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DIAGNOSING YARN QUALITY PROBLEMS

If you are having yarn quality problems, specifically twist variation, with your 2/1 twisting machines, here are some things to look for.

High Twist or Hard Twist:

- 1. Check for the correct gearing combination.
- Check that the cradle setting is set for the take-up package, alignment, and pressure.
- 3. Are the centering discs turning freely?
- 4. Ensure that the take-up roll is not slipping on the shaft.
- 5. Make sure the take-up roll cot is not damaged or worn.
- 6. Is the traverse thread guide rubbing the take-up package?
- 7. Is the take-up yarn tension too high, making the take-up package slip?
- 8. Is the machine operator following correct procedures?

Low Twist or Slack Twist:

- 1. Is the gearing combination wrong?
- 2. Is the yarn lapping on the spindle, and slowing the spindle speed?
- 3. Is the brake dragging the spindle, and slowing the spindle speed?
- 4. If the spindle drive tape is set too loosely, this will also cause slow spindle speed.
- 5. Worn spindle whorls will also cause slow spindle speed.
- 6. Check for improper yarn settings.

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