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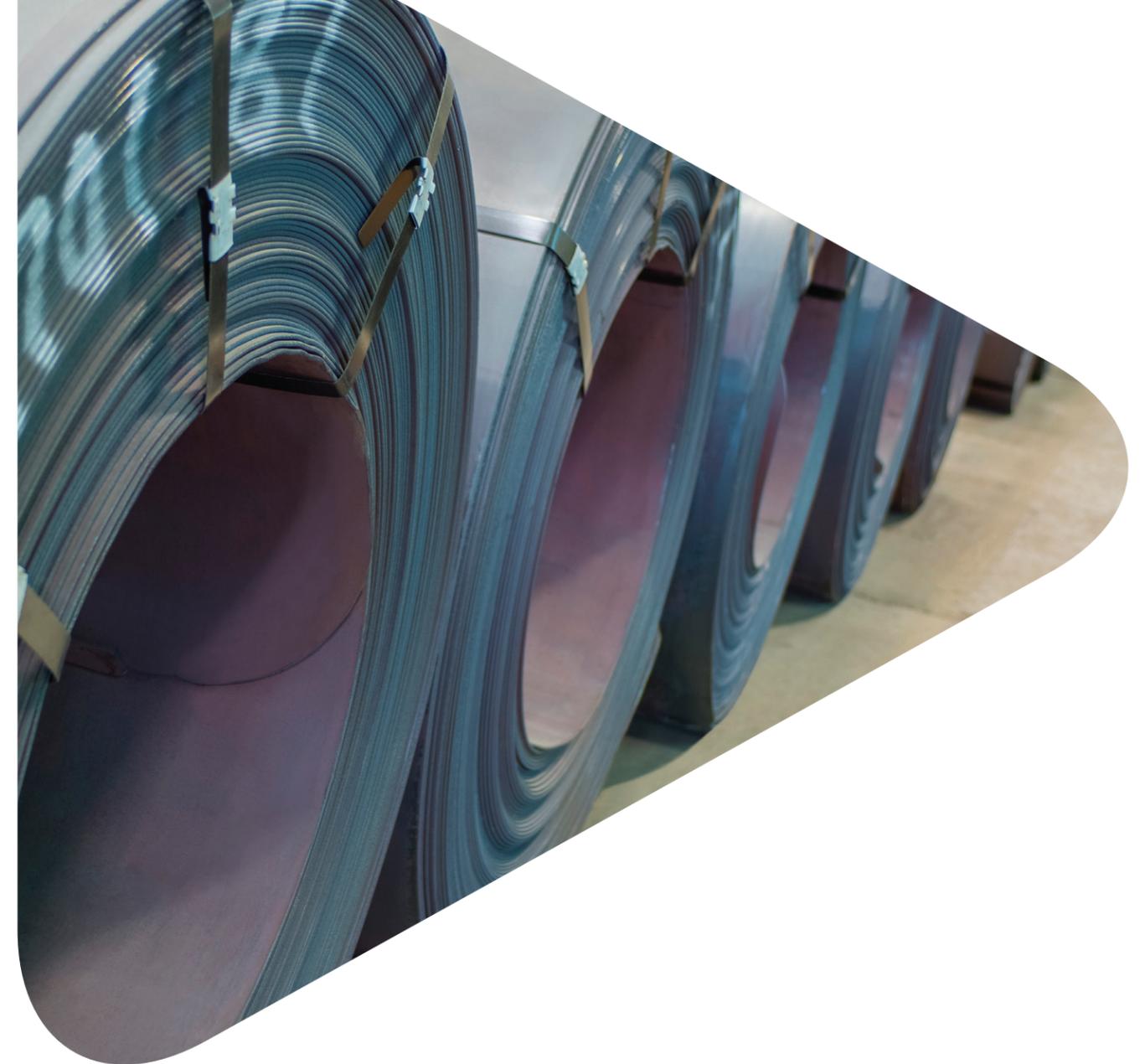
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SSAB Americas: North American Cut-to-Length Operations

SSAB is a Nordic and US-based steel company. SSAB offers value added products and services developed in close cooperation with its customers to create a stronger, lighter and more sustainable world. SSAB has employees in over 50 countries. SSAB has production facilities in Sweden, Finland and the US. SSAB is listed on the Nasdaq OMX Nordic Exchange in Stockholm and has a secondary listing on the Nasdaq OMX in Helsinki.

As North America's premier supplier of high-strength, quality steel, SSAB is committed to providing the best product solutions to address the evolving needs of today's customers.

SSAB Americas operates three cut-to-length (CTL) facilities in Houston, Texas; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Toronto, Ontario. With the flexibility to handle steel from SSAB's internal supply and external suppliers, these locations process coils of various widths, gauges and grades to meet customer-specific requirements. All sites are ISO 9001 (Quality Management System), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System) and OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Specification) certified.

Our Process

With conventional leveling, the external surface of the plate or sheet appears flat, but the core retains its coiled memory. As a result, fabrication processes can rekindle this memory, causing distortion in the plate.

SSAB's temper leveled coil (TLC) process has solved this problem. Our process addresses coil memory throughout the plate – reducing coil set, cross-bow and edge wave. Whether punched, formed or burned, SSAB products will remain flat throughout the manufacturing process. All SSAB Americas cut lines are capable of meeting 1/2 standard ASTM tolerances on flatness.

With increased productivity and lower rejection rates, the premium finished quality of our TLC results in improved performance and total cycle savings for our customers. We also help end users save with reduced set-up costs.

Our Supply

SSAB supplies coils to the cut-to-length temper level lines from our steel mills located in Mobile, Alabama and Montpelier, Iowa. These state-of-the-art facilities have a combined nominal liquid steel capacity of 2.5 million tons and produce advanced high-strength products with exacting width and gauge control, superb surface finish and uniform mechanical properties. For added customer service, the cut-to-length temper level lines process material supplied from other sources as well.

Our Customers

Our steel mills and CTL operations represent SSAB Americas' ongoing commitment to tailoring solutions for customers to address today's most exacting and innovative applications. Our goal is to ensure that our superior quality products give customers the best value and performance in their end-use applications. Together with our customers, we are creating a lighter, stronger and more sustainable world.

Specifications

Length: 6' to 60' (1,800 mm to 18,000 mm)

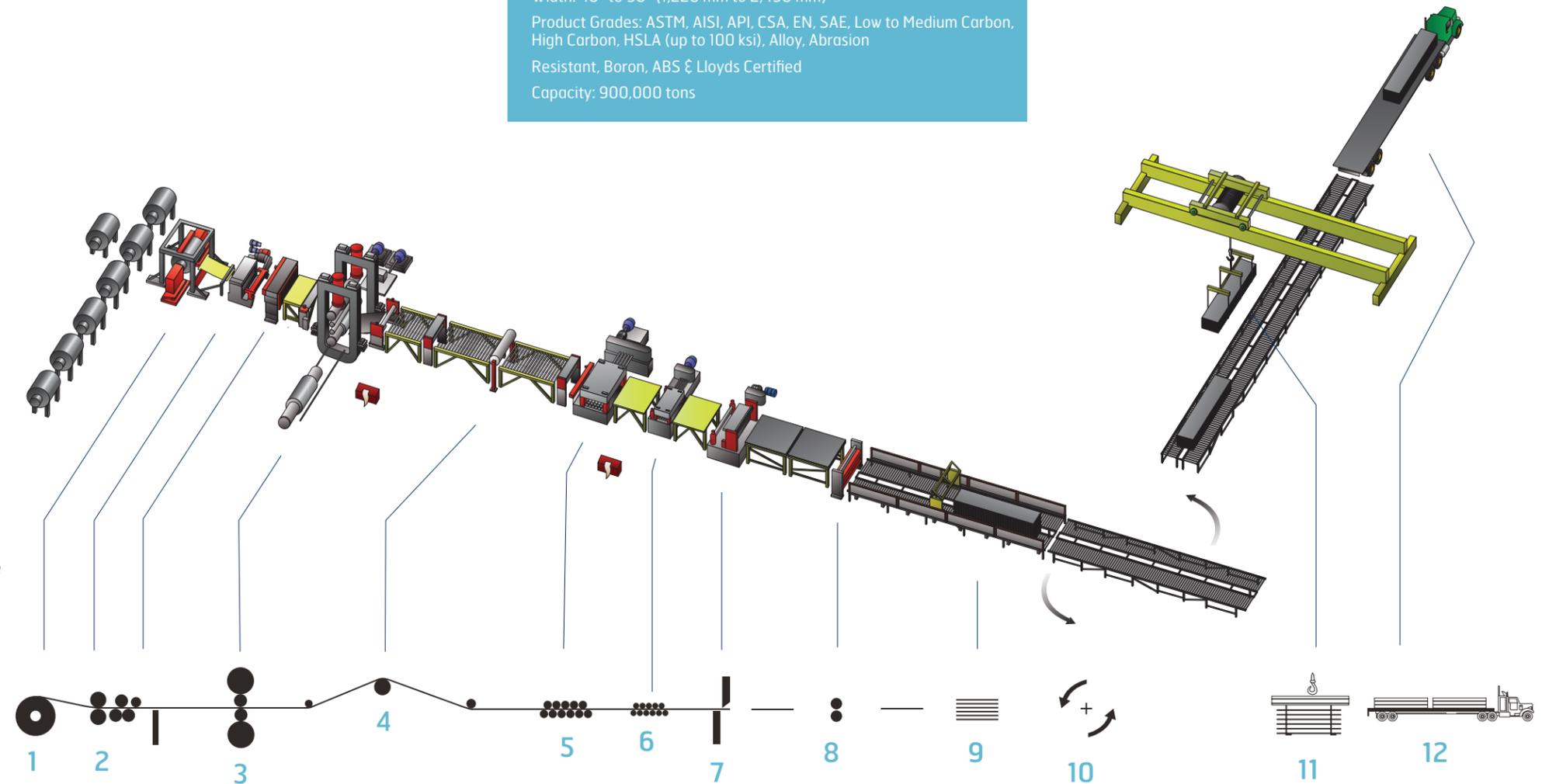
Thickness: Up to 0.625" (16 mm)

Width: 48" to 98" (1,220 mm to 2,490 mm)

Product Grades: ASTM, AISI, API, CSA, EN, SAE, Low to Medium Carbon, High Carbon, HSLA (up to 100 ksi), Alloy, Abrasion

Resistant, Boron, ABS & Lloyds Certified

Capacity: 900,000 tons



Key:

1. Uncoiler

Expanding stub mandrel-type uncoiler pays off coil to process line.

2. Entry Flattener

Entry flattener performs preliminary flattening to enter temper mill.

3. Temper Mill

Four-high outboard roll bending temper mill elongates steel, which in turn equalizes internal stresses within the plate and improves surface quality.

4. Steering Roll

Hump steering roll centers the strip exiting the temper mill and aligns the strip into the corrective levelers.

5. Heavy Gauge Leveler

Depending on material gauge, steel may enter heavy gauge leveler for corrective leveling or pass through to the light gauge leveler.

6. Light Gauge Leveler

Light gauge leveler for corrective leveling of lighter gauges.

7. Oscillating Shear

Oscillating shear cuts coil into specified lengths on the fly at speeds up to 250 feet per minute.

8. Stacker Entry

Stacker entry pinch roll controls speed at which cut sheet will enter the stacker.

9. Stacker

Drop leaf-type stacker builds uniform and square packs of cut-to-length sheet and plate ready for shipping.

10. Pivoting Runout Table

Drop leaf-type stacker builds uniform and square packs of cut-to-length sheet and plate ready for shipping.

11. Motorized Sheet Lifter

Telescopic product-friendly sheet lifters handle product via overhead bridge cranes on high speed.

12. Truck Loading

Product is pulled from inventory or staging and transported to customer via truck. (Select facilities also have rail and barge shipping capabilities.)