



# POWER CURBER PROFILES

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## A Quick Move

### New Hydraulic Lift Makes Moving Off Barrier Pour Easier

A hydraulic mold lift that makes slipformed highway barrier or parapet construction easier for concrete contractors is now available as an option on the 5700-SUPER-B.

The mold lift was introduced at ConExpo/ConAgg March 15-19 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The new lift allows machine operators to easily and quickly lift a barrier mold off rebar

at the end of a day's pour, making machine clean-up an easier task.

With 3 feet (91 cm) of post extension standard, the new hydraulic mold lift gives the machine an extra 2 feet (61 cm) of lift for easier maneuverability. Walls of up to 50 inches (132cm) in height can be poured with the 5700-SUPER-B.

## Meeting Barrier Production Demands in Belgium

NV Wegebo of Vilvoorde, Belgium, achieved production of 3,608 feet per day (1,100 m), pouring this 50-inch high barrier (132cm).

In order to keep enough concrete at the jobsite to meet production demands, the mix was dumped from the truck into a container that was moved along the jobsite by the crane.

The two cranes on the jobsite loaded the conveyor belt both at the top and at the bottom so that the 5700-B moved at an



Photo by Guy Tops of Concretech International, Power Curbers' dealer in Belgium

even speed with a consistent concrete supply, producing a perfect wall.

The machine did not have to stop and wait for concrete or for the ready-mix truck to move. The container holds 30 tons of concrete with a truck able to dump its load in 2 minutes.



New option allows barrier mold to be elevated 5 feet (12.7cm) in the air

## Paving Between Metro Tracks

The hydraulic mold on the Power Curber 5700-B made it possible for Belgium contractor NV Wegebo to pave varying widths between metro tracks in the city of Gent, Belgium.

NV Wegebo of Vilvoorde, uses an open hopper on the machine because the mold is variable.

The distance between the tracks constantly changed on this application. A special mix design with very small gray granite stone aggregate was used.

As a section of the job was completed, the crew waited 4 to 5 hours for the concrete to cure and then used a brooming machine to wash away the top fines. A high-pressure cleaner was then used on the concrete to give the finished product the look of granite tiles.



Slipforming adjacent to metro tracks

Photo by Guy Tops of Concretech International, Mol, Belgium, Power Curbers' dealer in Belgium

## California Contractor: Power Curber Outperforms Others

Sacramento general contractor Concrete Services bought a pre-owned 5700-B because the company "was getting hammered financially" by curb contractors who owned Power Curber machinery, says Richard Erfurt, operations manager.

The company had been operating a competitive machine since starting a curb division.

"The Power Curber simply outperformed (the competitive machine)," says Richard. "Our production rate has almost doubled. We had been getting 100 yards a day of vertical curb. It was awful. And this was with overtime.

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Wes Morton, left, and Richard Erfurt

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Concrete Services, a division of Harbison-Mahony-Higgins (HMH), is a full service contractor. Its primary purpose of starting the curb division is to handle

"everything concrete that we can," says Richard.

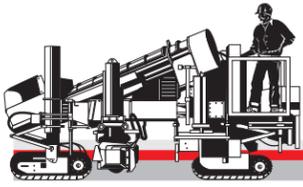
The 5700-B turns a tighter radius, without the start-and-stop of the competitive machine, and mold changes are faster, Richard says. "With the Power Curber's Quick Connect, you can do two molds," says Richard. "You can't change over with (the competitive machine) and you had 8 men standing around."

Richard says the company is now in a position of developing more curb business.

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— Richard Erfurt, Sacramento, CA



# CHOOSING A POWER CURBER



*Project Manager and Machine Operator Steve Murrer: He did his homework and chose the Power Curber*

## ■ 'The Real Selling Point Is Service'

Although he had operated a competitive curb machine for 7 years, Steve Murrer recommended a Power Curber to his boss in Richmond, VA, when it was time to purchase.

"I ordered it," says Steve, who is project manager and machine operator for Commercial Concrete Solutions, LLC. "I did a lot of research on the computer, and the Power Curber is by far a superior machine. Then, we met with sales reps from both companies and did a lot of comparisons. The other machine poured a good product, but the Power Curber had features like the Quick Connect."

With the competitive machine, Steve says that he could spend half a day getting it ready to pour. The Quick Connect on the Power Curber allows the operator to change molds within minutes.

The Power Curber is also more powerful, he says. "I like the auger and the hydraulic arm for the grade. The back leg — how it moves — it's helpful for loading and unloading.

"You set up the sensors, and once you get it set, it goes right back to the same spot. The way it is engineered is really smart.

"One of the best parts is that you don't have to come off line to get over a box.

"But beyond all that, the real selling point, was the service. When you call somebody at Power Curbers, you got a voice to talk to, and they'll be there in a day ... sometimes within hours. They've answered every question.

"It's just an awesome machine."

*Southern Equipment Service is the Power Curbers' dealer in Virginia, North*

## ■ Easier to Run, Operator Friendly

An Arkansas curb machine operator who spent 8 years operating two different competitive machines before climbing to the operator's platform of a Power Curber 5700-SUPER-B finds the Power Curber easier to run and more user friendly.

Rick Whedbee, who works for Bowman Concrete Curbing in Fayetteville, AR, says that the SUPER-B also cleans up easier than the competitive machines.

Principals in the company are Gerald Bowman, a developer who has branched off into the slipform curb business, and his son, Kevin Bowman.

The Bowmans are impressed with the level of service provided by Sam Howard, regional sales/service manager for Power Curbers in Arkansas, west Tennessee and Oklahoma. "He gets problems taken care of quickly," says Kevin.

*Sam Howard, Power Curbers' Regional Sales Manager for Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, can be reached at 501-351-1801.*



*Rick Whedbee, left, has operated 2 competitive curb machines. To the right is Kevin Bowman of Bowman Concrete Curbing, Fayetteville, AR*



*Ron Balducci, right, with his son, Ron Jr., center, and machine operator Greg Giblin*

## ■ For the Corners, 5700-B Is the One

Before they bought their first new curb machine in 1996, brothers Ron and Bob Balducci went to ConExpo, the Las Vegas trade show, with the intention of buying a competitor's machine.

"But I had a look at all the curb machines, and I just couldn't do it," Ron says. He had been working with a used curb machine, so "I knew what I wanted," he says. "I knew what was good, no matter what the salesman said. The Power Curber was the best machine for what we were doing."

Balducci Construction, located in Buffalo, NY, works for larger site contractors with much of the work in parking lots with lots of corners. Power Curbers takes pride in manufacturing machines that maneuver well in tight spots.

Ron also likes the visibility — "being able to see the product coming out of the mold."

"Also, at Power Curbers, nobody left us hanging," Ron says. "They have always tried to help. They come to see us. I thought that was worth something."

Ron and his son, Ron Jr., who is also in the business, say that the Power Curber machine is operator friendly, and they like the turning capability. "With other machines, you

had to hand form the intersections," Ron says. "A 5-foot radius is a piece of cake with the Power Curber," Ron Jr. says, who adds that they have also turned 3-foot radii.

Balducci's machine operator, Greg Giblin, likes their new SUPER-B. "It runs cooler and is more powerful," he says.

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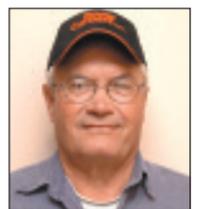
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## ■ Power Curbers' People 'Go Over Everything With You'

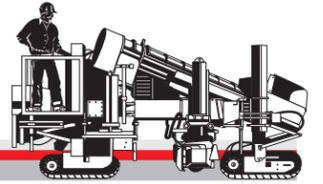
John White of Concrete Services of the Midlands in Lexington, SC, is impressed with the Power Curber people, as well as the machine.

He has run a competitive machine and Concrete Services first looked at a Power Curber at the World of Concrete trade show in Orlando. "The people at the show from Power Curbers talked to you," he says. "They go over everything with you."

John says that changing a mold on the Power Curber takes less labor than the competitive machine, even without the Quick Connect option. "It takes two men to change the competitive machine, while one person can change out the Power Curber."



*John White: Mold change on the Power Curber is faster*



**TECHNICAL SUPPORT**



Byran Hebble-Thwaite, left, Power Curbers' dealer in the UK, on the job with C2K

Photo by Randy Chandler, Power Curbers' Regional Sales Manager



**In the UK: 'Dealer's Extremely Knowledgable'**

Michael Cassidy, one of three partners in C2K Slipform Kerbing of County Meath, Ireland, was familiar with two competitive slipform machines when his company formed in January of 2002 and purchased its first curb machine, a used Power Curber 5700-B.

"We knew the advantages and disadvantages," Michael says. "With the Power Curber, the advantage is the mobility of the machine. We're moving all the time – once or twice a day."

Michael is in business with two brothers, Tony and Michael Dogerty. They now run the 5700-B and a new SUPER-B.

Michael Dogerty says that their dealer in the UK, Bryan Hebble-Thwaite of PC Slip Form Paver/Concrete Equipment Ltd. of Arnside, is "brilliant ... unbelievable. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of the night. We can call him. He's extremely knowledgable. He's 100%!"

Bryan Hebble-Thwaite of PC Slip Form Pavers/Concrete Equipment Ltd. of Arnside, UK, can be reached at 44.1524.762762 or sales@concrete-equipment.ltd.uk.



Michael Cassidy, left, and Michael Dogerty: We can call dealer any time

**In Georgia: Service Tech 'High on Communications'**

Michael Smith, curb superintendent of Action Concrete, Buford, GA, describes Power Curbers' regional service manager as "high on communications and real honest."

He's talking about Phil Myers, who services curb machines in Georgia.

Michael says that Phil is "always, always responsive to my calls. I'm not a mechanic; I'm an operations guy, and Phil is patient."

"The quality of the support and tech expertise is superior with Power Curbers."

You may reach Phil Myers, Regional Service Manager for Power Curbers for Georgia and east Tennessee, in Atlanta at 770-337-0586.

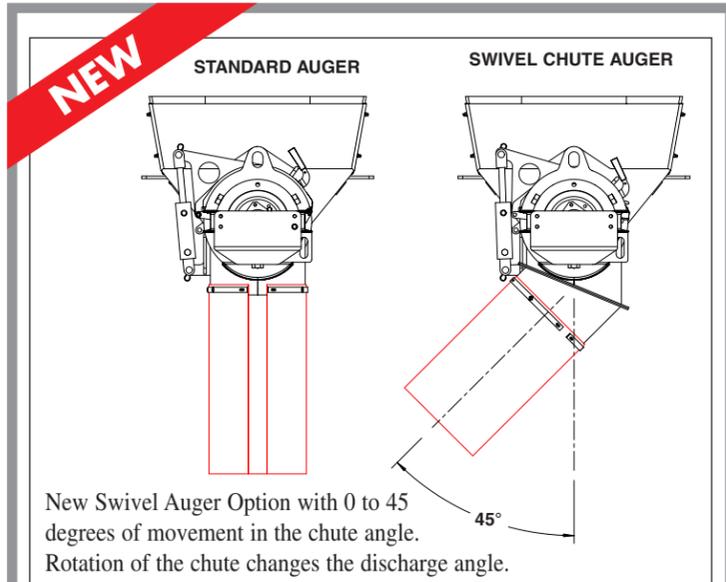


Michael Smith: 'Quality of expertise is superior'

**“Power Curbers’ service is a good quality. These guys help you tremendously. I can call Phil Myers (service manager for state of Georgia) and it doesn’t matter where he is or what he’s doing, he says to me: ‘You are more important.’ Chad and Lee are the same way.(Chad Hedrick and Lee Myers, factory service technicians). Power Curbers is top-notch.”**



– Curtis Carver, mechanic for Robertson Grading, Evans, GA  
 Robertson Grading expanded its business to curb work 2 years ago and poured 200,000 feet of curb in 2004.



**SUPER-B's Swivel Chute Auger**

When space is at a premium, such as on this narrow city street in Belgium, the ready-mix truck has to be positioned in front of the 5700-SUPER-B, (see photo right) instead of to the side.



Power Curbers' new optional Swivel Auger allows the machine operator to angle the auger so that it is within easy reach of the truck. The concrete then drops directly into the hopper from this new angle.



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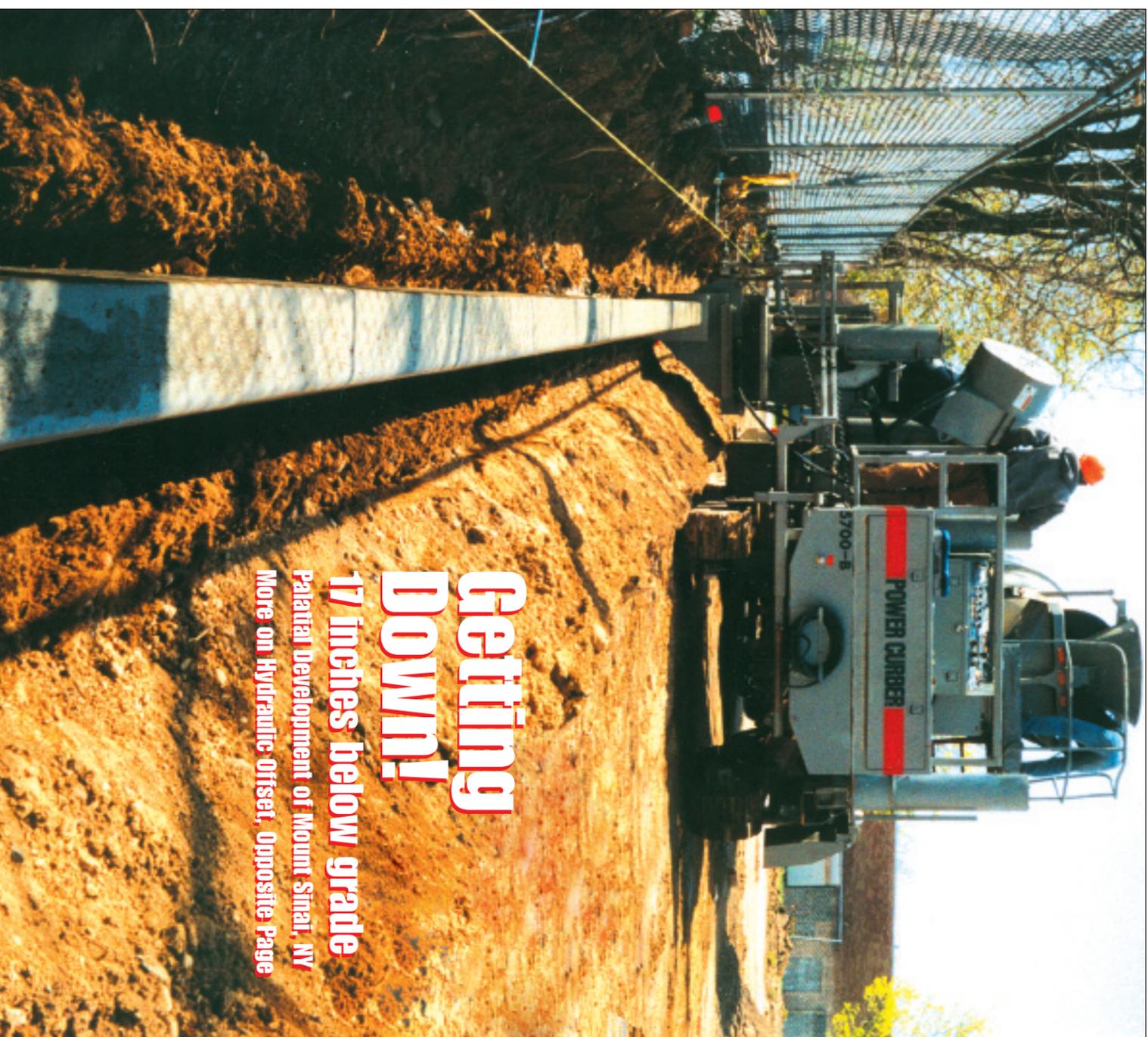
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## Getting Down!

**17 inches below grade**

Palatial Development of Mount Sinai, NY

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Photo by Don Spry, Power Curbers' Technical Support

The first 5700-SUPER-B in France, owned by Lecomte Belon Router of Malville, pours below grade in a re-hab project.



## Getting Down! Hydraulic Offset 'Perfect' for Moving Past Obstacles

The hydraulic set-up on the Power Curber 5700-B is perfect for moving things in and out (around obstacles), say Paul Sowell and Mark Dodson of Sowell-Dodson Construction in McDonough, GA.

The company pours from 150,000 to 200,000 feet of curb per year with plans to expand into highway safety barrier applications with the curb machine.

They're also pleased with the service that they receive from Phil Myers, regional service manager in Georgia and east Tennessee. "He's right on us when we need him," Mark says.

*Phil Myers, Regional Service Manager in Georgia, Alabama and east Tennessee, can be reached at 770-337-0586.*



Paul Sowell, left, and Mark Dodson ready to expand curb business

## Offset Feature Saves Time in Rehab Work

When your niche is re-hab, the 5700-B's hydraulic offset is really important, says Tim Adleta of Adleta Construction of Lockland, OH.

"Offsetting of the mold in and out and up and down works real well," says Tim. "It saves a lot of time with rehab."

Ninety percent of Adleta Construction's work is re-hab city work, Tim says.

They work on 25-foot wide streets with lots of traffic. "The fact that the conveyor hydraulically lifts up and down and slides out of the way helps get the cars past," says Tim. "The hydraulic offset and also the stability of the machine are both nice features."

*Tim Meyer is Power Curbers' Regional Sales Manager in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Tim can be reached at 513-226-5598.*



Ohio contractor Tim Adleta also likes stability of machine

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H M Nunes & Sons of Ludlow, MA, inserts rebar in an application in Connecticut that is 12 inches (30cm) below grade.

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