

Kimwood Corporation

Cottage Grove, OR – Member Since 2010



Quality assurance has today become essential to keeping a business alive. Customer loyalty is a major component of a business' success. It is important that the company provides its customers with quality and dependable products. Dedicated focus to quality assurance is a large piece of why Kimwood Corporation has continued to grow and be successful.



Sander loaded and ready for delivery.

Kimwood Machine Company was incorporated by Carlton Woodard on May 17, 1951 under the name Kimwood Corporation. Over the years Kimwood has grown from its original function as a captive machine shop for the W. A. Woodard Lumber Company, to a job shop after the sale of the lumber Company to Weyerhaeuser in 1957 and eventually to a manufacturer of capital machinery through acquisition of the Smithway Sander in 1963, acquisition of the Tri-State Machinery Company in 1971, acquisition of the Stetson-Ross planer product line and replacement parts business in 1982, acquisition of the manufacturing rights to the Kimwood Hog in 1992 and to the internal development of the Kimwood Cross-Belt Sander in 1995.

From 1951 to 1957, Kimwood Corporation provided the equipment used in modernizing the W.A. Woodard Lumber Company sawmill, dry kilns and planing mill as well as equipment used in the completion of a new plywood plant. The original machining facility began in a 16,000 square foot building with six employees. The building was used for production, storeroom and office space. Machinery used on the company's initial production line came primarily from machine shops originally established to support the requirements of WWII. However, Kimwood had changes coming their way, and soon had to adjust.



Kimwood equipment is produced at the fabrication tables.

In 1957, W.A. Woodard Lumber Company was sold to Weyerhaeuser Company and Kimwood knew it would have to adapt and loosen its ties with its main customer. It was then that the owners sought to expand as a proprietary manufacturer and decide which product market they would pursue. During the early 1960s, new plywood plants were built and with that development a better way to sand and handle plywood panels was created.

By the end of 1963, Kimwood had not only secured patents and exclusive rights to manufacture plywood sanding and handling equipment, but it also re-engineered and manufactured its first plywood grade and sorting line for Medford Corporation. The sanding and handling equipment along with the grade and sorting line was only the beginning of the company's successful participation in the new plywood market. Kimwood went on to re-engineer the acquired Smithway Sander to manufacture many high speed, multiple head plywood sanders.



Kimwood building in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Throughout the years, Kimwood has expanded its product lines and has consolidated all of its manufacturing and sales to their Cottage Grove facility. Compared to their original building, the Cottage Grove facility consists of 80,000 square feet of manufacturing shop space and an additional 10,000 square feet for office and administration space. Acquisitions of additional product lines has continued over the years.

Today, Kimwood Corporation's primary focus remains on the manufacturing of new sanding equipment for the abrasive finishing of lumber, plywood, particleboard, MDF board and other types of panels sold. Sanders built by Kimwood Corporation generally range from 36 inches up to 114 inches in width with the number of sanding stations starting at one and increasing up to eight or more depending on the application. To date, approximately 1,000 sanding heads have been manufactured and shipped to customers worldwide. Kimwood also reconditions sanders and other equipment previously manufactured by their company and provides contract manufacturing services to outside companies.

Kimwood also has a used sander trade-in and rebuild program. The rebuilding of an existing Kimwood sander is a natural business expansion for the company, as it maintains records on file for the original equipment, service records, parts sales record, original OEM specifications, tolerances and any upgrades that have been made since the original shipment.



West bay assembly area has the available space to produce even the largest 114 inch wide sanders.



The cylinder shop is fully stocked to meet each customer's specifications.

The Kimwood Sander Roll Program has been fine tuned to increase the number of high-speed rolls kept in stock to meet the needs of customers in as short a time period as possible. As the manufacturer of Kimwood Sanders, the OEM parts are made to exact specifications to provide the excellence that companies have come to know and expect.

For processing wood waste, the Kimwood Hogs can handle waste from solid wood chunks to stringy bark, producing a range from 5 to 100 tons per hour. The patented design process handles difficult materials using less power and has a low maintenance factor. The company also produces Ferrai Resaws with material capacities from ¼ inch to 16 inches in single, twin and triple band configurations. Kimwood Air and Hydraulic Cylinders are built with the highest quality materials and are the operating muscles of most automated equipment.

If that wasn't enough, Kimwood maintains a trained staff of field Service Technicians prepared to lend technical guidance and assistance with Kimwood equipment installation, repair and maintenance. Kimwood also provides in-house support via phone, fax and email. It's all about service of the products that they produce. Even sales to the primary market are handled almost exclusively through direct contact with the customer, while secondary market sales are also handled by direct contact and several key dealers.

Kimwood continues to support the wood products industry while seeking acquisitions of other companies or product lines outside the wood products industry or to complement its existing products inside this industry. Regardless, Kimwood remains dedicated to quality and reliability with its long-standing commitment to producing superior, up-to-date equipment and promises to maintain the same standards on all maintenance of rebuilt equipment.

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Planer in the Kimwood shop.

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