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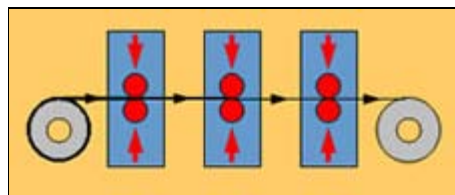
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COLD ROLLING MILLS REDUCE THICKNESS, IMPROVE ACCURACY AND UNIFORMITY

Cold rolling is performed by unwinding the hot roll coil and passing the strip through pairs of horizontal rolls or mill "stands". Blair operates "tandem" cold mills which utilize two or three stands. Each roll set reduces the steel by a preset percentage until the finished thickness is reached. Blair's narrow tandem strip mills are uniquely capable of cold rolling exceptional tolerances on strip up to and heavier than a half inch thick in various steel grades.



Blair uses tandem mills to cold reduce hot rolled coils to lighter thicknesses, establish uniform hardness, accurate dimensional tolerances and the required surface finish.



Blair operates one 3-stand and two 2-stand tandem cold mills.