The Big Switch in Quebec

SUPER-B Delivers Amid Fleet of Competitive Machines!

A Canadian contractor specializing in slipform curb and barrier work has added a Power Curber 5700-SUPER-B to its fleet of 6 large competitive machines.

After pouring tight radii in a parking lot with 80 islands, Ron Lamontagne, buyer and equipment manager for Ciments Lavallee Ltd. in Laval, QC, was singing the praises of the smaller Power Curber.

“It’s fantastic,” Ron said. “It really is a great machine. It really speeds the work. Our big machines are not made for this work. The Power Curber pours a nice, straight line.

“We needed this smaller machine. We have 3 million square feet of curb and islands in one area. The Power Curber will be in the same location for the whole summer.”

Before buying the SUPER-B, the company tried two smaller curb machines manufactured by the competitor. “We returned them,” Ron said. “They were so slow. They weren’t doing the job. Somebody told us about Power Curbers, and we called a couple of people and they said the Power Curber is fantastic.”

The best thing about the SUPER-B is the auger, he said. “We save about 8 minutes on a truck,” Ron said. “You multiply that out and realize we can do much more work in a day.”

The auger holds 1 cubic yard (.76 m3) of concrete and discharges up to 2.5 cubic yards per minute (1.9 m3/min).

It’s fully enclosed and holds enough concrete to get through a tight radius without delays caused by re-positioning the ready-mix truck. The auger’s increased mixing power results in a strong, smooth product. Separation of the concrete caused by belt conveyors is eliminated. The auger pivots for easier feeding by the concrete truck. For transport, the auger shifts to the front.

Another plus for Ciments Lavallee is the SUPER-B’s compactness and low center of gravity. “The foreman can talk to the guys without screaming,” Ron says. “The machine is so compact, if the operator wants to make a change, he can make it right away.”

The machine works well, is easy to maintain, and is easy to clean, Ron says.

Ciments Lavallee employs 110 people with 80% 16- to 18-inch curbs and 20% (40.6 to 45.7 cm), Jersey barriers.

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Ciments Lavallee Ltd. works with 7 slipform machines, including its new SUPER-B, with 80% of the work in curbs and 20% in Jersey barriers.
Power Curbers:
In this fast-paced world, it's nice to find a company like yours that actually takes time to care about Customer Service.

Steve Milam was extremely helpful even though I didn't buy my Power Curber from him. Wayne Irby and Peter Henty trained us with the utmost courtesy and knowledge.

Everyone in your company was pleasant to deal with and helpful. I would recommend your company to anyone.

Thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,

Steve Milam, Power Curbers' Sales Manager, can be reached at 704-647-6147 or smilam@powercurbers.com. Call him about new or pre-owned machines. View pre-owned machines on our website, www.powercurbers.com.
Airport Runway in India
SF-3000 by Power Pavers On The Job

An SF-3000 slipform paver played a key role in the expansion of the Visakhapatnam Airport in Visakhapatnam, a coastal city in southeastern India.

The Power Paver slipformed the runway in passes that are 14.7 feet (4.5m) wide with a depth of 16 to 18 inches (41 to 46 cm). The runway expansion, expected to be completed in a 6-month time frame, is 1.2 miles long (2 km) and a total of 262 feet (80m) wide.

The machine is owned by M/S. M Venkata Rao, Engineering Contractors in Visakhapatnam. Mr. M. Venkata Rao is chairman of the company, and his son, Mr. M R K Prasad Rao is managing director. Mr. V.U. Rao is project manager.

Mr. Bhupendra Singh, manager of the Airports Authority of India in Visakhapatnam, is pleased with the quality and consistency of the concrete, according to Allen Buildwell Pvt. Ltd., Power Curbers/Power Pavers dealer in India. Two technicians from Allen Buildwell, trained by Dean Rentier and Bob Kraze of Power Pavers’ technical support, in turn trained the paving crew.

We’re Serious About Machine Service
And Here’s What Our Customers Say

Chris Manire, Castroville, TX
Service Manager in Texas
210-859-8662

“Chris is the best. That man would be hard to replace in San Antonio. I wish all the mechanics were like Chris. He’s real prompt returning calls. Within 15 minutes, he calls you back. On a job four months ago, the machine was acting up on the string-line and I had concrete coming. Chris showed up and had the part we needed on his truck. We didn’t lose any concrete.”
– Juan Garcia, Pioneer Utility, San Antonio, TX

“I do a great job. He knows those machines, and when he quotes, he quotes right. He’s helpful to the guys. By him educating them on how to keep the machine clean, he has probably saved us money.”
– Cindy Niznik, Niznik Concrete, San Antonio, TX

Gary Shifflet, Orlando, FL
Service Manager in Florida
813-610-5302

“You can’t beat the guy. His response is excellent. There hasn’t been a problem that he has been unable to solve. If you’ve got a good guy to help you out, that’s a big plus!”
– Tom Krivinchuk, Professional Concrete, Sarasota, FL

“His a great guy. He does what he can to make the customer happy. He’s prompt on service, and he stays to make sure that the machine is operational for the next day’s pour.”
– Jeremy Kersey, Curbeo, Bradenton, FL

“I think he’s top-notch. I always have, since Day One. He’s the most personable person. Work-wise, he’s right there, or he can walk you through the problem. He’s real good at explaining, if something has to be done right away, I’ve been doing this work for 28 years, and I put him down as one of the best mechanics and service people we’ve had.”
– Larry Regier, Mosley & Sons, Stuart, FL

Terry Duncan, Service Manager
Fleetwood, PA
301-633-1200
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“Without a question, Terry is one of the biggest reasons we’re happy with Power Curbers. He is constantly diligent in returning phone calls, helping you through situations and keeping his patience. He really takes pride in getting the machine repaired. He won’t leave you hanging. There has never been a time that he hasn’t returned my phone calls. I can’t say that about a lot of customer service repairmen.”
– Joe Alexander, AMA, Hyattsville, MD

“No complaints at all. Terry and Steve drop everything and help me, whether it’s materials I need such as pins or stringline, service, or any questions. They’re on it. They’re always willing to go the extra mile. Terry has done winter maintenance on our machine. I think it saves a lot of aggravation because he knows the machine so well.”
– Steve Smith, Kinley Construction Co., York, PA

“Having Terry do winter maintenance on my machine keeps it working perfect through the year. Any time I need a part, or to ask him something, he calls me back in 5 minutes.”
– Sam Martinez, Sam’s Construction, Wilmington, DE

Petey Myers, Campbellsville, KY
Service Technician in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana
270-465-2625

“Petey’s good. He’s been real helpful. If I have a question, I call him and he walks me through it. He’s real good at explaining things. If there is a problem with the machine, we get through it and keep moving.”
– Dusty Babbaugh, Babbaugh Excavating, Englewood, OH

“It’s great. I’m very well satisfied. Any time I need him to come, he comes here. He will figure out the problem, whatever it is!”
– Gordon Bolen, Bolen’s Concrete, Barlow, KY

“I’m well pleased with Pete. He’s always available. I was out of town recently, and the crew was running and the machine went down with an electrical problem. Pete was there the next morning. I didn’t even hear about it until the crew was on the next job.”
– Ed Chenault, Fox Enterprises, Richmond, KY

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"With Power Pavers, they build the machine the way I want it," Nick says. "They add the features that I want." They even have a word for it, Nick says. They call it "Metro-izing" the machine.

“I’ve been dealing with Fred Hite a long time,” says Nick. “I wish I knew half of what he knows about hydraulics.” Fred is general manager of Power Pavers and has 28 years of experience in the paving industry.

“Metro Pavers of Iowa City, IA, now owns 4 two-track slipform pavers, having recently purchased an SF-2700 by Power Pavers.

Nick Kempf of Metro Pavers finds these pavers easy to move with no tear-down when loading or unloading. They are also relatively easy to change paving widths, he says. “We can bring the machine in, break it down and change the width in less than a day,” he says.

Dealing with experienced paving people at Power Pavers is another plus. “I’ve been dealing with Fred Hite a long time,” says Nick. “I wish I knew half of what he knows about hydraulics.”

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