

No opportunity wasted

Diversified Millwork's 50,000-sq.-ft. facility boasts state-of-the-art machinery to keep up with manufacturing demand. Of 15,000 board feet per week of decorative and architectural molding, S4S, floor profiles and stair components. Despite its advanced wood processing equipment, the Aurora, Colo.-based company's wood waste disposal methods were lagging, creating a costly problem.

Diversified Millwork was throwing its scrap from the moulders and rip saw into roll-away containers. In addition to the hefty amount of labor required to fill the containers, the company was spending \$285 per week to haul the containers to a landfill.

To solve the problem, Diversified Millwork purchased a WEIMA WLH 400 S Tiger horizontal grinder from WEIMA America. The grinder is positioned next to the rip saw to handle scrap, but the

company also feeds it with defected waste from its molding operation. The wood waste is then collected and stored in the facility's central dust collection system.

"I was impressed with the performance of the Weima grinder," says Jim Schuldt, production supervisor. "there is always some product running through it between the rip saw and moulders."

Better still, the addition of the grinder allowed Diversified Millwork turn a loss into a profit. It now sells its wood waste for agricultural purposes and animal bedding, and it completely eliminated its hauling costs in the process.

"We are about to make a big move to increase our business 15 percent to 20 percent, and I have no doubt that the grinder will be able to handle the increase in capacity," says Schuldt. "If our production increases beyond that, we'll likely add another Weima grinder to handle the extra load."

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