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Improving quality assurance



Tord Schyman, new quality and technical coordinator.

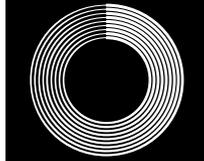
Springwire continues to intensify its quality assurance efforts. Part of this involves giving more resources to quality assurance, which is why Tord Schyman works fulltime as quality and technical coordinator since the autumn of 2009. He is also in charge of testing.

Our ambition is to provide more substantial and quicker feedback to production in terms of quality so that constant improvements can be made in production and products. Tord Schyman has worked with wire milling for 39 years, during which time he has drawn wire on most of Springwire's

machines and been involved in material testing. Over the past six months, Tord has attended courses in quality systems and systematic quality processes.

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Spring is in the air at Springwire

Things are looking bright for 2010, even though the cold and snow have kept temperatures down. It is clear that companies are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We have a strong influx of orders. Working with a wellfilled order book and many requests for tenders creates a positive atmosphere and presents many interesting opportunities.

The Wire Trade Fair in Düsseldorf is fast approaching and this year, Springwire Sweden AB will have a stand in Hall 12, at 12A40. You are all invited to drop by!

Improvements are a constant aspect of our business. Read more about the changes and improvements we are making in quality assurance in this newsletter.

Constant improvements and quality assurance

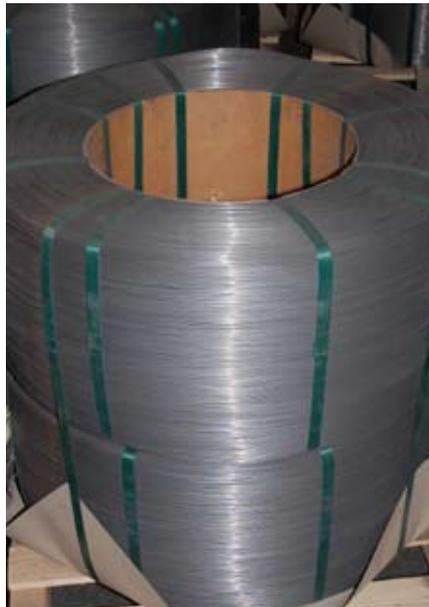


Rolled wire on rubber mat.

Wire coil in protective wire racks.

Our Constant Improvements tool is an excellent instrument for monitoring changes and improvements made every week. Springwire holds weekly meetings during which this topic is followed up. In addition, regular quality meetings and the annual quality audit evaluate the effects of these changes from a longer perspective.

For some time now, our constant improvement activities have focused on material handling, which involves both internal and external material transfer. Internally, activities were analysed in regard to all equipment with which the wire has contact during the production process.



Z2 flangeless spools with plastic band.

The relevant suppliers have been invited and participate actively in this process to reduce the risk of handling-related damage. Detailed instructions already exist that describe how material is to be delivered and handled. The surface is an extremely important feature in creating world-class spring wire. Consequently, it is imperative to strive to involve every link in the chain – from the steelworks and rolling mill through Springwire's process to the customers' winding of springs – in our improvement initiatives, both in terms of quality and development. The chain must be solid and sustainable. All employees at Springwire and at the selected suppliers must participate.

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