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Simonds International Corp. MODEL 090 AUTOMATED BENCH IMPROVES SAWMILL PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVES FILING ROOM PERFORMANCE.

Simonds International Corp announces another innovation in filing room productivity. The new model 090 Automated Bench improves filing room productivity for bandsaw mills. The 090 AB incorporates many features that improve filers productivity and saw consistency.

The model 090 Automated Bench incorporates a touch screen control panel that allows the filer to perform leveling and tensioning tasks faster. The 090 has a unique "Learn" mode feature that allows the filer to load a "Best Practice" saw and when instructed, the machine will scan the saw and record all the measurements in memory. Using the memory function, the filer can recall a stored saw and duplicate the specifications from the stored saw on all saws in the future. The machine has the capacity to store up to 999 different saws.

The machine performs all scanning via a contact sensor that has been proven to be more accurate than a tested optical laser measurement device. The measurements made via the sensor are fed into the computer, the machine performs all calculations, adds the appropriate back, tension and tire line to the band.

Following on the groundbreaking success of the original Simonds Automated Bench the new 090 AB simultaneously levels and tensions the saw while measuring to .0004" across the entire area of the saw – length and width. The touch screen is large and can be operated even while wearing gloves.

"The Learn Mode on the Simonds 090 AB allows the filer to load a properly leveled and tensioned saw on the AB and the machine will measure, document and "learn" the bench work specifications such that it can be stored and reused on subsequent runs. The filer can duplicate the specifications on all saws by simply recalling the program stored in memory." said Ray Eluskie, Product Manager of Simonds International Corp.

Simonds was founded in 1832 and is the leading supplier of cutting solutions for the North American wood industry. Simonds has manufacturing plants in Fitchburg, MA; Big Rapids, MI; Camden, AL and Portland, OR and distribution centers in Langley, BC; Granby, QC and Louisville, KY. For more information on the product, visit <http://www.simondsint.com> or call 978-424-0100

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