



## It's chock-a-block at Oldham Engineering



# Extract, Refurbish, Repair & Return...

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## Welcome

to the latest newsletter from the BMPCA.

By the time you receive this our new website will be live so we encourage you all to visit [www.bmpca.org.uk](http://www.bmpca.org.uk) and check it out. We hope you like what you see!

Designed to provide greater ease of use, more information and valuable reference points for our existing members, we hope that our new-look website will also help to attract new members to our ranks, increasing the networking, knowledge exchange and commercial opportunities for us all. We will be adding to its content in the coming weeks so make [www.bmpca.org.uk](http://www.bmpca.org.uk) a regular place to visit.

Despite a challenging economic climate, this bulletin is still packed full of success stories and innovation, reflecting the determination of our members companies to search out and maximise opportunities.

As an organisation we represent a truly impressive group of companies who provide equipment and services to UK and global manufacturing industries and between us we encompass an comprehensive range of skills and expertise. It's true to say that our membership is the complete package when it comes to supplying the global manufacturing industry, *so make sure you use your membership to the full and access the benefits of strength in numbers.*



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# OLDHAM ENGINEERING CHOCK REFURBISHMENT: THE SENSIBLE OPTION

In today's economic environment, board approval for new equipment purchase is increasingly a difficult process to successfully complete.

UK steel companies are therefore constantly looking at ways to reduce costs and improve product quality and service. Forward-thinking steel companies understand that the quality of their finished products and the cost of their operational processes are directly proportional to the condition of their equipment.

Today, more than ever, equipment refurbishment is often the most sensible economic solution to the age old problem; product quality versus funds available versus timescale available.

Oldham Engineering engages with plant engineers and maintenance teams from steel plants across the country to successfully extract refurbish/repair and return plant equipment, such as chocks, during scheduled shut down periods.

Chocks are commonly refurbished by Oldham due to the nature of their operation, i.e. they contain bearings and when bearing tolerances become excessive, process product quality is severely diminished. Industrial chocks can be found in a range of applications from hot rolling mills to gearboxes.

Upon receipt, the first operation at Oldham is a high pressure clean and decontamination rinse. The chocks are then disassembled and evaluated by Oldham's technicians.

Tony Langhorn, Estimator at Oldham said, "After the

assessment report is created by our technicians we compile a detailed quote and submit both documents to the customer. The chock and its individual components are then palletised, shrink wrapped and placed in our dedicated customer store awaiting customer clearance to continue".

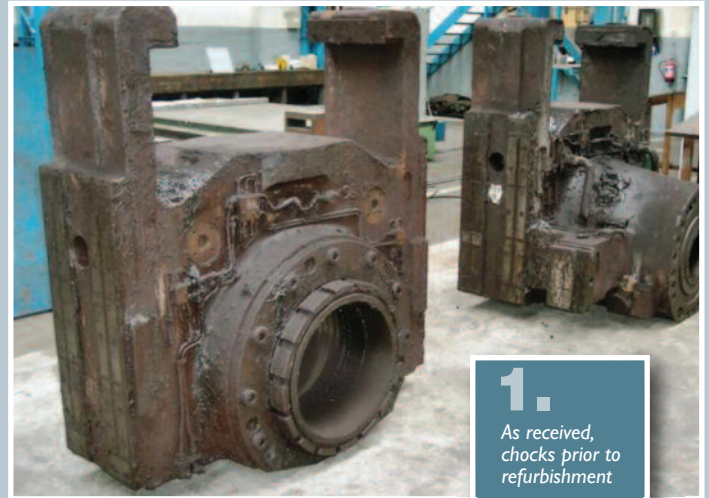
Tony continues, "We endeavour to provide as much information on the condition of the chocks as possible. Photographic and video material is used where necessary".

Chocks are found in plate mills, steckel mills, structure mills, wire rod mills, cold rolling mills, skin pass mills, furnaces, annealing-pickling lines, levellers, slitters, girth gears, pinions and support rollers. The condition of the received chock can vary significantly, depending on its application.

After Oldham Engineering has refurbished the various components, chocks are assembled, inspected and returned to site.

Oldham Engineering has refurbished hundreds of industrial chocks in all shapes and sizes for many UK steel plants. As such, they are a trusted supply partner because of their operational quality, reliability and speedy service.

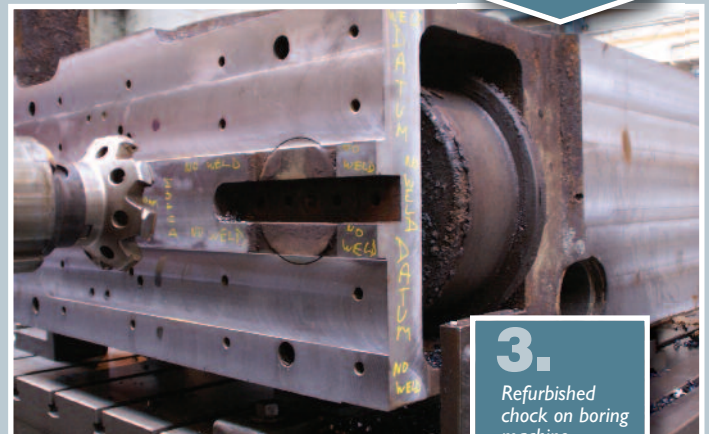
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**1.**  
As received, chocks prior to refurbishment



**2.**  
Disassembled chock



**3.**  
Refurbished chock on boring machine



**4.**  
Refurbished chocks ready for despatch