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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
American Felt & Filter Co Inc and
American Felt & Filter Co LLC;
Hereinafter referred to as
American Felt & Filter Co

and its successors
361 Walsh Avenue
New Windsor, NY 12553

Inspection Site:
361 Walsh Avenue
New Windsor, NY 12553

Inspection Number: 313764250

Inspection Date(s): 06/30/2011 - 12/09/2011

Issuance Date: 12/28/2011

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or , if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer. **The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.**

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director during the 15 working day contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the page 4 Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest - You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.

Penalty Payment - Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action - For violations which you do not contest, you should notify the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office promptly by letter that you have taken appropriate corrective action within the time frame set forth on this Citation. Please inform the Area Office in writing of the abatement steps you have taken and of their dates, together with adequate supporting documentation, e.g., drawings or photographs of corrected conditions, purchase/work orders related to abatement actions, air sampling results, etc.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Internet Posting Notice: You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to your inspection will be available 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at "<http://www.osha.gov>". If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 12/28/2011. The conference will be held at the OSHA office located at 401 New Karner Road, Suite 300, Albany, NY, 12205 on _____ at _____. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to the hazard of being struck by the load:

- a) Piano Room - On or about October 10, 2011, a below-the-hook lifting device used to lift felt was manufactured by the employer and had no rated load capacity markings.
- b) Piano Room - On or about October 10, 2011, an overhead carrier beam rail with an attached Budgit 1 ton hoist that was used to lift felt on a steel structure weighting approximately 1000 lbs was not tested, load rated or inspected.

Among other methods, feasible and acceptable abatement methods to correct the hazard are to:

- 1) Inspect and test the lifting device in accordance with ASME B30.20-1993, Section 20-1.3, Section 20-1.4 and Section 20.4.3.
- 2) Mark the rated load capacity on the lifting device along with manufacturer's name, serial number and weigh, for the device over 100 lbs in accordance with ASME B-30.20-1993, Section 20-1.2.
- 3) Mark the load capacity on the metal beam rail in accordance with ANSI B30.11-1980, Monorail Systems and Under Hung Cranes, Section 11.1 Construction and Installation.
- 4) Inspect and test the metal beam rail in accordance with ANSI B30.11-1980, Monorail Systems and Under Hung Cranes, Section 11.2 Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 5390.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.24(h): Standard railing(s) were not provided on the open side(s) of all fixed industrial stairway(s) and stair platform(s):

- a) Room 11 - On or about August 22, 2011, the employees are exposed to a 12' 8" fall hazard to the ground level when accessing the platform on the exterior fixed industrial stairs missing a midrail while offloading pallets.
- b) Room 11 - On or about October 25, 2011, the employees are exposed to a 12' 8" fall hazard to the ground level when accessing the platform on the exterior fixed industrial stairs missing a midrail and top rail while offloading pallets.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/09/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3850.00

Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.101(b): The in-plant handling, storage, and utilization of all compressed gases in cylinders, portable tanks, rail tank-cars, or motor vehicle cargo tanks were not in accordance with Compressed Gas Association Pamphlet P-1-1965:

- a) Behind Machine Shop - On or about August 10, 2011, compressed gas cylinders (LP gas, Oxygen, and Acetylene) were stored in a location where Powered Industrial Truck could strike them. Reference Section 3.3.8 of Compressed Gas Association Pamphlet P-1-1965.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Corrected During Inspection
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3850.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.176(b): Storage of material created a hazard:

- a) Dryer #4 Storage Room - On or about October 10, 2011, rolls of material stacked off center three high on wooden pallets 7' 5" in elevation presented a struck-by hazard.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/09/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3080.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.178(a)(4): Modifications or additions which affect capacity and safe operation of powered industrial truck were performed by the employer without the manufacturer's prior written approval:

a) Throughout facility - On or about September 12, 2011, a TCM propane powered forklift (Serial # A12WO2654 Model # FCG25F9) was in operation with 2 attachments that had not been approved by the forklift manufacturer by means of a letter or affixed label.

Attachments in use:

1. Self Dumping Hopper with manufacturer marking RA-Detroit
2. Cascade Bale Clamp Model # 35D-BCB54A, Serial # 68030200039

b) Throughout facility - On or about September 12, 2011, a TCM propane powered forklift (Serial # A31M71746 Model # FG30N5T) was in operation with 2 attachments that had not been approved by the forklift manufacturer by means of a letter or affixed label.

Attachments in use:

1. Self Dumping Hopper with manufacturer marking RA-Detroit
2. Cascade Bale Clamp Model # 35D-BCB54A, Serial # 68030200039

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3850.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury resulting from an accident.

Citation 1 Item 6a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.178(q)(1): A power-operated industrial truck not in safe operating condition was not removed from service:

- a) Throughout facility - On or about September 12, 2011, a TCM propane powered industrial truck was in use that had a broken left rear tail-light, no back up alarm, and no rear-view mirror. (Serial # A31M71746 Model # FG30N5T)

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 4620.00

Citation 1 Item 6b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.178(q)(7): Industrial trucks were not examined at least on a daily basis before being placed in service:

- a) Throughout Facility - On or about September 12, 2011, a TCM powered industrial truck was in operation without daily inspection being conducted. (Serial # A12WO2654 Model FCG25F9)
- b) Throughout Facility - On and around September 12, 2011, a TCM powered industrial truck was in operation without daily inspection being conducted. (Serial # A31M71746 Model FG30N5T)

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury resulting from an accident.

Citation 1 Item 7a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.179(j)(2): Frequent inspections were not conducted for defects at intervals as outlined in paragraph (j)(1)(ii) of this section or as specifically indicated, including observation during operation for any defects which might appear between regular inspections:

- a) Piano Room - On or about October 10, 2011, a 1 ton Budgit electric hoist was in use in the Piano Room without frequent inspections being conducted. The hoist is used in an acidic and humid environment and has corrosion on the rail, the load chain and the hoist gear cover.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 5390.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 7b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.179(j)(3): A complete periodic inspection of crane(s) had not been conducted in the past 12 months:

- a) Piano Room - On or around October 10, 2011, a 1 ton Budgit electric hoist was in use in the Piano Room without periodic inspections being conducted. The hoist is used in an acidic and humid environment and has corrosion on the rail, the load chain and the hoist gear cover.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012

Citation 1 Item 8 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.179(l)(1): A preventive maintenance program based on the crane manufacturer's recommendations was not established:

- a) Piano Room - On or about September 10, 2011, a 1 ton Budgit electric hoist was in use without a preventive maintenance program as per the manufacturer's recommendations. The hoist is used in an acidic environment and has corrosion on the rail, the load chain and the hoist gear cover.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 5390.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co.
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 9 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.215(a)(2): Abrasive wheel(s) used on grinding machinery were not provided with safety guard(s) which covered the spindle end, nut, flange projections:

- a) Machine Shop - On or about August 9, 2011, the McDonough Manufacture abrasive wheel grinder (Serial # DG512C) was used without a protective enclosure for the left and right peripheral members exposing employees to an entanglement hazard.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3080.00

The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury resulting from an accident.

Citation 1 Item 10a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.215(a)(4): Grinding machinery was not used with work rest(s) to support offhand grinding work:

- a) Machine Shop - On or about August 9, 2011, the McDonough Manufacture abrasive wheel grinder (Serial # DG512C) was used without a work rest for the left and right peripheral members exposing employees to a struck-by hazard.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3080.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 10b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.215(b)(9): Guard for abrasive wheel machine where the operator stands in front of the machine was not constructed so that the peripheral protecting member could be adjusted to the constantly decreasing diameter of the wheel:

- a) Machine Shop - On or about August 9, 2011, the McDonough Manufacture abrasive wheel grinder (Serial # DG512C) was used without a tongue guard on left peripheral member and the right peripheral member tongue guard was not adjusted to the required 1/4" distance. This exposed employees to struck-by hazards.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 11 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.217(e)(1)(ii): Mechanical power presses were not inspected and tested at least weekly to determine the condition of the clutch/brake mechanism, anti-repeat feature or single stroke mechanism:

- a) Cut Parts Department - On or about August 10, 2011, weekly inspections were not conducted on Rousell full revolution press # C1, CP-01, Serial # 2201440
- b) Cut Parts Department - On or about August 10, 2011, weekly inspections were not conducted on EW Bliss 19 ton full revolution press # C2, CP-02, Serial # H34038/HP17609-1951
- c) Cut Parts Department - On or about August 10, 2011, weekly inspections were not conducted on Bliss 30 ton full revolution press # C3, CP-03, Serial # 3102997
- d) Cut Parts Department - On or about August 10, 2011, weekly inspections were not conducted on Bliss 75 ton full revolution press # C4, CP-04

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3080.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 13 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.262(d)(1): Opening or picker machinery equipped with a beater was not provided with interlocked metal cover(s) which would prevent contact with the beater:

- a) Piano Room - On or about October 10, 2011, kicker (beater) was not equipped with interlocked metal covers exposing employees to struck-by hazards when loading and manipulating the felt from the side.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3080.00

Citation 1 Item 14 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(b)(6) Conductors or equipment were located in damp or wet locations, where they were exposed to gases, fumes, vapors, liquids, or other agents that have a deteriorating effect on the conductors or equipment, without being identified for use in the operating environment:

- a) Piano Room - On or about October 10, 2011, electrical boxes containing 120V-480V were corroded and not rated for the corrosive and wet environment created by the dip tank operations using Sulfuric Acid and water.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3850.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 15 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(a)(2)(i): Temporary electrical power and lighting installations rated 600 volts, nominal, or less were used for purposes other than those permitted in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph:

- a) Stitch Bound Building - On or about July 11, 2011, an operator was exposed to burn hazards due to an extension cord used as permanent wiring for the shaker bar on the card machine.
- b) Stitch Bound Building - On or about July 11, 2011, and operator was exposed to burn hazards due an extension cord used as permanent wiring for the antistatic bar on the card machine.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 3080.00



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 16 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(b)(1)(ii): Unused openings in cabinets, boxes, and fittings were not effectively closed:

- a) Pennib Room - On or about 7/8/11, employees are exposed to burn hazards while working near a missing electrical knockout in the Sander Exhaust electrical cabinet containing 480V.
- b) Pennib Room - On or about 7/8/11, employees are exposed to burn hazards while working near a missing electrical knockout in the Squeezer Exhaust electrical cabinet containing 240V.
- c) Carding Room - On or about 7/11/11, employees are exposed to burn hazards while working near a missing electrical knockout in the Carding Machine electrical cabinet containing 480V controlling the cylinder.
- d) Cut Department - On or about 7/8/11, employees are exposed to burn hazards while working near a missing electrical knockout in the PN-004 Cutter Machine electrical cabinet containing 600V.
- e) Stitch Bound Building - On or about 7/11/11, employees are exposed to burn hazards while working near a missing electrical knockout in the Carding Machine disconnect cabinet containing 480V. This power services the SB-003, SB-004, and SB-005 carding machines (left cabinet).
- f) Stitch Bound Building - On or about 7/11/11, employees are exposed to burn hazards while working near a missing electrical knockout in the electrical box containing 480V providing power service for the SB-003, SB-004, and SB-005 carding machines (long enclosure).

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 2310.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 1 Item 17 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(b)(2)(i): Each outlet box in completed installations did not have a cover, faceplate, or fixture canopy:

- a) Room 11 - On or about July 11, 2011, a 4 plug electrical receptacle mounted on beam containing 120V did not have a faceplate exposing employees to burn hazards.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	01/09/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 3080.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(1): Machine guarding was not provided to protect operator(s) and other employees from hazard(s) created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks:

- a) Machine Shop - On or about September 12, 2011, a metal turning lathe (MS-001) was in use without guarding of the rotating chucks exposing employees to amputation hazards from rotating protrusions and openings.
- b) Machine Shop - On or about September 9, 2011, a metal turning lathe (MS-002) was in use without guarding of the rotating chucks exposing employees to amputation hazards from rotating protrusions and openings.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION ARE REEQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

American Felt and Filter Company, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard, which was contained in OSHA inspection number 310522024, citation number 01, item number 004 and it was affirmed as final order on January 10, 2008, with respect to a workplace located at 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty: \$ 10780.00



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.219(c)(4)(ii): The unused keyway(s) of projecting shaft end(s) were not filled up or covered:

- a) Cut Parts Department - On or about August 10, 2011, employees are exposed to laceration hazards from an exposed rotating shaft end with an unused keyway extending out beyond the guard on Inspection Table FN-006.

American Felt and Filter Company, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard, which was contained in OSHA inspection number 310522024, citation number 01, item number 008 and it was affirmed as final order on January 10, 2008, with respect to a workplace located at 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	Corrected During Inspection
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 9240.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 3 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1904.32(b)(3): The Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (OSHA form 300A or equivalent) was not properly certified:

Located at American Felt and Filter, on or about 6/30/11, the employer did not certify the annual summary of work-related injuries and illnesses properly:

- a) On or about 1/24/11, the 2010 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, Inc. was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.
- b) On or about 1/24/11, the 2010 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, LLC was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 3 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1904.32(b)(3): The Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (OSHA form 300A or equivalent) was not properly certified:

Located at American Felt and Filter, on or about 6/30/11, the employer did not certify the annual summary of work-related injuries and illnesses properly:

- a) On or about 1/27/10, the 2009 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, Inc. was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.
- b) On or about 1/27/10, the 2009 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, LLC was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 3 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1904.32(b)(3): The Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (OSHA form 300A or equivalent) was not properly certified:

Located at American Felt and Filter, on or about 6/30/11, the employer did not certify the annual summary of work-related injuries and illnesses properly:

- a) On or about 1/24/09, the 2008 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, Inc. was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.
- b) On or about 1/24/09, the 2008 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, LLC was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 3 Item 4 Type of Violation: Other

29 CFR 1904.32(b)(3): The Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (OSHA form 300A or equivalent) was not properly certified.

Located at American Felt and Filter, on or about 6/30/11, the employer did not certify the annual summary of work-related injuries and illnesses properly:

- a) On or about 2/1/08, the 2007 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, Inc. was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.
- b) On or about 2/1/08, the 2007 OSHA 300A for American Felt and Filter, LLC was not certified as correct and complete by a company executive.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00

Citation 3 Item 5 Type of Violation: Other

29 CFR 1910.179(b)(5): The rated load of crane(s) was not plainly marked on each side of the crane:

- a) Piano Room - On or about September 10, 2011, the 1 ton Budgit electric hoist was in use and was missing the load capacity label on one side.

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	01/23/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

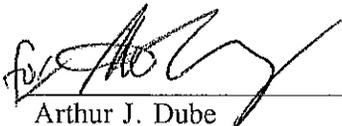
Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553

Citation 3 Item 6 Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1910.219(c)(4)(i): Unguarded projecting shaft end(s) did not present a smooth edge and end and projected more than one half the diameter of the shaft:

a) Cut Department - On or about July 8, 2011, employees were exposed to an unguarded rotating shaft on the 19 ton EW Bliss Punch Press (Serial Number H34038/HP17609-1951).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	Corrected During Inspection
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00



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INVOICE/ DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: American Felt & Filter Co Inc and American Felt & Filter Co LLC;
Hereinafter referred to as American Felt & Filter Co
Inspection Site: 361 Walsh Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553
Issuance Date: 12/28/2011

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number 313764250

Citation 1, Serious	= \$	63140.00
Citation 2, Repeat	= \$	20020.00
Citation 3, Other	= \$	0.00
TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES	= \$	83160.00

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to:
"DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to 2 times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Interest. Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is 5%. Interest will accrue from the date on which

the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

Delinquent Charges. A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

Administrative Costs. Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.



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12/28/11

Date