

No more downtime at Adam Wilson

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Production downtime is no longer a problem at British softwood sawmiller Adam Wilson & Sons Ltd of Troon, Ayrshire.

The company, which claims to operate one of the most technologically advanced mills in Europe, produces more than 120,000m³ of sawn softwood a year for the construction, fencing, pallet and packaging markets.

But at regular intervals production had to be stopped to strip down a cylinder operating one of the clamping arms on a saw, because of a build up of water in the cylinder.

Wilson's engineering manager, Tobbe Sandberg, said the amount of time lost was becoming unacceptable. "With millions invested in sawmilling, drying, machining and treatment equipment, we had to find a solution fast," he said.

In January this year the company invested in an Elimimizer from European distributor Duncan Rogers Engineering Ltd. It was fitted in front of the clamping arm cylinder on one of the saws – since when no production has been lost.

Mr Sandberg said: "We were so impressed that we installed an Elimimizer on another saw. They have more than paid for themselves in reduced downtime."

Andrew Rogers, sales director of Duncan Rogers Engineering Ltd, described the Elimimizer as being a unique device requiring no external power and virtually maintenance free.

He added: "It is a cost-effective solution to water in compressed air."