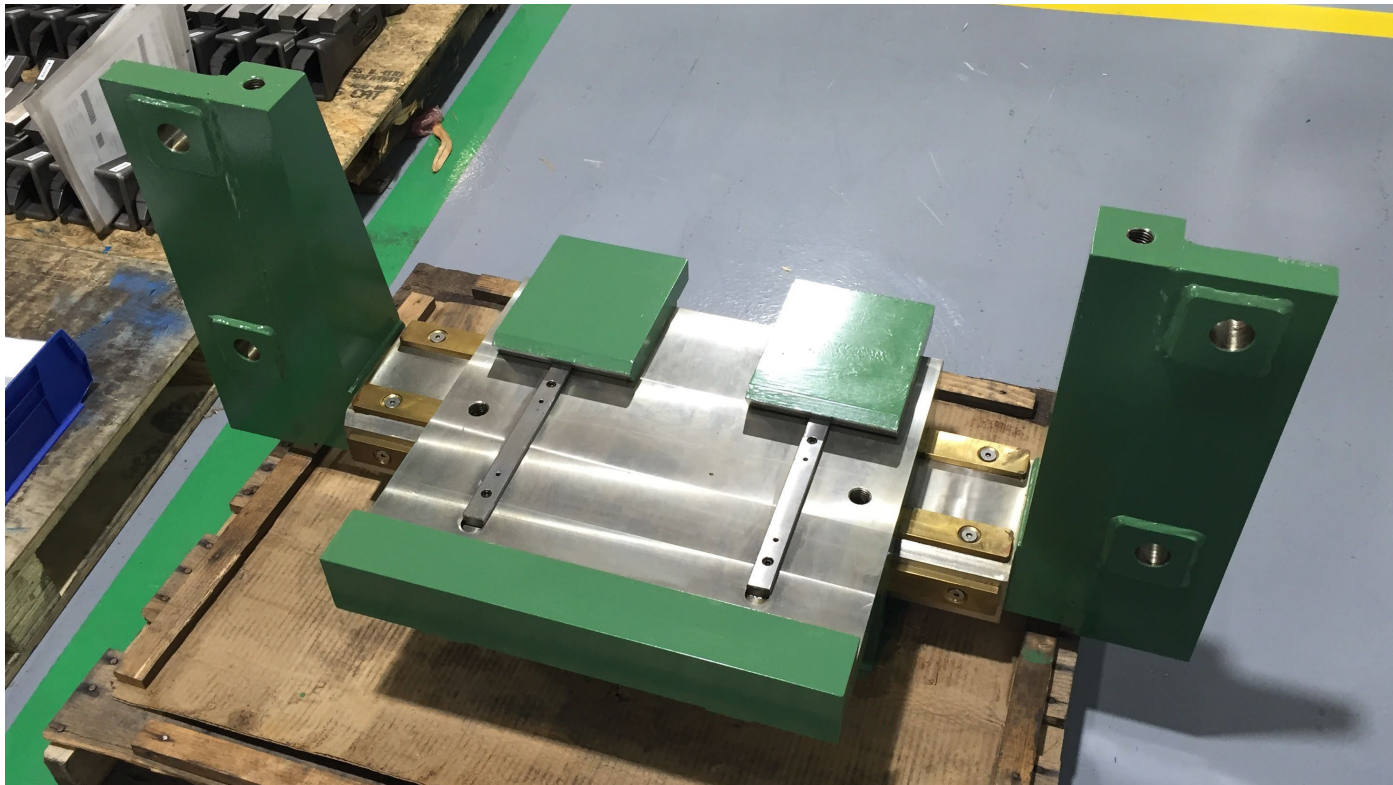
# Traversing Restbars – Vertical Stand

- Entry and Delivery Sides
- Difficult adjustment especially with heavier guides.
- Adjustment accuracy



## Traversing Restbars – Multiple Strand Saddles

- 2 Strand Saddles - Entry and Delivery Sides
- Key – Keyway Guide positioning
- Designed to existing stand mounting interfaces.
- Existing stand vertical adjustment incorporated.



## Traversing Restbar – Mill Housing Stand

Custom Designed  
Traversing Restbar on  
Traditional Mill Housing  
Stand.



## Hydraulic Traversing Restbar – Industry Direction

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### “Hands Off” Technology – Red Line Safety Initiative

What we see in the near future:

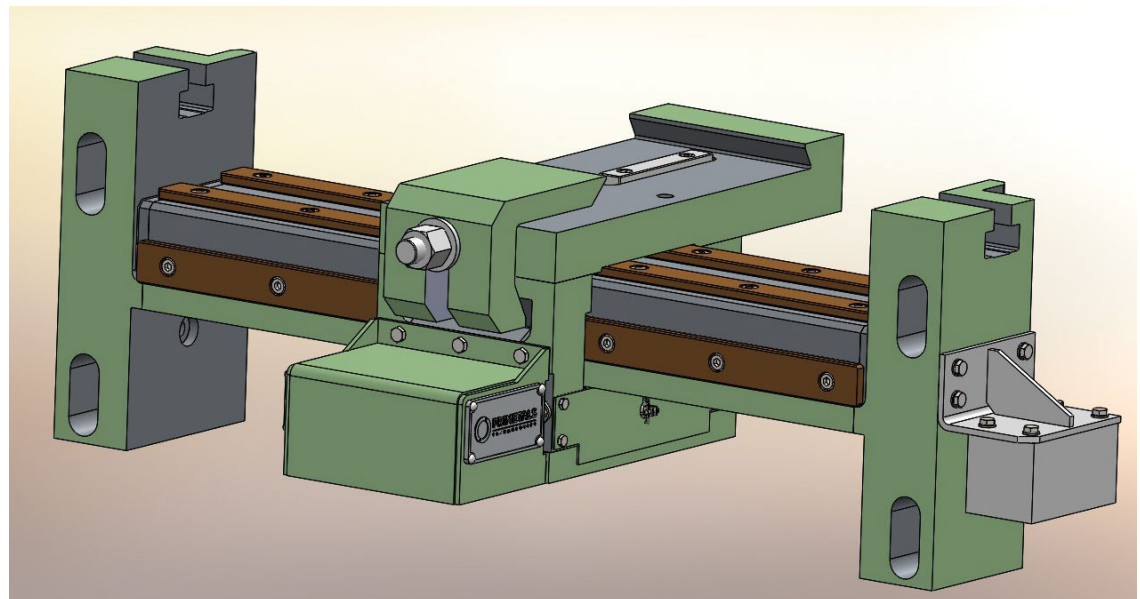
- Control Several Stands from One Control Station
- Guide Position Readout for all Stands
- Reduce Downtime During Mill Adjustments - “Bar in Mill” Adjustments
- Easy Installation During Mill Stand Changes – Service Coupling Hydraulic Connections
- Safer Environment for Mill Operators



# Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

## “Hands Off” Technology - Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

- Red Line Safety Initiative
- Positioning and Clamping Controls
- Control Positioning within 0.002” - Digital Readout
- Adjustable Positioning with Bar in the Mill
- No Thread/Gear Backlash during Clamping



# Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

## “Hands Off” Technology - Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

- Designed to Fit Existing Restbar Mounting – No Stand Modification
- Custom Saddle and Clamping Design to your Guides Interface



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## “Hands Off” Technology - Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

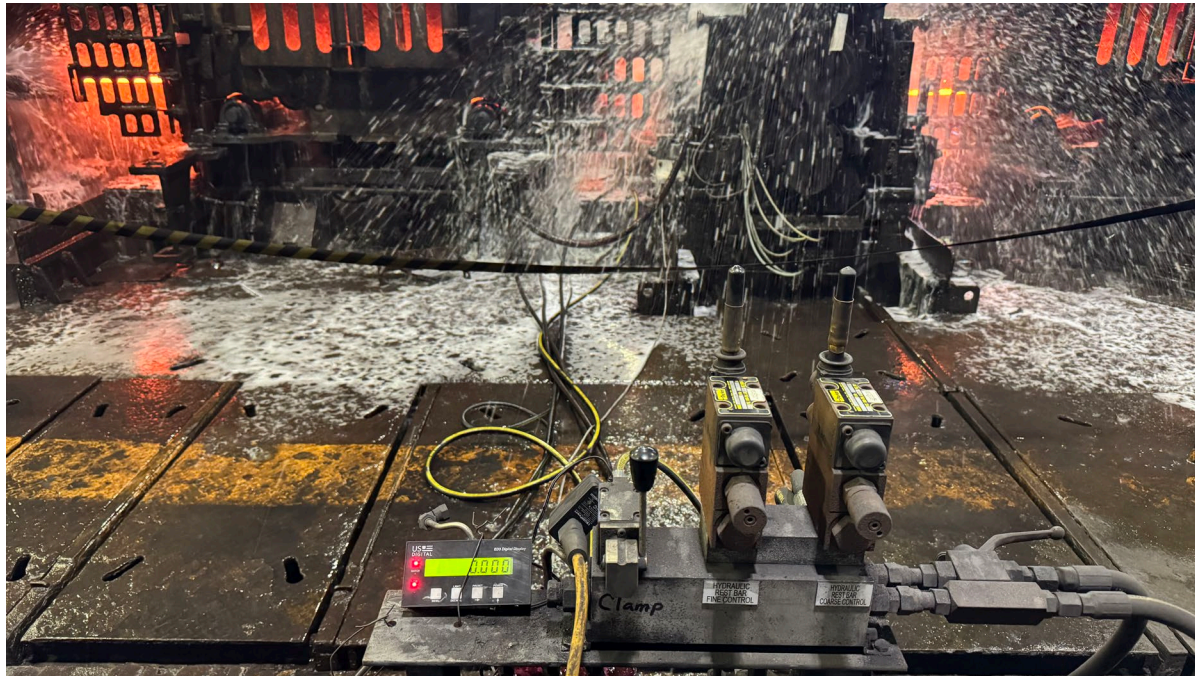
- Initial Installation Trial – Nucor Jewett, TX - Spring 2024
- Successful Clamping in both Horizontal and Vertical Positions



# Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

## “Hands Off” Technology - Hydraulic Controls

- Fast Movement Positioning Valve
- Slow “Precise” Positioning Valve
- Digital Position Readout
- Clamp “On/Off” Controls



# Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

Adjusting Traversing Hydraulic Restbar

Industry is demanding this technology

Trial Results:

- Adjustments from a Safe Distance
- Precise Adjustments to Pass Line
- Pass line to pass line accuracy
- Precise Adjustments with “Bar in the Mill”
  - While still clamped in place.
- Hands off Clamping and Un-Clamping
- Clamp does not operate under Pressure
- Mechanically sound – holds position
- Horizontal and Vertical applications



# Hydraulic Traversing Restbar

## “Hands Off” Technology”

### Challenges:

#### Mill Stand Restbar Environment

#### Electrical Equipment

- Extremely Noisy:
  - Water - Corrosion
  - Vibration
  - Impact Loads during Head In

Advantage for Hydraulic Controls  
wherever possible within the stand

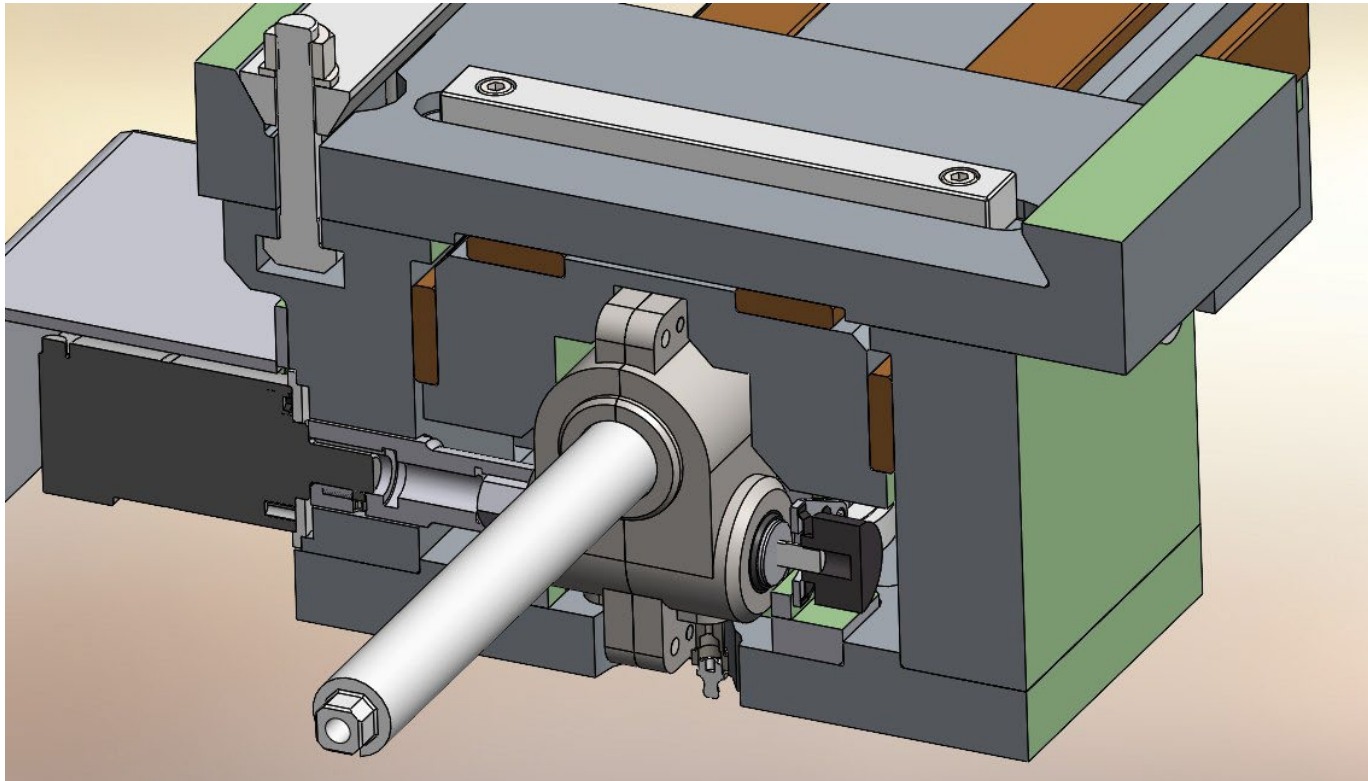
Every Mill has a place for this  
adjustability based on product they  
are rolling.



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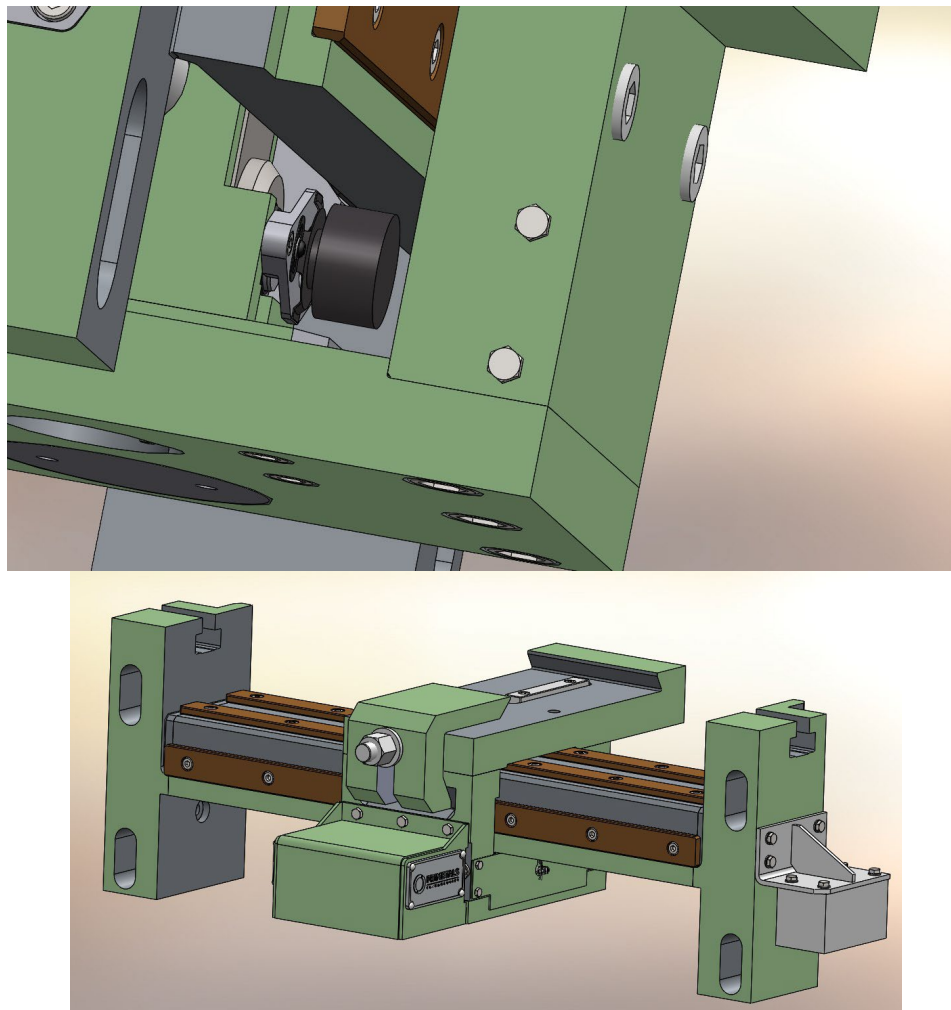
“Hydraulic Restbar – new encoder position

- IP Rated Encoder mounted direct to motor shaft
- Protected location inside guide saddle
- Removal of external draw wire design used in trial.

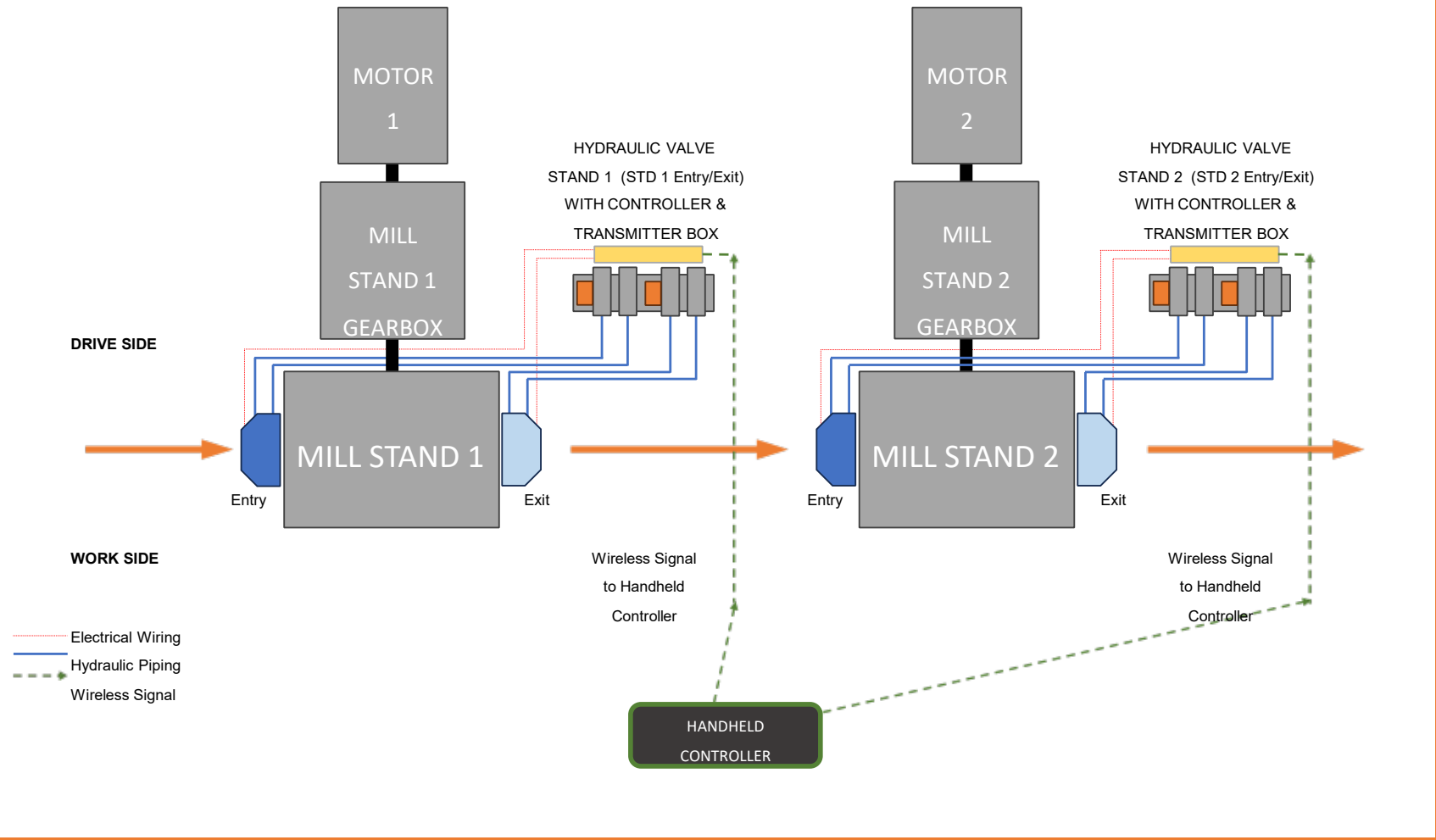


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Position Encoder position comparison.



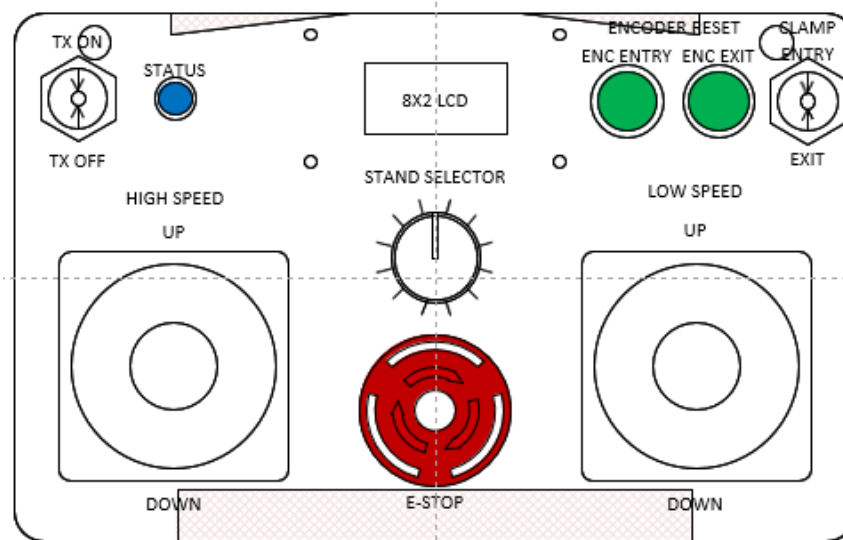
## MILL STAND REST BAR CONTROL



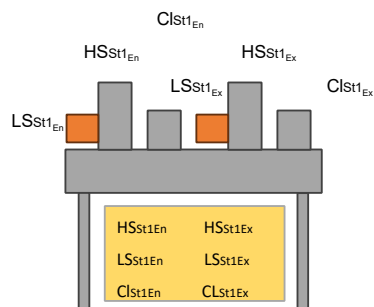
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## “Hands Off” Technology – Wireless Controlled Belly Pack

- 4 Restbars Controlled per Belly Pack
  - All Entry for 4 Stands
  - Entry and Delivery for 2 Stands
- LCD Screen to show Guide Saddle Positioning
- High Speed Adjustment
- Low Speed Adjustment
- Stand Selector Switch
- E-Stop



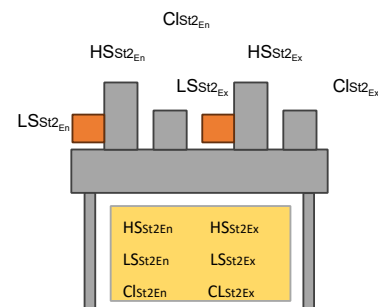
## MILL STAND REST BAR CONTROL HYDRAULIC VALVE STAND LAYOUT



Hydraulic Valve Stand  
With Junction Box and  
Transmitter

### Electrical Signals:

HSSt1 <sub>En</sub>	High Speed Stand 1 Entry
LSSt1 <sub>En</sub>	Low Speed Stand 1 Entry
CIs1 <sub>En</sub>	Clamp Stand 1 Entry
ES1 <sub>En</sub>	Encoder Stand 1 Entry
HSSt1 <sub>Ex</sub>	High Speed Stand 1 Exit
LSSt1 <sub>Ex</sub>	Low Speed Stand 1 Exit
CIs1 <sub>Ex</sub>	Clamp Stand 1 Exit
ES1 <sub>Ex</sub>	Encoder Stand 1 Exit



### Electrical Signals:

HSSt2 <sub>En</sub>	High Speed Stand 2 Entry
LSSt2 <sub>En</sub>	Low Speed Stand 2 Entry
CIs2 <sub>En</sub>	Clamp Stand 2 Entry
ES2 <sub>En</sub>	Encoder Stand 2 Entry
HSSt2 <sub>Ex</sub>	High Speed Stand 2 Exit
LSSt2 <sub>Ex</sub>	Low Speed Stand 2 Exit
CIs2 <sub>Ex</sub>	Clamp Stand 2 Exit
ES2 <sub>Ex</sub>	Encoder Stand 2 Exit

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