Screw Replacement for a Large Vincent Screw Press

Lock Out/Tag Out on all power sources.

Do not forget to lock out the plant air used to actuate the air cylinders.

Remove the air lines.



Cover the liquid drain under the screens to prevent lost hardware.



If these angles (used to support screen covers) are on your press, remove them for easier screen removal.

Remove the screen halves.



The Resistor Bars are sandwiched between the two screen halves. After removing the screens, remove these **Resistor Bars.**



Unbolt the gearbox from the bedframe of press.

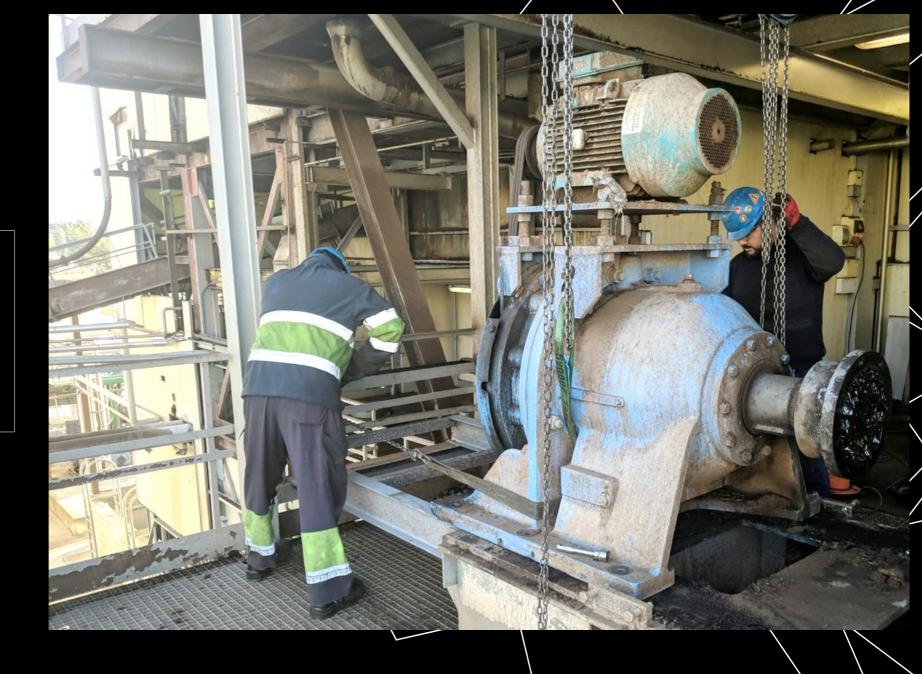




Disconnect the coupling that connects the screw shaft to the gearbox stub shaft.



Move the gearbox and motor out of the way.

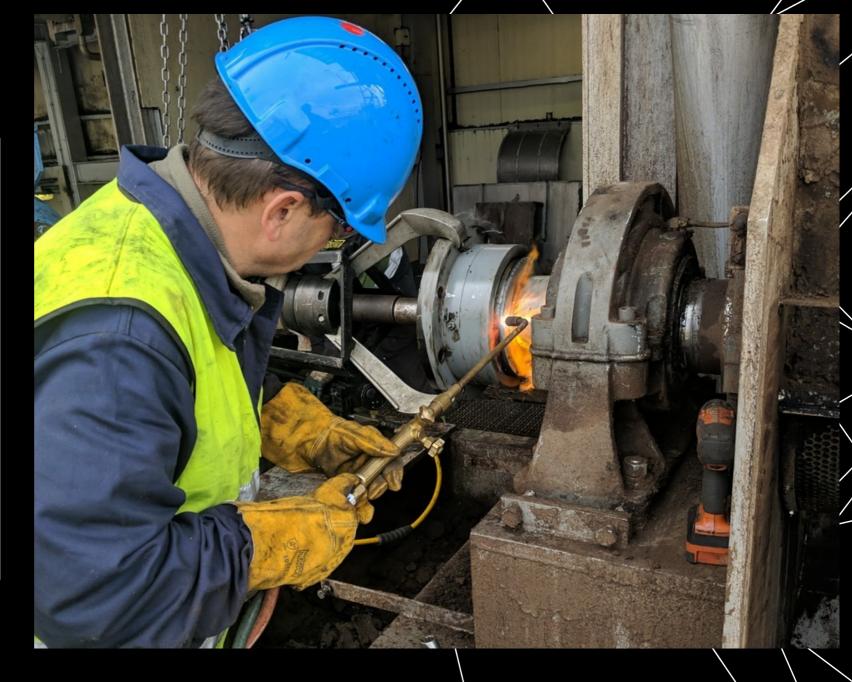


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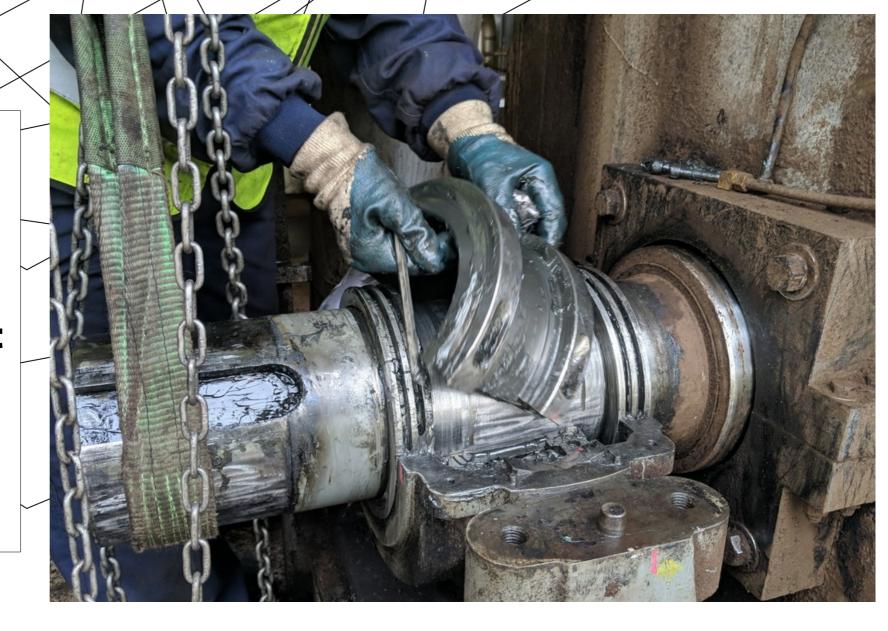
A gear puller will facilitate removal of the coupling half on the screw.



Heat the hub evenly to 300° -500°F (150° -260°C) with a rosebud torch while applying pressure till the hub clears the shaft.

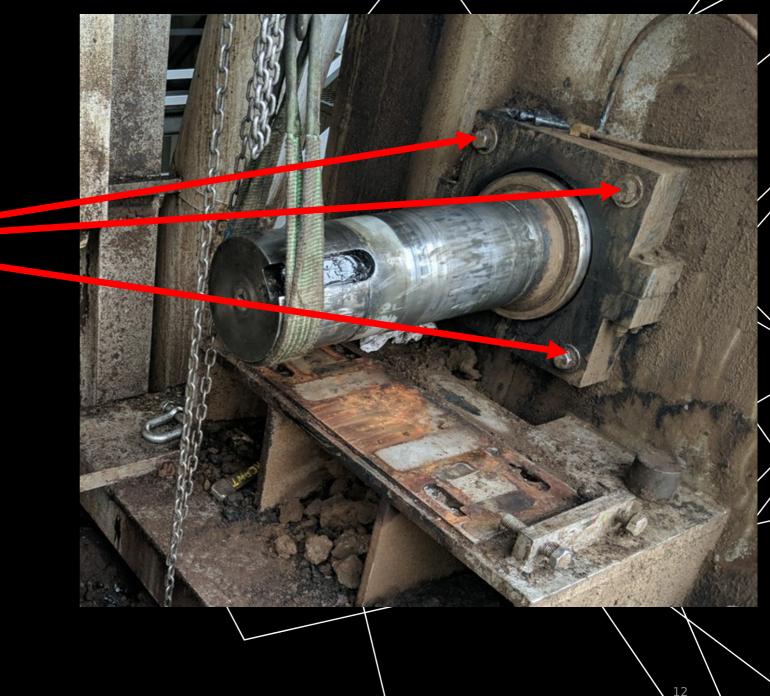


Remove the pillow block bearing. (This press had a split **PB bearing.)** If it is a standard bearing (not split), pull it off the shaft.



Loosen and remove the four bolts on the seal assembly.

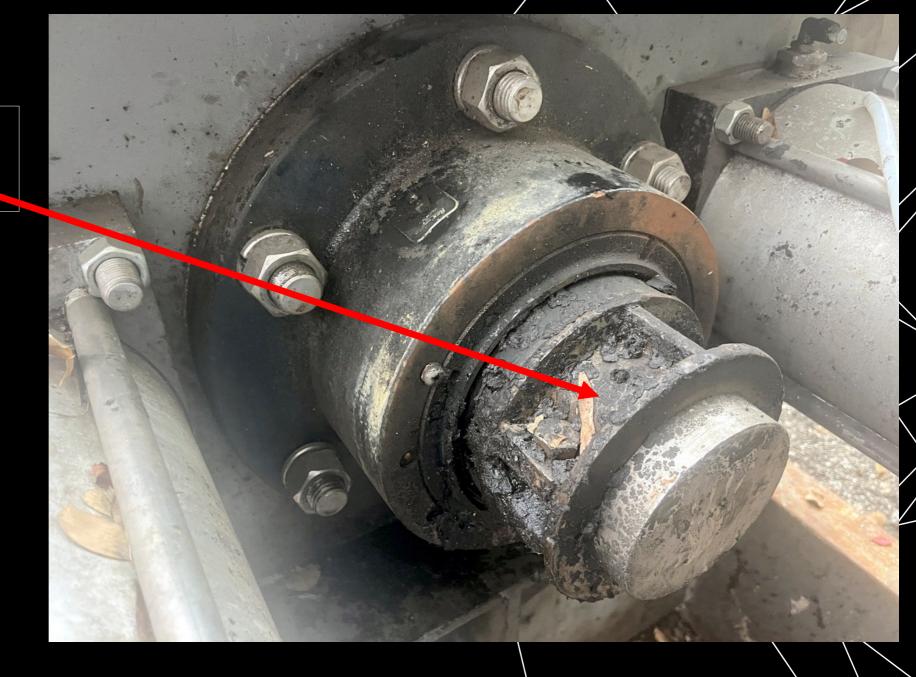
Note that this end of the screw is being supported.



At the discharge end, disconnect the air cylinders.



Remove the split collar.



Remove the tailstock/thrust plate assembly (with the air cylinders and thrust bearing still attached).



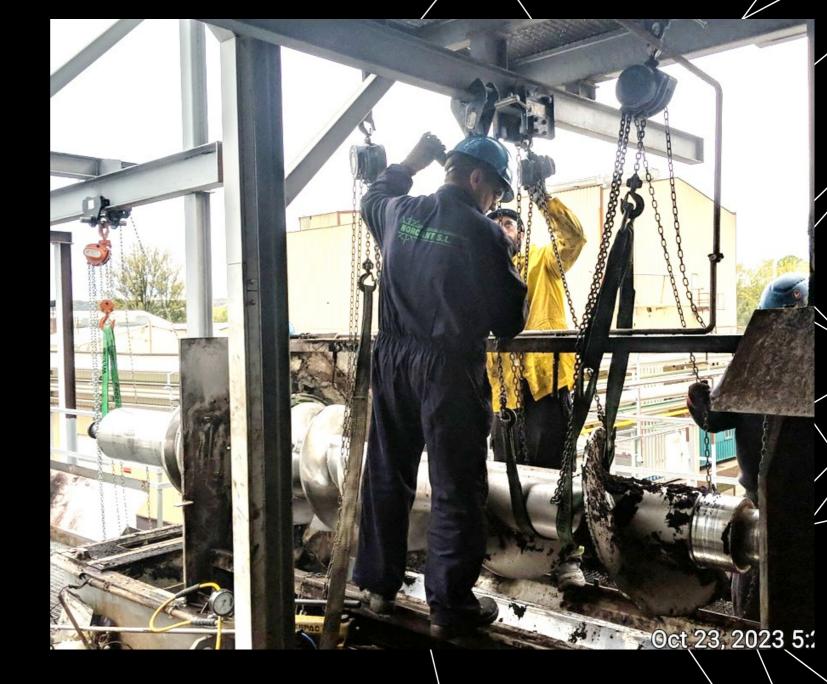
Slide the discharge cone off the screw shaft to remove.



Remove the screw from the discharge end of the press, supporting the screw from above as it goes through the vertical plates.



Screw Removal



Proper material handling equipment makes the job much easier.

Here a crane is lifting the new screw into position.



With the new screw in place, the coupling hub is heated and installed.



Feeler gauges are used to center the screw where it goes through the B-Plate.

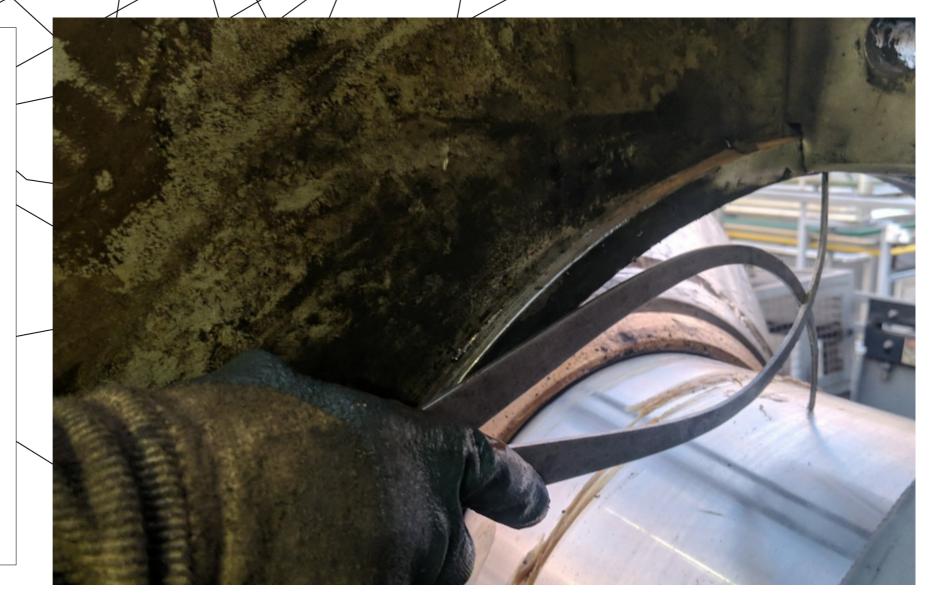
The B-Plate is the vertical plate between the inlet and screened area.



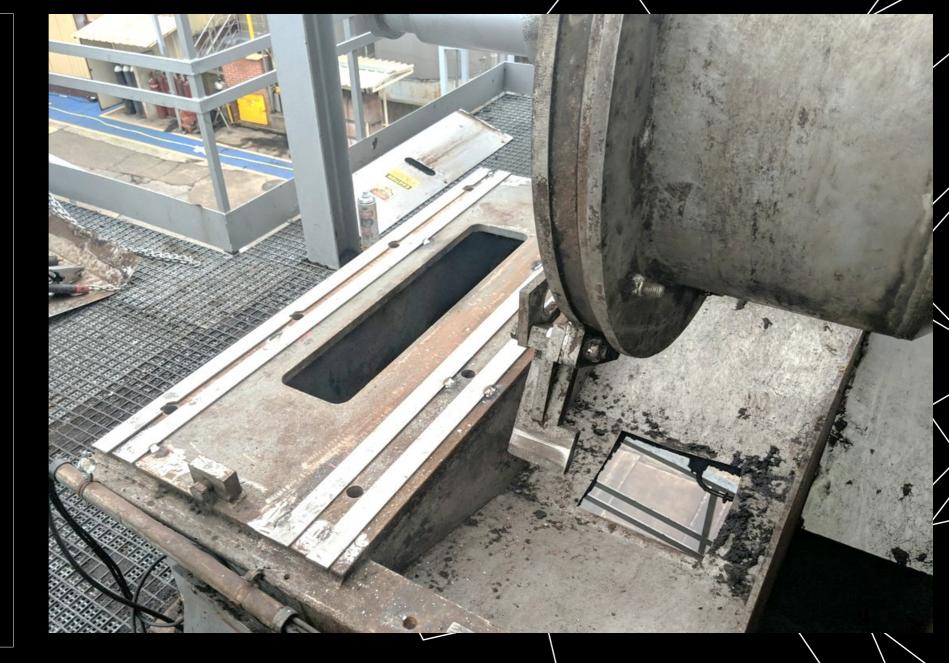
With the screw in place and centered, install the gearbox and align it to the screw. Not the other way around!



Next, center the discharge end of the screw shaft with the ID of the C-Plate. The tailstock will then be aligned with the screw shaft.



Reinstall the discharge cone, tailstock, and air lines. The tailstock should be shimmed to align it with the screw shaft. Again, not the other way around!

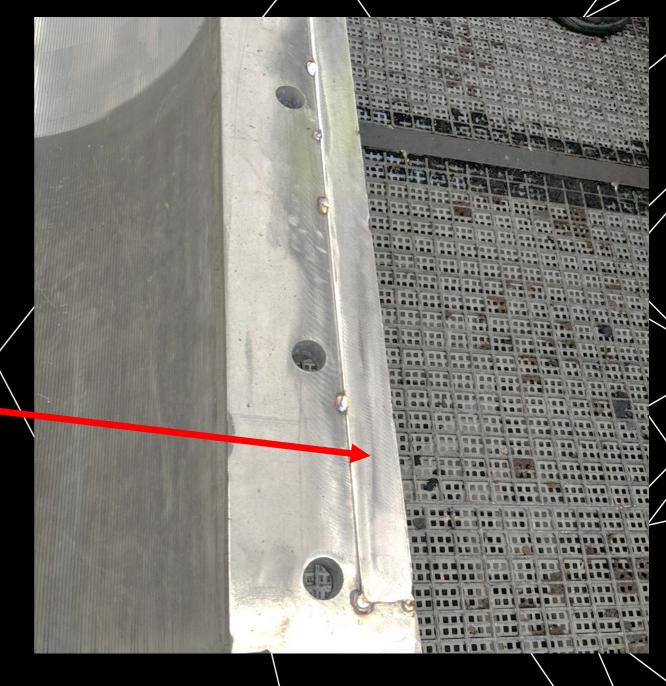


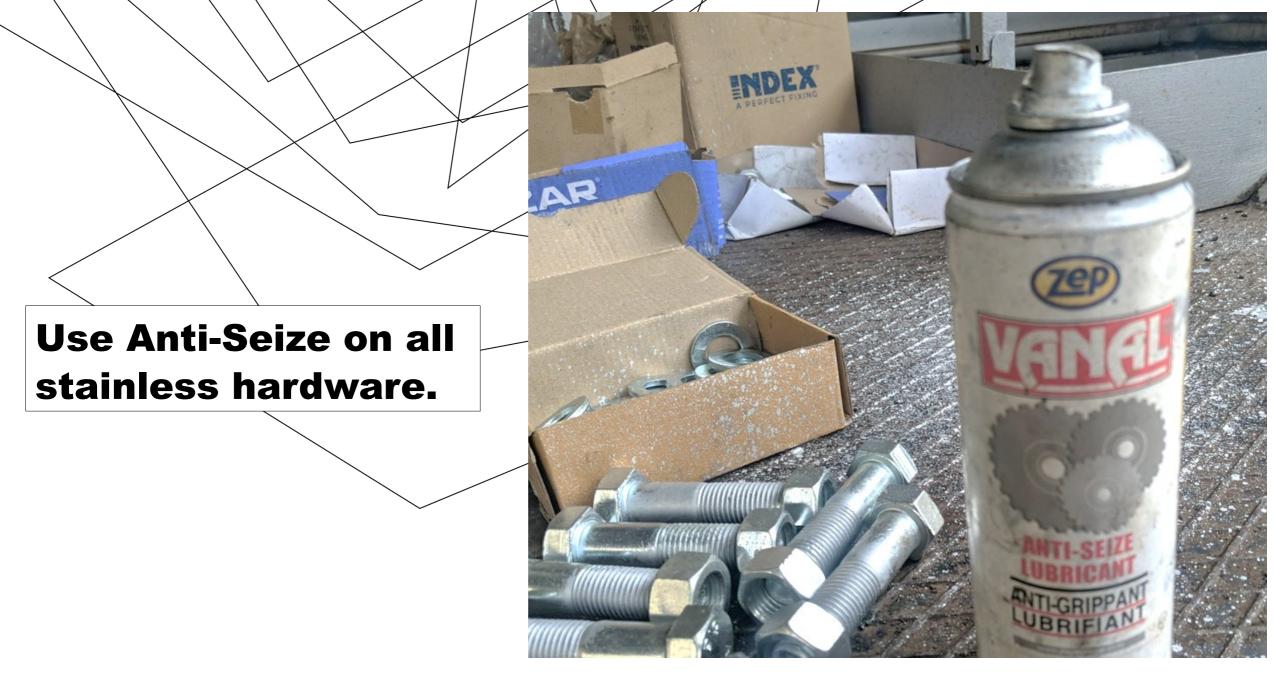
To reinstall the screens, bolt on only one side at a time and measure the gap between it and the screw.

A tight fit (≤ 1/16") without rubbing is ideal. Spin the screw by hand to check for screw-toscreen interference.



In order to prevent rubbing, shims can be installed between the resistor bar and screen flanges.





Follow the recommended torque specs for the size/pitch of grade 18-8/304 stainless bolts (Vincent's std. fitment) used on the screens and resistor bars.

