

## Biggest-ever CNC press brake order for Trumpf

Trumpf UK ([www.uk.trumpf.com](http://www.uk.trumpf.com)) reports that it has received its biggest ever order for CNC press brakes. Nine TruBend Series 5000 machines have been ordered by KMF, the sheet metal sub-contractor based in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Until now, the latter preferred press brakes from another manufacturer, but it chose Trumpf machines after looking at five potential suppliers. Business improvement manager Keith Nicholl says: "The decision to purchase the Trumpf press brakes was taken after a number of reviews with our folding team. We examined the key elements and features that needed to be present in our production environment, which is strictly based on a made-to-order strategy — typically against small batch sizes and short lead times."

Simplicity of set-up, speed of tool change

and repeatability came out as the principal driving factors. "During trials, we found that the Trumpf press brake could reduce a complicated multi-bend set-up from 40min to less than 5min. Along with the confidence that we have from our experience of using Trumpf punch and laser systems, this convinced us."

Paul Johnson, area sales manager at Trumpf UK, said: "KMF is looking to ensure that the press brake does most of the technical hard work, and there are several aspects of our press brakes that aid this strategy. For instance, operators are guided through the whole bending program using graphical instructions, and optical setting aids light up where the tooling should be placed. In addition, there are set access levels for different operators and setters, so programs can be pulled down but not modified without authority."

