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**CUSTOM-BUILT CLEATS FOR YOUR APPLICATION**

Apache is the industry leader in producing and fabricating custom chevron belts for bulk conveying. Chevron cleats are popular in demanding applications, such as aggregate conveying and tub grinders in the recycling industry. We use compounds with high-tensile strength and excellent elongation values for ultimate performance. Our cleats are available in standard SBR and Grade 1 compounds, as well as oil and heat resistant.

Our chevron cleats provide quick pick-up and product movement from chutes and material transfer points ... but every application is unique. That’s why Apache can customize your belt, taking into consideration factors like size, shape, weight and moisture content. We have over 150 patterns available.

- Which means whatever your challenge, we can fabricate a belt that works.

**CUSTOM CHEVRON CLEATS**

Apache’s custom chevron cleats typically range from 1/4” – 2” high and are designed for incline angles from 15 - 35 degrees, depending on the material conveyed. The primary function of these cleats is to prevent product rollback.

Rubber chevron cleated belts can operate on traditional troughing idlers, as well as flat idlers and metal beds/pans.

We strongly recommend having cleats indented from the belt edges to allow for proper skirtboard rubber placement, which directs the material toward the center of the conveyor belt. Many factory-made molded chevron belts do not provide sufficient recession to accommodate skating, resulting in spillage and housecleaning issues, particularly at the loading areas.

In addition to standard chevron cleats, Apache also offers U-shaped and Herringbone style cleats. U-shaped cleats are normally provided on close center distances for smaller materials as well as fines. Herringbone cleats are popular for larger and non-uniformed size material.

**CHEVRON DESIGNS**

Apache offers two basic chevron patterns, open-V and closed-V and recommends a “nested” configuration, where the edges of the pattern overlap. The open-V pattern allows for liquid drainage through the bottom, while the closed-V provides additional carrying capacity. When either design is nested, the cleats are in constant contact with return idlers to allow for a smooth transition on the return. When a pattern is not nested, belt bouncing can occur which leads to premature cleat failure and belt tracking issues.

We have more than 150 different chevron patterns available and ready to customize to your specific application needs. Below is a sampling of some of our most popular designs:

- **Open/V Pattern**
- **Closed-V Pattern**
- **Nested Pattern**
- **Not Nested Pattern**

**Cheat Notching:**
Cheat notching is available when operating on small pulley diameters.

**Beveled/Angled Cleat Edges:**
Beveled/angled leading and trailing edges are available for small pulleys and to help minimize cleat damage.
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