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## **COOPER-STANDARD AUTOMOTIVE CANADA LIMITED FINED \$60,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

MILTON, Ont. – Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited, a Stratford, Ont.-based manufacturer of automotive parts, with a plant in Georgetown, Ont., was fined \$60,000 on August 16, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in serious hand injuries to an employee.

On January 4, 2005, a worker was attempting to fix a problem with a “post-form rolling mill” (a component on a production line that manufactures parts for jeep vehicles) when the worker’s hand became caught between the mill’s two metal rollers. One of the rollers had a sharp contour shape resulting in lacerations and crushing injuries to the worker’s right hand and fingers. A Ministry of Labour investigation found there were no guarding devices on the post-form rolling mill to prevent access to the hazardous pinch points. The incident occurred at the company’s manufacturing plant at 346 Guelph Street in Georgetown.

Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure the post-form rolling mill was equipped with, or guarded by, a guard or other device to prevent access to the in-running nip hazard, as required by Section 25 of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(c) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice Richard LeDressay of the Ontario Court of Justice in Milton. In addition, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

**Location:** Ontario Court of Justice  
491 Steeles Avenue East, Courtroom 2  
Milton, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice Richard LeDressay

**Date / Time:** August 16, 2006, noon

**Defendant:** Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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