



Quality work all round

A builder and joiner by trade, Jon Townsend moved to Christchurch in 2010 and initially worked for a local joiner before setting up for himself. With limited space at his first location he started out with a combination machine, but once the business was established he moved to a unit in Bromley, and invested in individual machines. Working entirely with solid timber, most of Jon's work is building or renovating windows and doors. Familiar with European machinery from his time at his father's Melbourne joinery shop, and aware of the need to maintain his reputation for quality, Jon took his time before investing.

At the core of his workshop is a Felder's K700S saw – with a 2.6m 'X-Roll' sliding table, 5.5kW motor and swing-away overhead guard. "I'm getting the accuracy I need" says Jon. "It's spot on for the work I'm doing. The X-Roll table is smooth and accurate and the cross-cut fence solid and sturdy. The remote start and stop buttons on the sliding table are a handy feature – and I can see would be even more useful for sheet work. This saw will be all I'll need."

Jon also bought Felder's A941 surface planer (buzzer), and, more recently, the Format-4 exact 63 thicknesser, both with Felder's patented 'Silent-POWER' cutterblock. "I've worked with a spiral block before" says Jon "and the Exact 63 is way ahead of my previous machine. Each

knife is seated perfectly in the head – making turning them easy, and maintaining the angle and excellent finish that I'm getting".

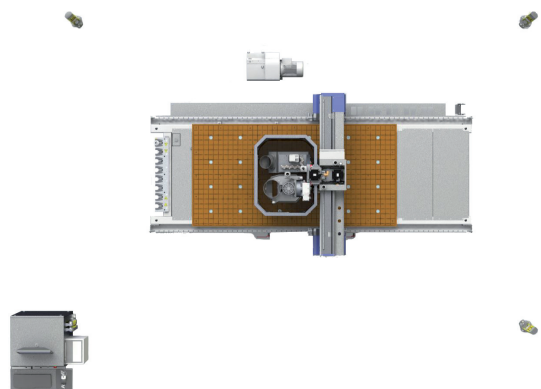
Both machines are heavy, European-made machines but the Format-4 thicknesser is the premium model, and therefore fitted with some very useful extras, including variable speed rates, and a digi-drive that positions the table to the exact height punched into a simple keypad. Another benefit of both the surface planer and thicknesser's Silent-POWER block is the lack of noise. "Unfortunately my extraction is far, far louder, so I'm not getting the benefit yet" says Jon. "But I can barely tell they're switched on".

Listening to Jon describe his machinery, and seeing the workmanship he produces, it's clear that he expects his machinery to be just as professional as he is. "I've done my research, and the Felder gear is good quality and is going to last" he explains. "The Germans make excellent woodworking machinery, and Austria's right next door, and seem to be working to the same standards!"

No doubt it's this confidence in the quality of Felder machinery that led to his latest purchase, still to be delivered – a Felder bandsaw.



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Format-4's flagship H08 Pro CNC at Jacks

The team at Jacks are looking forward to the arrival of the first 'Profit HO8 Pro' CNC, from Format-4. Made in Austria, this high quality CNC from the Felder Group is already gaining attention as the only genuinely European-made entry-level CNC available in NZ.

It's not just the pedigree of the Profit HO8 Pro that distinguishes itself from the pack but also the number of features that come with the machine as standard. With all the quality standards you'd expect from Felder Group's premiere industrial brand, the HO8 features a 10kW spindle, 8 vertical drills and an 8 stage tool changer. The 'Dynamic Performance Gantry' ensures fast and accurate performance, and with so much focus on air quality in workshops, the optimised dust extraction system is sure to be a winner for the conscientious employer looking to provide a safe and healthy working environment for the workers on the shop floor.

The HO8 Pro is compatible with all the major CAD/CAM software packages, or can be bundled with Felder's own comprehensive software suite. And as with any quality European machine, safety is paramount, with monitored pop-up stops and a unique, small-footprint safety light-curtain.

With special pricing on the first few Profit HO8 Pro CNC's into New Zealand, Jacks are expecting strong interest at their upcoming in-house day next month.



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