



It's a damn fine saw - Danny Milne, in front, with staff members Tony and Malino.

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## single-phase machines with punch

*Danny Milne is a humble man – the quintessential, salt of the earth Kiwi that this country was built on. As Danny says: “I’m a Joiner, I’ll do anything from a sash for a window to a complete \$70K kitchen.”*

Going by the quality and variety of his work, Danny’s reputation for being able to do anything is well earned. Danny’s father was Manager for 25 years at the well-known Lee Brothers Joinery in Rotorua, and it was there that Danny started out. Based in Te Puke now, Danny started DSJ Joinery three years ago. It didn’t take long for word to spread in the local community that Danny was in town, and his workload quickly stretched out months. Not that Danny was complaining. He’s keen to serve his community and prioritises local work over jobs further afield.

Based on a lifestyle block, Danny started with just a small rip saw and drop saw. With no sign of his workload waning,

he knew he needed to upgrade his machinery if he was going to have any chance of keeping up with demand. Restricted to single-phase power supply, Danny thought his machinery options would be limited. After a call to Jacks he was pleased to find out that Felder and Hammer machinery are both available with powerful 3kW (4HP) motors in single-phase. Danny identified a new panel saw as the number one priority and decided to go with a Felder K500S.

Danny’s now had the K500S saw for over two years and is very happy with his decision. The X-Roll sliding table runs very smooth and there’s plenty of power for both panel and solid timber processing. As Danny says, “It’s a damn fine saw”.

About six months after taking delivery of the Felder K500S, Danny followed up with one of New Zealand’s most popular cabinetry machines, a Janssens edgebander. The Janssens applies pre-glued PVC tape to both straight and curved workpieces.

A guillotine cuts the tape from the reel. Trimming the tape overhang is done manually. The addition of the Janssens helped Danny pick-up more PVC edgebanding work. So much so that he recently decided to move up another level and recently ordered a Felder P200 automatic feed edgebander. Available in single or three phase, the Felder P200 can increase productivity by a factor of 500%. The Felder P200 not only applies the tape but also automatically trims the top & bottom overhang and flush trims the ends. Danny’s looking forward to arrival of the P200 so he can take advantage of the extra productivity.

Rounding out his made-in-Austria workshop, Danny also added a Hammer A3-41D thicknesser. Part of the Felder Group, Hammer’s A3-41D has a thicknessing capacity of 410mm wide, and features Felder’s renowned Silent-Power, spiral cutterblock. Danny has used many industrial thicknessers in the past and thought he’d need to compromise on the finish quality coming off a smaller single-phase thicknesser.

That wasn’t the case. “The finish from the A3 41D is brilliant” says Danny. “Virtually no sanding is needed after workpieces come off the machine.”

The Silent-Power cutterblock uses four sided replaceable knives. Danny says he’s still on his first set of knives, and reckons he’s saved hundreds of dollars in sharpening costs. “It’s also so quiet I don’t need to wear earmuffs when using the machine!”

What was meant to be a relaxed lifestyle business has morphed into much more. Danny has recently taken on two staff to help with the workload. The Felder and Hammer range of single-phase machinery has made employing staff possible. Danny is keen to keep his workload at current levels and focus on maintaining the high-quality, handcrafted element to what he does. It’s hard not to think that Danny’s biggest challenge moving forward will be keeping a lid on the amount of work that comes his way.

