

Staff shortages? Not any more

Kitchen and Cabinet Manufacturing. WA

Installing a Weeke BHP200 Router from the German Homag Group and moving to Nest Based Manufacture has seen KCM doing the same work (and more) using 3 less staff. This is despite already utilizing a rail based 'Point to Point' in the business.

Rodney Van Oosten from KCM explains.

"Before installing the Weeke we routed our doors on our Italian CNC. The improvement in finish with the new machine was so marked we've eliminated enough of our sanding time prior to Vinyl wrapping to pay for the Weeke!" The key to this is the stronger 'portal' frame design providing significantly superior support than 'cantilever' designs others use. "Everything is spot on accurate so we save on assembly time too and we've streamlined the whole production process. No more over-runs, rework and producing for stock either and most importantly our 'on time delivery' promise is always met"

This is no mean feat considering the scope of KCM's production range. While specialized in domestic kitchens they pride themselves on producing as much as possible 'in house'. This includes their own bench tops (laminated and 'Askilan' stone) and vinyl doors. Not only for their own project builder customers but also as components for other Cabinetmakers throughout WA. This includes their range of Vinyl wrap door designs marketed under the 'FLOWFORM' brand with a choice of 50 colors and rapid delivery.

Linking everything is C.A.D. software from 'CabinetVision' that directly sends the designs to the Weeke where they are seamlessly converted into machining sequences. Downstream edging and assembly is guided with labels produced automatically at the Router. The Weeke has a choice of 13 tools available so KCM's wider than average range of work can be handled with no delays. It all adds up to very efficient production that delivers increased volumes of high quality and highly accurate work in a seamless flow.

Deciding on the Weeke was strongly influenced by Rodney's past dealings with Homag's Representative Peter D'Adamo and the excellent backup KCM have always had from Homag. "I've known Peter a long time and I have confidence in his advice. We've never had a problem with backup of our other Homag machines and decided on the Weeke and my new Brandt KDN350C 'Corner rounder' edger in large part because of that. The results we've achieved and the extra capabilities we now have simply reinforce to me that I made the right choice"

