

JEFF YOUNG PUTS OUR BEVELLER TO THE TEST.

B-500 BEVELLER TESTIMONIAL

NAME: JEFF YOUNG
TITLE: OWNER
COMPANY: J.R. YOUNG, INC.



Welder Vince Peachey uses the RIDGID B-500 Beveler.

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MINUTES TO BEVEL
A 10-INCH PIPE

85%
FASTER BEVELING THAN
OTHER BEVELLERS AT
J.R. YOUNG, INC.

J.R. Young, Inc. in Belleville, Pa., has remained in business for more than 33 years, in part because it's constantly looking for ways to be more efficient and productive.

The welding and fabrication company is a subcontractor to HVAC contractors in central Pennsylvania, fabricating and installing carbon steel pipe from 2 to 24 inches in diameter.

Recently, company owner Jeff Young was looking for a way to speed up production in his 10-man shop.

"We were looking for something to help us step up production and pipe preparation was a stumbling block. That was the one thing that slowed us down and took too many man-hours," he said.

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Young read about the RIDGID® B-500 Transportable Pipe Beveler and watched videos of it on RIDGID.com which convinced

him to buy the tool in June 2015. Since then, it's been faster than the more expensive bevellers the company had been using.

"The B-500 really stepped us up a lot," he said. "We've got six men doing the same amount of work it took eight men to do before because they can work faster."

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The company's other bevellers take 20 minutes to bevel a 10-inch pipe, compared to three minutes with the B-500, he said, adding, "You're looking at how many bevels you can get out in a day. That's all part of the job."

He's also impressed with the precision and durability of the cutter inserts. The B-500 has made hundreds of cuts without requiring even a rotation of the inserts, he said. And the quality has been outstanding, he said.

"I think the land widths are more consistent with the B-500 than with bevellers that operate off a mandrel," he said.

Though it spends most of its time in the shop, the B-500 also has performed well in the field, particularly compared to the company's air-powered bevellers, which Young said are heavier, require air compressors and are prone to freezing up in the cold.

"I've been very pleased. It's done a super job for us," he said. "I really like the speed and simplicity of it. The lights on the back for the speed monitoring are a help for the operator and make it easy to do it at the right pace."

He also praised the weight-to-power ratio and the protective roll cage. Young, who also owns RIDGID threaders, pipe vises and pipe wrenches, said he plans to buy another B-500.

"As far as I'm concerned, if you want a good tool in the piping industry, RIDGID is the tool to buy," he said. "I don't think there are any that can compare."