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**"I have pride when using the Guide"**

**Signworks test the new Keencut Material Guide**

In my industry, it's all about how it looks and how the finished product is presented to the customer. I want to have pride in the work I deliver. The Keencut Material Guide gives me perfectly square cuts. It simply helps with daily production and makes my life just that little bit easier. I was excited when Keencut launched this product as it’s a great addition to the Evolution3™ cutter and bench. It's machined and well-built to the usual high-end expectations and standards you would expect from Keencut.

Using the Material Guide

I use the Keencut Material Guide on a Keencut 3000mm x 1400 bench with my Evolution3™ SmartFold benchtop cutter. Once set up, using the Material Guide is exactly as I expected from the outset. I was getting perfectly square cuts using 3mm and 5mm PVC foamboard. I generally use my Keencut SmartFold for vinyl and trimming foam and Corex materials, all of which were helped by the addition of the Material Guide; it worked perfectly.

I was really looking forward to using the Material Guide for my round SA vinyl decals. I always want to present my projects to clients neatly. **Getting a nice square piece of backing paper with a round decal on it was fantastic.** Before using the Material Guide, I always got non-parallel edges.

The Material Guide is a handy add-on for my Evolution3™. I used to have to clamp on a straight edge to my bench when I needed to cut PVC panels or supply decals accurately and squarely to the right dimensions. With the Material Guide there is no hassle, **I am set ready to trim square every time.** It's one less thing to worry about.

Other than the tasks I have mentioned previously, I found the Material Guide was useful for cutting and preparing frosted vinyl for an upcoming project. Rather than using the Material Guide as a jig to get accurate repeatable cuts, **I used the guide to squarely cut vinyl from the roll**. I normally do this by hand and measure, mark, and trim. Now I can squarely cut off my desired length of vinyl and trim knowing that that cut, and the following cut edges, are square to the roll.

Installation

I downloaded the Material Guide PDF installation manual so I could refer to it as I went along, I also watched the video a few times to get it into my head. The instructions were not too difficult to follow, and the installation went remarkably well. When squaring the Material Guide with my cutter, I couldn't believe it was bang on first time and doing the four rotations is a very clever way to check the squareness of the Material Guide with the cutter. I was really impressed with that. I was lucky I suppose that I didn't have to adjust the Material Guide at all.

In summary, I was impressed with the Keencut Material Guide, it really does make the cutting process easier and more precise.

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