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INTRODUCING MECHANICAL BELT FASTENING

VS



Mechanical Belt Fastening Joining belt ends with metal hinges or plates



Vulcanisation Joining belt ends through heat and/or chemicals

WHY MECHANICAL FASTENERS?



Highly compatible with almost any type of belt and other complementary belt products



Easy to install, reducing downtime



Resistant to temperature, dirt and humidity, optimal for harsh environments



Able to withstand extremely high loads and pressures



Easy to inspect visually



Available in a variety of sizes, configurations and materials



Boasting a whole host of diverse benefits, **mechanical fasteners** might be a better fit for your business operations.



OPTIMISE YOUR BELT FOR THE BEST RESULTS



Skiving

Helps to lower a belt's profile, allowing for better fastener grip and improved splice strength and life.



Solid Plate Fastener

Creates a tight and compact splice that prevents fine material such as sand or gravel from sifting through.



Rivet-Style Fastener

Protects the integrity of straight warp belts by penetrating them without damaging carcass fibres.

IDEAL FOR A WIDE RANGE OF APPLICATIONS



SMART OPTION, GREAT VALUE Overall Price Comparison – Vulcanisation vs Mechanical Splicing

Mechanical

Vulcanised

| Based on belt width 1050mm | USD | Based on belt width 1050mm | USD |
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| Labour (3 workers / 10 hours) Transportation * Average Splicing Material Cost | 676 451 751 | Labour (3 workers / 2 hours) Transportation * Splicing Material Cost (Flexco SR Fasteners) | 59 None 143 |
| Variable Cost | 1,878 | Variable Cost | 201 |
| * Downtime (10 hours @13 tonnes/hour) * Estimated Tonnage per year (75,000T) | 1,091,666 None | * Downtime (2 hours @13 tonnes/hour) * Estimated Tonnage per year (75,000T) | 218,333 None |
| * Cost of Vulcanising Machine | 92,011 | * Cost ofTool (MSRT-42-AL) | 1,562 |
| Total Cost | 1,183,677 | Total Cost | 220,097 |

*Estimated based on 1050mm (42") splice. Pricing information will vary according to region, these are collected from Indonesia Vulcanisers and Flexco 2016 Product Guides.

USD Exchange rates as of 31 March 2017.

With easier installation, reduced downtime and flexible application, mechanical belt fasteners can boost your business from bottom line to overheads in the long run.





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CASE STUDY

IMPROVING BELT DURABILITY WITH HEAVY-DUTY SPLICING





After Installation

Flexco® SR[™] Rivet Hinged Section View

Flexco® SR™ Rivet Hinged Top View

Industry

Cement Production

Application

Coal-powered dryers

Product

Flexco® SR Rivet Hinged Fasteners

Objective

Improve belt splicing process and splice quality

Conveyor Detail

Belting Three-ply, EP150, rubber, 750-1000mm wide, belt thickness 12mm

Belt Lengths 30 belts, ranging from 10m to 150m long between end pulley centres

Typical Speed Up to 3.3' (2.5m) /sec

Configuration

Mixture of horizontal and inclined conveyor, mostly troughed at 30 degrees, running 24/7 with most of the conveyor operating at outdoor environments with relatively low operating tension of 86 – 114 P.I.W. (15 -20 kN/m)

Typical Load Around 70,000 ton of coal per month



Problem

On average, each belt required three to four splices a year and would deterioriate after nine months due to the moist and dusty environment, resulting in high downtime.



Solution

Flexco® Bolt Solid Plate was introduced as an interim repair solution while Flexco® SR[™] Rivet Hinged Fasteners were used for permanent splicing.



Result

The resulting splice was stronger than the previous vulcanised splice, reducing downtime from 14 hours to just 2.5 hours.

The labour count for belt repair also halved from four to two. The splice remains in good condition even after a year of operation.

Switch to mechanical fasteners today!





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CASE STUDY

CHEMICAL FERTILISER PLANT SLASHES CONVEYOR DOWNTIME & COSTS





After Installation

Flexco® SR™ Rivet Hinged Section View

Industry

Chemical fertiliser production

Application

Process-stream bulk conveyors

Product

Flexco® SR Rivet Hinged Fasteners

Objective

Minimise frequency, downtime and cost of vulcanised conveyor belt resplicing

Conveyor Detail

Belting

Three-ply heat-resistant rubber, 32 – 40" (812 – 1016mm) wide

Flexco® SR[™] Rivet Hinged

Top View

Belt Lengths

20 "problem" belts, ranging from 10' to 197' (3 – 60m) long between end pulley centres, deployed across three production lines

Typical Speed

Up to 3.3' (1m) / sec

Configuration

Primarily horizontal (some slightly inclined), most troughed at 35 degrees, with relatively low operating tension of 86 – 114 P.I.W. (15 – 20 kN/m)

Typical Load

Up to 200 tpm of NPK fertilizer granules and fines, received from a rotary dryer at up to 212°F (100°C)



Problem

Due to hot loads and high cycling around small pulleys, the existing vulcanised splices were deteriorating rapidly, causing production lines to come to a standstill. It would take up to 12 hours for a vulcanising contractor to rejoin the belt, incurring losses of over \$35,000 a year.



Solution

The belt was re-spliced with Flexco® Rivet Hinged Fasteners, which were countersunk flush with the belt's top cover after the skiving process.



Result

The fasteners lasted up to five times longer than previous vulcanised splices. With minimised downtime and easy installation, the fasteners netted the plant a six-figure savings every year.

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