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UNIVERSAL STEEL UPGRADES STRETCHER TO PROCESS 1” THICK MATERIAL.

(Cleveland, OH)— Universal Steel has announced that its stretcher-leveler has recently received a number of upgrades in order to allow the machine to stretch and cut steel up to 1” thick.

Called “**The Memory Eraser**” for its ability to produce laser flat, stress-free, memory free sheets, the Butech Bliss stretcher-leveler exerts over 3 million pounds of stretching force to flatten steel, equalize internal fiber structure and completely stress relieve the product. With no residual memory, stretcher-leveled material is ideal for operations such as oxy, plasma and laser cutting. Additionally, machines can be run at higher speeds, with greater yields, less waste and lower costs.

The powerful stretcher-leveler, which will mark its 5th year of service in May, can now process material in gauges up to 1”, in widths up to 74”, and in lengths up to 700”—including high strength steels beyond 100,000 psi yield. Material in 1” gauge is limited to 60” in width with a few grade limitations.

The Eraser provides customers with an attractive alternative to mill supplied discrete plate. Customers can now get plate on short lead times, in small quantities and cut to exact lengths. Surface quality is also superior.

About Universal Steel: *Universal Steel is a flat rolled steel service center with an emphasis on hot roll, cold roll and coated carbon steels. Universal can cut coils to length, slit to width, shape correct, stretcher level or supply full coil. Universal offers innovative inventory management programs to minimize customers’ cost of possession and increase manufacturing efficiency.*
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