

WAC 296-79-31001 General requirements for converting operations (bag and container manufacturing, printing, coating, finishing and related processes).

(1) Guillotine-type trimmers must be designed in a manner which will require the operator to use both hands simultaneously to activate the cutting blade. If machine helpers are employed in the control function of the cutter, separate two-hand controls must be provided for the control function performed by the helper.

(2) Guillotine-type trimmers must be designed in a manner that the trimming blade will not repeat unless manually reactivated.

(3) Sorting and counting tables must be smooth and free from splinters, with edges and corners rounded.

Paddles must be smooth and free from splinters.

(4) Devices (i.e., mirrors) must be installed to assist the converting machine operator in viewing blind work stations where a hazard exists.

(5) Mechanical lifting devices must be provided for placing and removing rolls from rewinders. Rolls must not be left suspended overhead while the controls are unattended.

(6) When using a crane or hoist to place rolls into a backstand and the operator cannot see both ends of the backstand, assistance will be provided or appropriate devices will be installed to eliminate the hazards involved. The operator must ascertain that rolls are properly seated at winder stand or at roll arms before disengaging the hooks.

(7) Slitters, slotters, and scorers not in use must be properly stored so a hazard is not created.

(8) All power closing sections must be equipped with an audible warning system which will be activated when closing the sections.

(9) Roll-type embosser. The nipping point located on the operator's side must be guarded by either automatic or manually operated barrier guards interlocked with the drive.

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