

Loss Bulletin

Vero Equipment Breakdown Insurance

Trouble at the local brewery

Loss details

Nature of business

Craft Brewery

Type of equipment

Tunnel pasteurizer

Age of equipment

Purchased 2nd hand 11 years prior

This regional craft brewer uses a tunnel pasteuriser from Italy which they had purchased and fully refurbished 11 years prior to the breakdown.

The pasteuriser moves the bottles through 5 zones in which the beer is gradually warmed up in stages by steam coils above and below, before being cooled down and made ready for labelling.

The beer bottles are moved forward through the zones by a "walking frame," which is a flat bed made of stainless steel segments that are raised and lowered and sequentially moved forward in a "walking" type of motion.

One afternoon the underneath arm operating the up-and-down motion to the walking frame jammed. The 15hp drive

motor continued to operate, causing shearing and twisting in various locations of the main walking frame bed, until finally the motor tripped on the overload.

A replacement pasteuriser was located in Australia and was the Insured's preferred option, as a new pasteuriser from overseas would have taken a number of months to arrive.

Being a small craft brewer, production was typically run in relatively small batches and did not occur every day. The Insured was able to sell from inventory for the short period that production was delayed.

Final loss

\$120,000

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