

Bob Miller



It's with great sadness to inform you that our esteemed colleague, mentor, teacher and friend Bob Miller, passed away after a battle with cancer. Bob was our Materials Engineer at Postle for 19 years. Bob made a career in metallurgy, hardfacing and wear. Bob grew up in Connecticut and was an Eagle Scout. He worked in the "Connecticut Shade tobacco fields" as a young man and was an avid hockey fan continuing to play hockey into his sixties. After 6 years in the US Navy, Bob attended the University of Bridgeport and received a Materials Engineering degree, which launched him into the world of metallurgy and welding. He spent 14 years at Teledyne McKay as an R&D Engineer at a time when this work held a very high prominent position in the field of hardfacing. From there he joined Tricon Metals and Services, where he headed up all the overlay products, which included Chromium Carbide Overlay Plate manufacturing. He then went to work for Welding Alloys and run his own consulting business. His next move was in 2000 when he joined Postle Industries, Inc. Bob lived in Birmingham and worked from his home. You could always count on Bob to hop on a plane and be wherever you needed him to make a presentation on metallurgy and how it related to hardfacing and wear. His Hardfacing and Hardbanding Academy videos and presentations influenced us all and made us better for it. He will be greatly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with him, learning from him and calling him a friend. Bob is survived by his wife Marcia.

Are You Getting The Real Thing?

We encourage you to ask for lot numbers and to check out packaging when possible to be sure that you are getting Duraband®NC applied as per your order. We recently had a drilling superintendent, who attended one of our Hardbanding Basics presentations, ask the hardband applicator on site if he was applying Duraband. The response was yes and when asked to see the Duraband box, he was shown a plain white box with a small white sticker. He realized it was not Duraband and was then told that "Oh...it's just like Duraband". If you request Duraband or Tuffband, settle for nothing less!

Duraband is shipped in a Hardbanding Solutions customized Duraband box. (See photos) Likewise, Tuffband is shipped in a customized Tuffband box. There is a Duraband or Tuffband label on the side of the box that includes the diameter, weight and lot number for traceability. The same label is included on every spool in the event that the box is disposed of. **We do not ship either product in a plain box to anyone!**



Front of box and
spool with label

Side of box showing label with
diameter, weight and lot number



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