



Classic Sign & Mirror Award Winning Signs

Product Spotlight:
Gerber Sabre Router
Classic Sign & Mirror
Pensacola, FL

We use Gerber software to create all the graphics in our signs. We recently added a Gerber Sabre™ 408 router which was an upgrade from a Dimension 200® that we had previously operated. The Eagle Creek sign, shown here, was manufactured using the Sabre router. Though we have been hand carving letters for many years, we can't come close to the speed the Sabre can carve them in. This allows us more time to create sculptured additions, such as the gold eagles, on the signs. The original profile of the master eagle we used to create the mold was cut on the router to insure accuracy.



Many of the details created on this sign would be cost prohibitive to create without the Sabre router and the Auto-Carve™ 3D option. The required templates needed to hand router some of the trim and borders would blow the time budget, and the pricing would become unrealistic. The ability of the router to accurately mill down the outer border allowed us the option of using

the 150-degree router bit to bevel the inner gold border in the design without having to use the more expensive option of laminating layers. Also, the choice of the 150-degree bit allows us to have a wide beveled edge that is more balanced in the way it reflects light, and to remove a minimal amount of material.



The capability to produce inlaid prismatic letters, like the ones included on this sign, is probably my favorite feature. To create them by hand would be very time-consuming. I like to use this feature on small copy. The letters are easier to finish, and the shadow that is created increases the readability of the sign.

One of the best services we can offer our customer is an accurate, ridged, one-piece template to provide the shape of the sign in advance of delivery so that walls and structures can be built simultaneously. It also eliminates the chance that the sign will be damaged by workers laying bricks or applying stucco around our signs. We usually make the template slightly larger to insure that the actual sign will fit and allow room for proper expansion.



The Sabre router has been a welcome addition to our shop. It has at least doubled the productivity of our shop and allowed us to design and build signs that are unique and

distinctive. We ordered our Sabre sight unseen. We have operated Gerber equipment with very few problems since 1986. I had no doubt that it would be well-engineered and that the company would be there quickly if problems arose.

The featured sign, Eagle Creek at the Moors, was designed for a golf course community. There are two identical 3 1/2 ft. x 5 1/2 ft. signs that are each mounted into a stone wall angled at 30 degrees on either side of the entrance road. The main body of the sign is constructed of vertical grain redwood. The light gray area is a synthetic stucco panel. The primary copy is "V" carved into the sign. The small copy "at the Moors" is prismatic carved PVC letters that are inlaid into the main body of the sign. The gold eagle is cast in resin and mounted on studs in the main body of the sign.

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