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**SAF Bolsters Manufacturing Capabilities with New Column Cover Rollers**

*Machinery Investments, A Core Pillar of Strategic Mission to Serve Customers*

**ATLANTA, GA (February 21, 2023)** –[SAF](https://www.saf.com/), a global metals distributor, fabricator, and finisher, continues to add new machinery to facilities across its organization with new, state-of-the-art column cover rollers at SAF West (Redding, CA). The rollers presently at the Redding plant are being relocated to SAF’s newest location in Temple, TX, allowing for first-class column cover fabrication from the organization in more regions across the United States.

The double pinch hydraulic 4-roll 16' plate bending machine – MG Model M 5006 B-RR – allows SAF to create longer and taller column covers up to 16 feet in length and in a range of circumferences. The MG roller offers easy operation due to its ability to pinch the plate between two central rolls, prebending the leading edge, and then rolling the metal material along with the trailing edge all in one direction and in one pass.

“We have a strategic goal to replicate manufacturing expertise, capabilities, and the very best service levels at all of our branches nationwide,” said Penn McClatchey, CEO at SAF. “Machinery investments contribute to a balanced workload across our organization, and help us more promptly meet customer demand in every region we serve.”

For customers and installers, these larger column covers translate to fewer horizontal reveals needed when stacking sections, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of a column once installed. In addition, taller column covers reduce installation time because they cover more area.

“At SAF, we strive to be a technological leader in the industry and are constantly identifying ways to improve our product offerings and metal fabrication processes,” added McClatchey. “We want to demonstrate to our customers that we are working to be the most comprehensive and capable metals supplier, in addition to showing our employees that we must not settle for the status quo.”

SAF fabricates column covers in-house from aluminum, stainless steel, or metal composite (ACM) materials. The company also possesses expert-level finishing capabilities to paint, powder-coat, or anodize products.

The new column cover rollers became operational at SAF West in winter of 2022.

For more information, visit: <https://www.saf.com/building-products/column-covers/>

**About SAF:**

For more than 75 years, SAF has served as one of the nation’s most complete resources for metals distribution, finishing, and fabrication. SAF is a mill-direct aluminum buyer, an approved fabricator for major aluminum composite panel (ACM) manufacturers, and a mill-direct buyer of aluminum coil and extrusions. In addition to providing custom fabrication, painting, and anodizing, SAF Fabrication engineers aluminum, panel, and column systems for commercial building projects worldwide. For more information, visit [www.saf.com](http://www.saf.com).

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