

Filler King Company

Homedale, Idaho – Member Since 1988



Filler King Company was founded in 1988 by Bud Filler and Wayne King. With decades of experience between them, a fledgling company was started. Bud and Wayne have made an excellent team and they have built an outstanding company.

Bud Filler has a degree in wood utilization from Penn State, and a MF in forest products from the University of British Columbia. His background includes summers as a Forest Service smokejumper, two years of active duty as an Army artillery officer and experience as a logger and mill worker before moving into sales and marketing management at Boise Cascade. He has served on the board and as past president of the American Institute of Timber Construction.



Wayne King and Bud Filler, founders of Filler King Company.

Wayne King has a degree in forestry from California State University, Humboldt, and a MBA from the University of Oregon. His background includes summers as a U.S. Forest Service hotshot crewman, logging in northern California and working in mill and regional management for Boise Cascade. He is active on the board and is a past chairman of the Timber Manufacturers Association. His hobbies include flying, aircraft restoration, hunting and backpacking.

Filler King has grown to be a very successful company. Has the road to success been easy? Not hardly, but Bud and Wayne have used their experiences to help get them over every obstacle placed in front of them. One of the resources Filler King Company uses is the services that TPM provides. “We are a medium sized company that doesn’t have the need for a full time Safety or Human Resources Manager. TPM has always had outstanding personnel and expertise in these areas,” Wayne King states, “We consider TPM to be a valued partner in our company.”



Tony Guzman, Plant Manager inspecting a beam for quality.

Filler King has one goal for their company; to be an organization that provides high quality products at reasonable prices with on time delivery and with great customer service. Through this type of company philosophy Filler King has become a major supplier of Glulam Beams and Laminated Roof Decking. The customer base has increased over the last few years while the building industry is declining. Filler King treats customers like family and knows their needs. They provide custom beams as well as stock beams allowing customers to have a “one stop shopping” experience for all their beam needs.

Raw materials for beams and decking come primarily from the Pacific Northwest. Suppliers from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana supply the company with douglas fir, ponderosa pine and inland red cedar. Small quantities of Alaskan yellow cedar are purchased from British Columbia.

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Continuous improvement is the name of the game at Filler King Company. Manufacturing capacity has been increased through additions to the plant as well as additional production lines. The original building is home to beam plant #1. This plant produces all of the custom beams. Filler King is capable of producing beams ranging from 3-1/8" wide up to 14-1/4" composite beams with depths up to 60 inches and lengths up to 80 feet. In recent years, new products have been added to Filler King's list of manufacturing capabilities. Product additions include curved beams, Port Orford cedar beams, and a high strength beam called the "KING BEAM." The King Beam is a unique high strength beam with 2.3 E 3000F 300 shear. It is one of the highest strength beams on the market.



Fabricator, Kevin Shepard, in the finish room with a 60 inch beam!

Another leap that the company has undergone has been their work with curved beams. Filler King is able to meet the needs of engineering creativity by making beams of nearly any shape. When given the opportunity to create S shaped curved beams for the Talking Water Casino in Phoenix, AZ, Filler King took on the challenge and looks forward to seeing just how far the engineering world will take them once word gets out of just what they are capable of doing. Other custom work includes laminated decking and custom beams in the Indian Cultural Center in Oklahoma City, OK. YMCAs across the country, numerous churches, community centers, commercial buildings, warehouses and of course beautiful homes all across the country use the custom wood products produced at Filler King.

Filler King Company currently employs about 50 employees. They strive to create a work environment that encourages employees to be an integral part of the Filler King family. The average employee has been at Filler King for 8-10 years and



Talking Water Casino in Phoenix, AZ, required an "S" shaped beam that Filler King Company was able to supply.

several have been there almost as long as the company has been around. Tony Guzman, plant manager, and Glenda Johnson, production coordinator, are two of the people with the longest employment history at Filler King. Long term employees help Filler King to maintain an outstanding safety record. General Manager, Jim Griswold stated, "TPM has helped us to create a culture of safety in our plant. TPM employees such as Kevin Proctor and Mark Sandoval provide an outsiders point of view when it comes to creating a safe work place. They know the production environment and are quick to point out potential problem areas that might get overlooked. We also use Kevin and Mark as guest speakers at our monthly safety committee meetings and supervisor's meetings. They help keep safety fresh in everyone's mind."

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