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St. Mary’s Joinery. Windsor, NSW

Holzma Beamsaw

St Marys Joinery could be described as ‘traditional’ in that they have a 30 year history, eight family members working in the business and generate their work from happy customers giving them repeat business and recommending them to others.

They don’t ‘specialize’ but have built themselves a very strong client base and reputation in fitouts of private

nursing homes, hospitals, schools and apartments. Most of their work is to Architect’s specifications but they also offer a design service, particularly for their domestic kitchen customers. Behind these traditional strengths lies a very modern production facility with ‘Cabinetware’ software to design their work and automatically download these jobs to production. Their investment in modern technology and systems is an important factor in their success and their recent installation of a new Beamsaw from Holzma, the ‘cut to size’ specialists of the German Homag Group, is an excellent illustration of this.



Ask Matt White of St.Mary’s Joinery what he thinks of their new Holzma Beamsaw and he will tell you “It’s terrific, I’ve been astounded by it”. What Matt’s referring to is cut quality and accuracy they have achieved in comparison to their previous Italian Beamsaws and the functionality of the ‘CADMATIC 4’ “The features of the new Holzma controller were a real standout advantage for us and it’s so simple to learn. We’ve had new operators using the machine to its full potential with just 1 hours training”

The improvements in cut quality have been a real eye opener too. “Accuracy is second to none, every piece is perfect. We even forgot to use the scorer one day and the cut was still perfect”

Gone too are the previous bottlenecks.

“In the time it took us to cut 30 sheets we’re now cutting 60 using the same labour”. Holzma’s cycle time savers, like the central side aligner make all the difference. “We’ve cut four individual 2400 by 1800mm sheets into 64 components with 23 different part sizes, fully labelled and sorted in under 20 minutes”

Labels are printed in real time at the saw for every piece. “Our labels carry a lot of info with over 20 fields including edging instructions, barcodes and part graphics. We don’t have much stack cutting and that’s probably just as well because the Holzma is spitting out finished work pieces as fast as we can apply the labels. It’s great” The use of labels allows Matt to batch jobs for better optimizing results. “We’ve got our waste down to just 6 to 7% doing this which is a big saving too”

St Mary’s did a lot of homework before deciding on the Holzma. “We started at AWISA and ended up looking carefully at 6 different machines. In the end they all looked OK on paper but we talked to owners and it was clear that 12 months after installation the superior engineering of the Holzma became apparent”

So you’re happy with the decision to invest in Holzma?

“Absolutely. We love the control system, the accuracy and cut quality is second to none and we’ve eliminated the second shifts and overtime we were doing. Homag’s Technicians went the extra mile with us on integrating the saw to our existing software and Darren MacDonald our Homag Rep has kept in touch since so there hasn’t been a single issue we’re not happy about”