

New cutting-edge equipment ready for KMT customers

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KMT, a leading provider of bespoke machinery, has made a large investment in new equipment which will improve fabrication capabilities while increasing production capacity. A new laser cutting machine and press brake will allow the business to reduce lead times for its customers on all engineering projects, as well as offer a new standalone laser cutting service.

The new machines include a LVD type PPEB320/30 press brake with a 3200 kN x 3 m capacity, designed to bend large metal sheets and plates of increased thickness. Furthermore, KMT has installed a LVD type Phoenix FL-3015 6 kW fibre laser cutting machine for producing complex fabrications within reduced timeframes. Together they can precision cut 25mm Steel, 30mm Stainless Steel and 30mm Aluminium sheets up to 3 metres long.

Neil Harrison, Associate Sales Director at KMT, says: “As a bespoke engineering business, our capabilities are related to the equipment we operate. To further support our customers across multiple industries, we have invested in new machine capacity at our Cheadle facility in Staffordshire. Together they can precision cut 25mm Steel, 30mm Stainless Steel and 30mm Aluminium sheets up to 3 metres long.”

“Outsourced laser cutting work will now be brought in-house, reducing fabrication times. We will be able to work with more varied materials thanks to our new press

brake. Both machines will reduce lead times, directly benefitting customer projects. We will also be able to offer laser cutting services as an extension to our business whilst helping others reduce their lead times as current market capacity is in high demand.”

“Our customers can now book laser cutting work independently from our other services. We can handle materials of larger size and thickness than ever before, ensuring that we can meet your fabrication needs.”

As well as reducing lead times, the machines will increase the scale of projects that can be serviced by KMT. The business is already a leading solutions provider to the rail, manufacturing, automotive and construction sectors – working closely with leading OEMs to maximise their production efficiency with bespoke equipment and 24/7 on-site maintenance support.

“This is one of our largest machinery investments to date. By bringing more processes in-house, not only can we offer more capabilities on reduced lead times, we can maximise the resilience of our services and supply chain. Offering our customers a truly turnkey bespoke engineering service has always been a cornerstone of KMT. These new machines will allow us to further strengthen this complete in-house approach,” Neil concludes.

Image captions:



Image 1: LVD type Phoenix FL-3015 6 kW fibre laser cutting machine



Image 2: LVD type PPEB320/30 press brake with a 3200 kN x 3 m capacity

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About KM Tools Ltd

KM Tools Ltd (KMT) specialises in manufacturing, maintaining and renewing specialised machines used for the manufacture of automotive components, with a specialist focus on emission control (Exhaust, CAT & DPF) product manufacture. It also specialises in providing precision assembly-line jigs and machines for the rail industry.

Its machines are used by leading brand manufacturers building parts for the OE market and the automotive aftermarket across the globe. Our manufacturing and service centre is based in a purpose built facility the Midlands from which it manufactures, services and rebuilds and supports hundreds of individual machines.

KMT can service, support and re-manufacture most machines from any original manufacturer, including one-off custom designs. It also develops tooling and workholding solutions such as bespoke automated, or semi-automated mandrels, jig and fixturing systems.

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