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Problem

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This combination of events has only ever happened after the operator has changed the queue order on screen, and has not followed the advice from Stuga personnel to leave a gap on the infeed table belts.



Step 1 – Narrow followed by wide profile queue alteration



Step 2 – After measuring narrow profile, it is advanced to docking position



Step 3 – as gripper returns to dock with profile, a collision occurs between infeed sensors and wide section

Solution

To prevent the situation again, it is necessary to hard code a solution into the front end software. A new version of software (v2.24) has been installed to prevent Step 1 from happening. If the operator attempts to change the order of bars to this combination, then a message is displayed and the narrow bar is placed "on-hold". The bar cannot be removed from "on-hold" until the queue order is allowable. It is the operator's job to do this.

The definition of the "illegal" combination is achieved using two new parameters:

illegalComboLeadWidth = 50

illegalComboFollowWidth = 140

So if the lead bar width < illegalComboLeadWidth and following bar width > illegalComboFollowWidth, then the queue is deemed "illegal"