

KDT 465J Edgebander and Orbit Return

“Real benefits from practical technology ”

Darob Construction are mid-sized Cabinetmakers focused on higher end Kitchens, Commercial and Insurance work. Owner Rob Davidson did his homework when deciding to upgrade Edgebanders. “We looked at Italian and German machines and I spoke to 4 KDT owners and visited 2 of them. I also went to the LEDA Showroom for demonstrations, asked a lot of questions and checked everything out on the Internet. This was an important decision for my business for the next 10 years”

Rob also wanted to future proof his decision by ensuring the new Edgebander was versatile. “We included sprays to ensure great results on hi-gloss and I included flat scrapers, hinge hole bridging and a couple of other features. But I didn’t want bells and whistles that didn’t give me any real benefit. What impressed me most with the KDT was it was simple, rock solid, the touchscreen settings were easy and all the features on it would give us a practical benefit. This was endorsed by the KDT owners I talked to.

Premilling and corner rounding were a must. “Although we run a CNC we still cut panels on the saw as for some patterns this gives us better sheet utilisation for example 400mm rip increments. It gives us 100% peace of mind knowing we are edging chip free and square panels every time”

Since installing the KDT Rob has been impressed with the productivity. “We run mostly at mid speed of 19m/min and get 6 panels onto the track as the gap between panels is much smaller than our previous Edgebander. The other day 1 person edged 400 panels in 45 minutes. Rob describes the Return Conveyor as a no brainer. “It halves our labour costs , simple as that!”

In summary Rob says “The KDT has absolutely lived up to our Expectations. Its fast, easy to use, packed with practical features and we are getting great results without any need to retouch our Edges. And for a significantly lower Investment than other machines we researched”

