

In Your Face, The Service Connection



welcome to Kurtz service news letter June 2009

Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. Education is essential to change, for education creates both new wants and the ability to satisfy them.

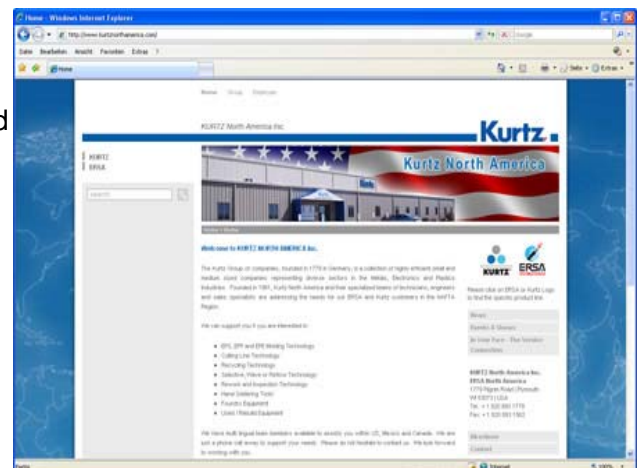
– Henry Steele Commager

New web site for Kurtz North America

We are very excited about the new web site for Kurtz North America, www.kurtznorthamerica.com.

The site is a comprehensive look at Kurtz North America and includes information about the products and services provided by Kurtz North America.

The web site also includes information about upcoming events, web casts and newsletters.



Restarting your Idle Machines:

We are all hopeful that before long the economy will pick-up and the demand for product will increase. The day will come when all those machines that sat idle for months will be started up and used for your production needs. A few unpleasant items may occur when a machine sits for a period of time and is restarted, valves stick, leaks appear, air lines crack, and hoses split, just to name a few. How can this be prevented and how should a machine be restarted after a period of downtime?

When shutting a machine down, shut off the air, steam, water, electrical, and drain the machine. Make sure all strainers are removed, cleaned, and reinstalled. Clean air systems regulators and check for oil build-up. By purging the machine, you lessen the chances of contaminants lodging into places that will cause failure at start-up. This will only work if you have working shut-off valves, therefore, check to make sure that these valves are working as designed, otherwise repair or replace your valves. Also, make sure that the drains to each machine are shut-off via a valve or install a blind gasket between pipe flanges to prevent back pressure from entering the idle machine from the drain. Electrical should be shut-off at the main panel as well as the main disconnect of the machine. Don't forget your lock-outs / tag-outs. Once the machine is completely shut-off from the services, it is best to clean all areas and use light protective oil on all areas that are subject to rust. Typically, you clean on a daily basis; don't forget the machines that are sitting idle, protection means keeping them clean.

Using your idle machines as a spare parts cabinet is not recommended. However, if you find it necessary to remove parts from the idle machines, please make sure it is noted and replacements are ordered and reinstalled on the idle machines. This will prevent a panic attack the day you start-up the idle machines.

When the day comes to start-up the idle machines, first make sure the machine is clean, check hydraulic fluids, and very slowly turn on each service, one at a time, check for leaks and don't forget to remove blind gaskets in your drain pipe, if installed. Second, once you have all the services to the machine, power up the machine and

manually operate the hydraulics in slow motion for the best performance. Check the vacuum to ensure you are pulling negative pressure. Manually operate valves to ensure their operation. Third, once you make sure that everything is working as designed, it's time for production. If you happen to find something wrong, broken valve, air or water leaks, etc., stop, repair or replace. Your Kurtz manual has instructions on how to start-up a new machine, this section can be followed for restarting your idle machines. Kurtz North America is here to service your equipment.

If you need assistance for service visits, parts, up-dates or any other request, **please call 920-893-1779.**

Person Introduction

In last month's Kurtz North America Newsletter, Peter van Deursen wrote an article "25 Years What a Ride."

On May 18, 2009, Peter was recognized for his 25-years of service.

Let's all congratulate PvD and wish him the best for years to come.



Tip of the Month

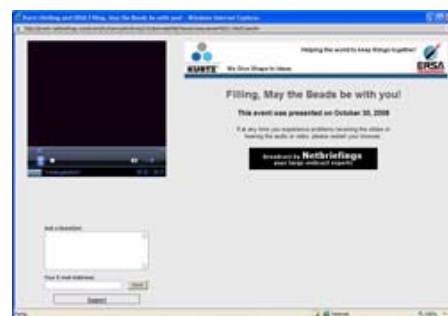
Springtime: Time for most of us to clean our home of unwanted items that just take up space and we add a fresh coat of paint where it is needed. All this heavy duty cleaning makes our home look renewed and fresh. It's also a great time to do some spring cleaning at your facility, don't you think?



Webcast

WEBCASTs are now available from archive.

For a list send e-mail to kurtzservice@kna.net



Parts Specials



Keep your present filler tips, and modify by removing the inner lip on the tip. Left has lip removed. Simply cut it down flush on a lathe.

New seal consists of two (2) each "O" rings and one (1) each Turcon glide seal, provides a better and longer life for sealing the tips of your Kurtz EPS fillers.
P/N – XC51.08823, price \$4.91 per set.

KNA Rebuild Program

Do you have a machine that looks like this and is in need of reconditioning?

At KNA we have the expertise and qualified personnel to recondition and update your Kurtz equipment with a turnaround time of 3-4 months, giving you a competitive machine for a fraction of the cost.

For more information about the KNA rebuild program contact Ryan Brown, John Floryance, or Pete Tatro @ 920-893-1779.



If you know of someone who should be on this list send an e-mail to kurtzservice@kna.net and we will be more than happy to include for future mailings.

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