

A solid investment

A manufacturer of solid wooden doors has invested \$1.5 million on a new state-of-the-art machine that can produce custom-made solid wood joinery to very high specifications.

Cameron Shaw, the owner of Carterton business Renall Doors, says the machine – called the Weinig Conturex – is specifically designed to manufacture European style double and triple glazed exterior wooden joinery. Shaw says his company is the only manufacturer in New Zealand with the requisite engineering technology and ability to produce such top quality, detailed and airtight wooden products.

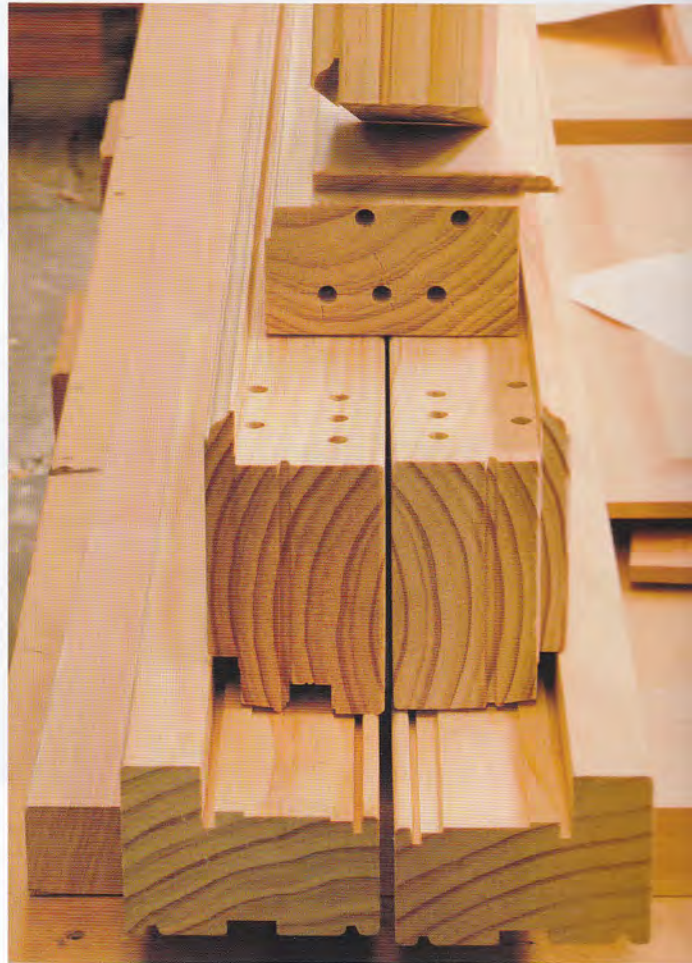
"This is a major coup for New Zealand because there is no other manufacturer with this technology (outside of Europe) and there will be a huge demand for these doors by architects, home owners and builders who

currently have to import from Europe," says Shaw.

He says the new technology will also enable his company to improve productivity and expand their range by moving into window manufacturing – and at the same time exposing New Zealand to new/innovative technologies.

"What ultimately drove our decision to invest is the fact that exterior aluminum windows in Europe have disappeared. Every window in Europe today has to meet a thermal standard and has to be rated. If it doesn't meet the standard, it has to be replaced," says Shaw.

"There is a possibility that things will change here and standards will be raised and will have to be met – and nobody else in New Zealand has invested this kind of money into the technology to make windows to that standard."



Interior awards

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Finalists and winners, and their projects – along with the teams that have delivered these projects – will receive considerable media recognition via AGM Publishing's highly regarded portfolio of magazines and digital platforms.

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Finalists will be announced on 9 May and an awards function will be held in June.

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Dodgy insulation

Unlabelled pink coloured glass wool insulation manufactured in China was recently discovered in an Auckland new house and a Pink Batts label apparently cut from a genuine package of the New Zealand-made product was found on site.

The General Manager of Tasman Insulation, New Zealand manufacturer of the Pink Batts range, Mr Tony Te Au, said that the installed product was manufactured in China.

"Action was taken against the importer of the product installed in the house and as a result the remaining product awaiting distribution has been surrendered for destruction."

Mr Te Au said merchants and builders needed to take care that when seeking to stock or install insulation they

confirmed it as the genuine quality New Zealand-made product that will meet required R-value and carries an independently tested BRANZ appraisal.

"Our plants have AS/NZS ISO 9001.2008 certification and are also independently audited as part of compliance with our Environmental Choice licence."

He says the key to consumer acceptance of Pink Batts products as New Zealand consumers' favourite brand of insulation was its reputation for quality and performance built up over 50 years and backed by excellent customer and service support.

"We want to acknowledge the excellent work of the people in the building industry who discovered the overseas product.

"Any person who has doubts about the genuineness of product purporting to be Pink Batts insulation should contact us immediately on our 0800 number."

The Chief Executive of the Building Industry Federation Bruce Kohn, said this case appeared to be a further example of an importer of building products seeking market penetration while avoiding customary New Zealand quality assurance programmes.

"Vigilance is called for by all in the industry supply chain. Care should be taken that labelling and associated packaging information material is in line with customary placement and wording."