



The Original “Tool Guys”

Monthly Newsletter

Hi there, David here...For those of you who don't know me I'm an aspiring woodworker who has been here at Montana Tool for a little under 1 year. I'll be writing the majority of the newsletter this month. We're kind of winging it here so if you have any ideas don't hesitate to send them our way... Like Steve said last month, the point of all of this is to keep you, our local and loyal tool guys, informed about all of the newest happenings here at Montana Tool. This month we will introduce a couple interest pieces, let you know about some of our newest toys, and hopefully give you some food for thought... I Hope you all enjoy this letter as much as you did the last one!

WHAT'S NEW:

As Steve mentioned last month we have begun carrying LAGUNA tools. One of the newest additions to our store is their dust collection line. Dust collection is important for obvious reasons. We all want to keep our shops clean and prolong our woodworking careers for as long as possible. One way to do that (besides eating healthy) is to keep our lungs clean and clear of sawdust. We have 3 different dust collectors from LAGUNA...

- The BFLUX 1 is the entry level unit in the LAGUNA dust collection family. With a 1 HP, single phase, 110 volt motor, the BFLUX is compact and easily moved around the shop. This model is a great choice if you don't want to run hard pipe in your shop.

-The CFLUX 1 is Laguna's entry level CYCLONE dust collector. It's got a horse and a half, single phase, 110/ 220 volt motor. With a 32

gallon capacity so you won't have to constantly empty the bin, but it won't take up a full corner of the shop either. One of the true innovations of the Laguna cyclones is their drum lift system the spring-loaded drum lift makes the CFLUX collectors simple, easy, and quick to empty.

- CFLUX 2 is the largest dust collector we stock. It is a 2 HP, single phase, 220 volt dust collection system. It has a 46 gallon capacity and a 1 micron filter. This would be a great choice if you have a larger shop and would like to run hard pipe. Laguna also offers dust collectors all the way up to 10hp 3 bin industrial sized, so if you need one of the big boys or anything in between, let us know.

Montana tool company has carried KREG jigs and fixtures for over 10 years. Their router tables and various other kits are top of the line. Our locals use their "build you're your" own bench systems for everything from assembly tables to sewing tables. Their pocket hole jigs have helped many builders make furniture more quickly and easily than they might have done with traditional joinery. We've had several people loyal to the KREG brand ask how they can make their own plugs... well customers must have been asking Kreg the same thing because they have released a jig that works with the K4 so a guy can make his own plugs...Pretty cool! So now your plugs will match your grain and wood color much better.

As many of you know, we carry FESTOOL. Everyone who uses FESTOOL loves everything about it. I've personally used their drill driver and their jigsaw. The Driver is light and convenient. The jigsaw is a dream. With a 3 year warranty and a ten

year parts guarantee you can be assured of having the highest quality tool when you purchase a FESTOOL. FEST in German means “fixed” which probably has something to do with why they named the tool that, who knows...

FESTOOL’s newest addition is what they call a carpenter saw, The HK 55. This is their basic circular saw. It is made for easily cutting accurate and repeatable cross cuts and rips.

Well now we’re approaching the part where we tell you about our sale...just like Steve said, instead of broadcasting it all over the page we are slipping it in here to see if you notice...From March 1st until April 30th you get your choice of either Overarm dust collection assembly or a Mobile base with the purchase of any PCS model Saw Stop.

WORDS TO THE WHY’S

Here at Montana tool our customers ask us all kinds of different questions. “words to the whys” is going to be a way that we can answer questions we get all of the time without you having to ask them! If you have any questions you’d like answered in the newsletter and we can include it in next month’s edition... Remember, you can ask 5 different people the same question and get 6 different answers. If you have that 6th answer...Let us know!

WHY use a bandsaw instead of a table saw?

The band saw and the table saw are 2 very different beasts that can, at times, be used for similar cuts. While no power tool is “safe” the band saw is “safer” than the table saw. It won’t kick material back at you and it won’t bind up the same way a table saw can. The band saw is best used when you would like to reduce the kerf (in other words the blade width that will be removed by any cut) If you are using expensive or highly figured wood, the band saw is the way to go. It can also be used to cut curves. The table saw is best used when you want to make very accurate, repeatable, and dead straight cuts. It is best for making box parts and ripping down pre-fab materials. Many industrial sheets are oversized to 49x97 to account for the kerf of a table

saw blade. I’m sure there are several more answers to this question. If you happen to have one let me know and I will include it in a future article...

Thanks for reading this month’s installment. I hope that you enjoyed it! In the future I plan on doing articles where I feature YOU, our local and loyal tool guys. Let us know If there are any questions you would like answered. Also, if you are working on something that has an interesting element, let us know, maybe we can incorporate one of your techniques into a future edition. Thanks for reading! We look forward to your suggestions!