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## *Generations of Innovation for Laundries Worldwide*

### *Still Going – Ironer Rebuilds Better than Ever*

*Excerpted from Textile Rental  
By Randy Vansparrentak*

Scott Burke has served as president of Loop Linen in Westwego, La. for 22 years but the flatwork ironers he manages have served for much longer. During the rebuilding of one of his four Super Sylon flatwork ironers from American Laundry



Machinery, a stamp on the cast iron chest was revealed documenting its date of manufacture from the 1940's. Surely no one at the time expected these eight-roll machines to remain in service well into the 21st century yet they continue to perform day after day.

In fact, the newest American flatwork ironers were installed more than 40 years ago and it's not uncommon to happen across one of these ironers in continuous operation for more than 100 years. "For hospitality work, you just can't get a better finish than a Super Sylon - and they'll last forever," says Burke, who had all four of his Super Sylons rebuilt over the course of his tenure, one just last year.

While new ironer styles make a splash every few years touting one new advance after another, these small roll Sylons, Super Sylons and Hypro models just keep going. Even the TRSA's former CEO Roger Cocivera remarked during a tour of Burke's plant, "That Super Sylon is the best finishing ironer ever produced."



***You Said It!***

"There's simply better value in a rebuild than in a new machine – especially if it's a rebuild from Talley Machinery."

– Scott Burke, Loop Linen, Westwego, LA

And as long as laundry managers focus their teams on diligently following a preventative maintenance program, these stalwart machines will likely outlast the maintenance staffers themselves. "We're very careful about upkeep but all we have to do is clean the chests every day, change the aprons, pads and covers once a year and keep moving parts greased," says Burke, "It's so simple, if I checked the order history, I'd bet we haven't had to replace more than a few parts over the course of two decades since the initial rebuilds. We're more likely to offer our spares to other area laundries to help them out of a jam than to use them for our own ironers."

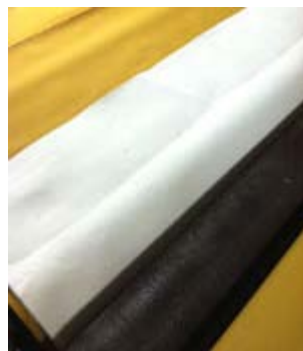
Before buying two rebuilt ironers and having two other ironers rebuilt top to bottom, Burke weighed a variety of factors. Certainly, the cost of a rebuild versus the cost of a new ironer offers substantial savings – often more than half the initial cost - but it's also important to weigh the merits of adding the latest computer controls, safety mechanisms and more...

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### Latest Innovation I

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~ Thomas Jefferson

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