



CASESTUDY Mechanical carpentry company Van der Linden



IN PRACTISE:
'Just good
is not good
enough'

The mechanical carpentry company Van der Linden and Matrix have known each other for a long time. Van der Linden started to automate more than 30 years ago: "We would like to show that the carpentry business is still in full swing development without losing the charm of the trade. For each carpentry challenge, we create craftsmanship. The question we always ask ourselves: Would we also make it like it was for ourselves? Because with less than it, we do not take pleasure. That also applies to the materials, the machines, and - yes - the software we use."

Choosing with reason and feeling

For director Jochem van der Linden it is not up for discussion: "Without intelligent software, you can no longer exercise this profession. You always have a sequel software needed to make calculations. And for that choice are the objective possibilities and where you feel at your best. The software requires a serious investment in both time and money. You, therefore, choose a supplier for a more extended period of time."

"From calculation to CNC machine control:
it's all in one effort"

Jochem van der Linden, Mechanical carpentry company Van der Linden



Time savings through efficiency

Van der Linden works with MatrixWindows, and it is very enthusiastic about it. "Calculation, work preparation, and drawing-room, they can all be done with this software. For us, the most important functionalities are included. The links are logical and efficient so that we can save much time in the area. Moreover, we limit the error margins of all kinds of technical calculations to one minimum."

About Van der Linden

Mechanical joinery Van der Linden is a no-nonsense family business committed since 1974 to perfect and beautiful carpentry. Quality always stands first and foremost. The bar is high, whether it concerns complex customization or series work. Van der Linden works with passion for both contractors and private individuals. Because more than 20 employees are all-around professionals, the company has few limitations in its product range. Therefore, the assignments vary from window frames and doors to stairs, dormer windows, fronts, (folding) walls, fencing, and more. Van der Linden goes hand in hand with entrepreneurship and craftsmanship. On the one hand, it ensures high-quality machinery for unrivaled accuracy. On the other hand, it still manages the entire team of professionals, always the old-fashioned craft—the result: high-quality carpentry of Van der Linden.





In short, it means that the software converts our calculation to an order confirmation and then to the work preparation. Via extra modules, we can then transfer the required data to the machines."

Give and take

Of course, there is always something to be desired. "A matter of giving and taking it," says Van der Linden. "We sometimes encounter situations in which MatrixWindows is not completely foreseen. It stays with slanted and round frames, still tricky to technically get the drawing right. For example, if we have somebody who draws a framework and hangs a flood fill, we must meet certain conditions. Otherwise, we have a problem with glazing beads. The solution is to add the relevant data manually. We know that the renewed module for arched and round window frames will soon appear. We expect a lot from that.

We also think the 3D visualization may receive more attention. What if we already have the X and Y dimensions? Then the Z dimension would allow us to see the depth dimensions. It would eliminate the need for an external 3D program. It is just a thought.

Always up-to-date

Matrix regularly provides updates to stay constantly up-to-date. "We install it as quickly as possible," says Van der Linden. "Often, it is a generic problem that immediately grasps Matrix in 95% of the cases, and a new update follows it. In general, the updates are clear enough, and we do not need any training. Otherwise, we call the helpdesk. Some people know very well what they are talking about."

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