

***Solid as a Tank:*** \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Tube-Cutting Operations Asks a Lot from Its Machine***

Chester Marshall Jr., president of Akron Products (Seville, Ohio) has one thing to say about his Continental rotary pipe and tube cut-off machines.

"They're a tank."

And he means that in the best possible way. Akron Products puts three Model 3A Continental machines through their paces and has for more than 30 years.

A manufacturer of metal basement columns and adjustable foundation supports, Akron makes thousands of cuts each week with each machine.

"They make the best cut I've ever seen," says Chester. "It cuts burr-free and doesn't crush the tube at all. The Continental applies very little pressure to the tubing, and, as long as the blade is kept sharp, it maintains the integrity of the diameter."

Akron's Model #3A cut-off machines cut 1- to 4-inch OD material. (Note: This machine has the capacity of cutting 1/4 to 4 1/2-inch OD). It can cut light-wall material as well as having the ability to cut heavy wall such as Schedule 40 or 80 material.

Chester states, "Akron uses the Continental machines only for tube cutting, and sure, you could get a bigger machine, but why? You're going to pay \$250,000.00 for that machine while the Continental costs \$15,000 to \$20,000.00. They will last forever!!!"

"They (Continental) have improved themselves during the years, and now they're almost semi-automatic. About all you need is one guy there watching the flow."

Like Chester Marshall Jr. says, "They're a tank!"



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