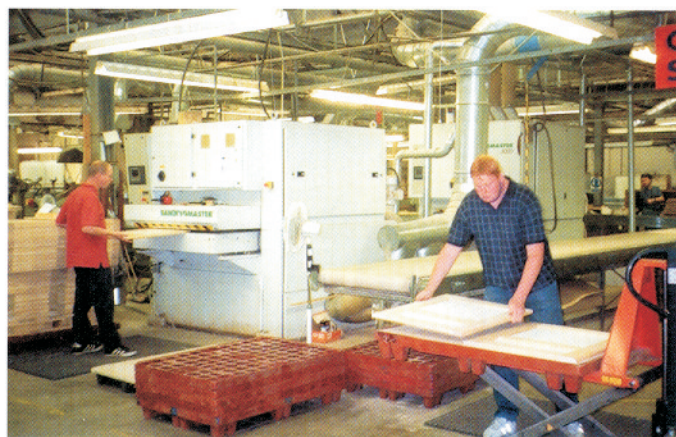




Timesavers-Sandingmaster 3300 Series sanders are available in widths of 900mm, 1100mm and 1350mm, and feature as standard: dial indicators on drum/platens, emergency brake system on all heads, centralised control panel (left inset), digital thickness readout, 4-20 mpm feed speed A/C, hour meter, main motor Amp meters, auto set up device, motorised lift, 0 - 150mm opening (812 - 965mm passline), 760mm infeed loading area, four bed jacks, quick release outboard support, through beam abrasive belt tracking, infeed stop bar, CE.



The Timesavers-Sandingmaster 3300 Series sander - reviewed by Tim Foreman, works manager at Burbidge.

smooth operators

If there is a company who should know all about the Timesavers-Sandingmaster 3300 Series sander, it is Burbidge, a manufacturer and distributor of kitchen frontals and accessories. After all, the company has three of the machines at its site in Coventry.

Its latest purchase sands panels, doors and accessories, including canopy fronts. The four headed sander, with three rollers and a pad, is 1100mm wide and features an advanced centralised control panel, a feature that Tim Foreman, works manager at Burbidge, rates very highly. "Of all the features on the machine the control panel is best," says Tim. "We have been using the sander for 2-3 years, and in that time the machine has increased flexibility in our production."

The Series 3300 sanders have helped Burbidge achieve the production of panels in one pass, to a 180 grit finish. The versatility of the sander allows the use of any combination of heads, depending on what solid wood units are being sanded. These include veneered panels as well as panels that have been

glued up, which need any excess glue removing prior to assembly.

The company's other two 3300 Series sanders (both 1100mm wide) work in-line and are part of a fully automated kitchen door production line. The first machine is a two-headed bottom sander (roller and pad) for sanding the door backs, while the second is a three-head top sander (two rollers and a pad) for finishing the door fronts. All three sanders are CNC controlled, and have been pre-programmed with settings for the entire Burbidge product range, including the speeds of the rollers and the height of the rollers and pads. The machines have been supplied with digital display units and fitted with modems to allow remote fault finding at Timesavers-Sandingmaster's manufacturing plant in Holland.

"The after sales service is generally fine, although some parts, for example the sanding mat, had a four week lead time for replacement," comments Tim. "However, overall the machines are very user friendly and there's no manual setting up time every time we

change to a different size or style of door. All the operator has to do is check that the correct sandpaper is fitted. The machines consistently give us a top quality, smooth finish." ♦

User verdict	
Product	Timesavers-Sandingmaster 3300 Series
Manufacturer/supplier	T.M. Machinery Sales
Tel	0116 271 7155
Price:	Contact T.M.Machinery Sales
What's good	The control panel
What can be improved	Nothing needs any major improvements
Ratings (out of 10)	
Performance	9
Ease of use	9
Range of features	9
Value for money	7
Overall rating	8