

# Clampco Clips September 2019

A Note from the desk of:

Randy Toddy, Engineering Manager

Hopefully, you have noticed the flurry of activity in the new building. As many of you know, we have new, high volume contract business with Cummins for three new “small diameter” V-band clamps. We are currently producing these clamps in the Double Band cell and the SV3 retainer welding cell. To keep up with demand, we have designed and are building a new index table weld cell with an accompanying double band weld cell. This new cell has been modelled after the existing Nitro weld cells and will be able to produce other smaller V-band clamps as well. Engineering, Maintenance, Fabrication, and the Tool room are busy with the tooling, installation, and integration of all of the automated welding and robotic equipment. Clampco has invested more than \$250,000.00 in capital equipment and tooling for this cell in the effort to support this new business. The planned completion date for the cell is the end of October, so, you can see that there is a lot of work to do! Be on the lookout for Todd, Paul, Ben, Gary, Kevin, and everyone else involved in this effort!

## WHO'S WHO AT CLAMPSCO

**NAME:** *Rexie Graham*

**DEPARTMENT/SHIFT:** 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Accounts Receivable

**NORMAL DAY CONSISTS OF:** Invoicing, Collections, Change credit dates & update credit status, Check credit on new customers, Send ASN's/Invoice, Backup for Receptionist answering phone, Sales Order Printing & Packing Slips, Charge credit card for credit card customers, Enter cash receipts, Prepare credit hold list, Send Customer Statements to the customers on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of the month, Bank Reconciliation & etc.

**FAVORITE PART OF MY JOB:** Monthly Bank Reconciliation!

**MY HOBBIES:** Baking, Reading, Watching TV, Gardening and Internet Quizzes



## Positive Awareness Awards:

Maurice Byake  
John Pertee  
Rukike Josiane  
Aaron Wylie  
Diane Perrault

Keith Mills  
Marie Johnston  
Akili Furaha  
Katumba Katende

## HR News....

Do you have a suggestion for the Clampco Christmas gift this year? Cut out and return this to suggestion box!

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# The Safety Corner

## Why is it so important to work safely with or near electricity?

The voltage of the electricity and the available electrical current in regular businesses and homes has enough power to cause death by electrocution. Even changing a light bulb without unplugging the lamp can be hazardous.

### What are some general safety tips for working with or near electricity?

- Inspect portable cord-and-plug connected equipment, extension cords, power bars, and electrical fittings for damage or wear before each use. Repair or replace damaged equipment immediately.
- Always tape extension cords to walls or floors when necessary. Nails and staples can damage extension cords causing fire and shock hazards.
- Use extension cords or equipment that is rated for the level of amperage or wattage that you are using.
- Always use the correct size fuse. Replacing a fuse with one of a larger size can cause excessive currents in the wiring and possibly start a fire.
- Be aware that unusually warm or hot outlets may be a sign that unsafe wiring conditions exists. Unplug any cords or extension cords to these outlets and do not use until a qualified electrician has checked the wiring.
- Always use ladders made with non-conductive side rails (e.g., fibreglass) when working with or near electricity or power lines.
- Place halogen lights away from combustible materials such as cloths or curtains. Halogen lamps can become very hot and may be a fire hazard.
- Risk of electric shock is greater in areas that are wet or damp. **Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs)** as they will interrupt the electrical circuit before a current sufficient to cause death or serious injury occurs.
- Use a portable in-line Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) if you are not certain that the receptacle you are plugging your extension cord into is GFCI protected.
- Make sure that exposed receptacle boxes are made of non-conductive materials.
- Know where the panel and circuit breakers are located in case of an emergency.
- Label all circuit breakers and fuse boxes clearly. Each switch should be positively identified as to which outlet or appliance it is for.
- Do not use outlets or cords that have exposed wiring.
- Do not use portable cord-and-plug connected power tools with the guards removed.
- Do not block access to panels and circuit breakers or fuse boxes.
- Do not touch a person or electrical apparatus in the event of an electrical accident. Always disconnect the power source first.

### What is a sample checklist for basic electrical safety?

#### Inspect Cords and Plugs

Check extension cords and plugs daily. Do not use, and discard if worn or damaged. Have any extension cord that feels more than comfortably warm checked by an electrician.

#### Eliminate Octopus Connections

Do not plug several items into one outlet.

Pull the plug, not the cord.

Do not disconnect power supply by pulling or jerking the cord from the outlet. Pulling the cord causes wear and may cause a shock.

#### Never Break OFF the Third Prong on a Plug

Replace broken 3-prong plugs and make sure the third prong is properly grounded.

#### Never Use Extension Cords as Permanent Wiring

Use extension cords only to temporarily supply power to an area that does not have a power outlet.

Keep extension cords away from heat, water and oil. They can damage the insulation and cause a shock.

Do not allow vehicles to pass over unprotected extension cords. Extension cords should be put in protective wireway, conduit, pipe or protected by placing planks alongside them.

– Ian Underation , Safety Director