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## CAM FOLLOWER INTERCHANGE CAUTION

Belvac would like to caution our customers concerning the use of non OEM product on Belvac machinery; specifically with regards to mixing and matching different cam follower brands on a common machine. For example, instances have been reported where customers have suffered locked-up cam followers, and subsequently damaged their cams when installing different cam followers on a common ram assembly.

In the case of cam followers, when different brands are used on a common lubrication feed, seal drag differences between the followers allow grease to flow to the one with less drag, following the path of least resistance. This of course provides one with adequate grease lubrication, while starving the mating follower; leading to the described damage, considerable expense and unplanned downtime.

To prevent such occurrences, Belvac highly recommends the usage of OEM product and spares.