

FLEXIBLE PANEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BELT:

Self-Kerfing

vs.

Kerfkore

In this battle for the Flexible Panel World Championship Belt, Kerfkore's pre-made flexible panels battle against the do-it-yourself method of self-kerfing to determine the best choice for fabricators.

Which will be crowned champion?

ROUND 1

Quality



Fabricators can use materials like plywood or fiberboard to make their own bendable panels by sawing kerfs. Done with a table saw or radial arm saw, these panels can be made in-house. This may work for small projects, but it's no easy feat.

Determining your radius and setting up your saw's blade can be difficult, often resulting in some trial and error before you get it just right. Plus, maintaining consistency is hard when every cut is done by hand. Self-kerfing uses partial cuts, which can lead to telegraphing. This is when ridge lines appear through the face of the product. Once the panel is created, an uneven surface may occur if the kerfs are not evenly spaced, and it usually requires sanding or patching.

On the other side of the ring is Kerfkore. Our manufacturing process ensures precision and consistency when creating kerfs. Our unique base layering process consists of a face and core preventing visible flats on the outside surface, unlike self-kerfing. Kerfkore also uses through cuts instead of partial cuts, greatly reducing any risks of telegraphing. Our panels come ready for installation so you don't need to worry about any extra prep work, either! For smooth and consistent quality every time, round one goes to Kerfkore.



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ROUND 2

Time



Time is an important factor for any architectural project. Self-kerfing is labor-intensive and time-consuming. Unlike a CNC machine that runs cuts once started, fabricators have to manually make kerfs when self-kerfing. When factoring in the trial and error for determining the correct radius and smoothing out the surface, this time adds up fast.

When looking at the competition, Kerfkore is the clear winner for this round. You can better estimate the time it takes to complete your project since our products come ready for installation. No need to make kerfs or waste time prepping the material. Once the laminate or veneer is applied to your product, you have a finished piece - no extra time sanding or patching necessary.

ROUND 3

Cost



For our last round in this Flexible Panel World Championship, we battle it out over cost.

The upfront cost of self-kerfing looks great, but it's not always as cost-saving as it seems. While the materials for self-kerfing are affordable, you have to consider other factors that affect the cost of the overall project.

Since kerfing by hand is labor-intensive, you'll need to pay your fabricators for their time. Plus, you'll need extra material for any errors made, replacement blades as they wear away, and additional labor costs for smoothing the finish.

Meanwhile, Kerfkore can help keep costs predictable with standardized pricing. While Kerfkore may cost more upfront, you won't have to scrap any materials from trial and error or pay as much for labor costs since our flexible panels arrive to you ready for installation.

Once again, Kerfkore wins the third round, beating out self-kerfing in quality, time, and cost!

After three winning rounds, Kerfkore is named the Flexible Panel World Champion!

While self-kerfing may initially seem like a front-runner when it comes to price, there's more that goes into crowning the ultimate Flexible Panel World Champion. When it comes to overall cost, consistent quality, and time, Kerfkore is the ultimate winner. **Request a Kerfkore sample!**