



RULMECCA Motorized Pulleys Safer Belt Conveyor Drives Now Assembled in United States

Rulmecca Motorized Pulleys have offered coal mine operators a safer alternative to exposed conveyor drive systems since the 1950s. Manufactured in Aschersleben, Germany these drives have been well accepted throughout the European surface and underground mining industry for decades.



Rulmecca's staff enjoys larger facility. (From left) Charles Gawinski, Julie Murphy, Jay Graham, Diane Gawinski, Merle Graham, and Mike Gawinski.

Established in 2003, Rulmecca Corporation serves the U.S. and Mexican markets from its headquarters in Wilmington, NC. Growing demand for the company's internally-powered Motorized Pulleys required the company to expand in 2005.

Now Rulmecca Corporation assembles 8.5", 12.5", and 16" diameter Motorized Pulleys at its new 5,400 sq. ft. facility in Wilmington. "We knew our customers would want units expedited from time to time," said Jay Graham, product manager, "but we didn't think we'd be asked to ship this many this quickly...this is a good 'problem' for us."



10 HP Motorized Pulley is fully tested before shipment.

For more than 40 years Rulmecca Motorized Pulleys have hermetically sealed belt conveyor drive motors and gearboxes within a lagged pulley shell. This concept protects internal components from harsh environments and it protects mine personnel from those moving components.

Since each pulley's motor and gearbox are inside the pulley shell there are no external moving components. The pulley shaft does not even rotate because the shell rotates about the fixed axis.

"When we began assembling our popular smaller units last summer," said Mike Gawinski, president, "we never thought we'd be assembling higher powered 16" diameter Motorized Pulleys in six months. Due to customer requests we are expanding our Wilmington product portfolio to include slower belt speeds and increased radial load capability."



Merle Graham puts finishing touches on Rulmecca Corporation's first 400M Motorized Pulley, designed for 460v/3ph/60Hz power supply to drive a steel mill's 36" wide conveyor belt at 240 fpm.

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