

“We cut our edging time to a quarter with a much better result”

Huth Cabinetmakers. Beenleigh, Brisbane.

Huth Cabinetmakers can fairly be described as the ‘typical small shop’. The father and son team of Gary and Matt Huth work hard building a wide range of kitchen styles for builders and ‘mum and dad’ customers in their local area. Huth’s customers appreciate dealing directly with the tradesman who actually builds their kitchen and the same ‘friendly face’, flexible attitude and personal service from start to finish. Huth’s focus on using quality fittings in their kitchens like Blum drawer systems and ally this with 1mm edging on all carcass works. “It adds a little to the cost but a heck of a lot to the final result and that works out to be great value for our customers” notes Gary.



With ‘just the 2 of us’ Gary and Matt are very conscious of saving time and making the job as hassle free as they can – because it’s their time and stress! Edgebanding was a real bottleneck for the business and Gary could see a huge opportunity to make some serious savings. At the same time it was a chance to improve the quality of their edging further which Gary knew was a critical to how their customers viewed the overall result.

So the search was underway but Gary was wary. “I’ve been a Cabinetmaker virtually all my working life and have seen some pretty ordinary edgebanders. Maintenance and reliability can also be a nightmare and being a small business we would be 100% reliant on the new Edger. If it didn’t work well, we would be in trouble.”

Gary considered second-hand but wanted the assurance of a new machine. He was familiar with the German Brandt Edgebanders so started talking to Brandt owners in the local area. “They all had nothing but praise for their Brandt’s and hearing them all give the machines such a big rap was very reassuring.”

Brandt’s smallest model was installed by Homag Australia and 3 years down the track Huth’s are also ‘rapped’. “It’s saved us so much time that I’ve nicknamed it ‘the bloke who doesn’t work here anymore’. What took us 8 plus hours we now do in 2 and the result’s much better. We don’t touch our whiteboard, its straight from the Brandt to assembly. We’re also confident to promote 2mm radius finish as the Brandt does this perfectly and we do a full set of doors and drawers in an hour or less.” With the Like many Cabinetmakers Huth’s are seeing a jump in the amount of edged melamine doors which now account for 80% of their work. “I love that, because we can do them in house, very easily and turn out a really top notch result.”

Changeover is manual but that doesn’t faze Gary. “Look we do it in about 30 seconds using the digitals and it’s spot on. I’m happy with that.” The glue lines from the Brandt are all but invisible so Huth’s never needed to change glue colours. “There’s no point as even when we are putting white edge on white board the results with clear glue is perfect, top to bottom and end to end.” The Brandt’s glue system recycles unused glue also and automatically reduces the temperature between runs so the glue quality and adhesion remains constantly good. “We don’t have to think about it, just simply hit the restart button and in a few minutes we’re edging again.”

Reliability and maintenance have also been as expected.” Homag have looked after us and the machine has been great. One of the reasons we bought the Brandt was we knew the German gear was well designed and built using very good components. That’s the way I build my kitchens too because I know over the long run it makes a world of difference.”