

Bandit Industries celebrates 25 years

The industry's favourite little Bandit is all grown up. The Company has experienced tremendous growth; from just six employees way back in 1983 to more than 340 employees today, Bandit's manufacturing facilities now exceed 250,000 square feet in central Michigan, USA.

Regardless of its immense growth, Bandit's customers have remained Number One priority. "We pride ourselves on the number of repeat customers who buy and rent our equipment," said Marketing Manager, Ray Eluskie. "Listening to the ideas and suggestions of those who use our equipment has led to the development of many of our products. We consider our relationship with our customers a partnership," he continued. "It's the success of our customers that has led to our success as a manufacturer."

Since introducing the original 12" capacity Model 100 Brush Bandit chipper in 1983 Bandit now manufactures over 35 unique models of chippers, stump grinders and waste reduction units for use around the world. From the beginning, Bandit's hydraulic-feed hand-fed disc-style brush chipper has been extremely popular. There are now more than 35,000 in operation worldwide. From the original 65-horsepower Model 100 Brush Bandit, there is now eight different models available with engine options up to 215-horsepower.

To complement the disc chipper range Bandit offers five models of hand-fed drum chippers with chipping capacities from 12" to 20" and engine options up to 250-horsepower. Because of the nature of their design, hydraulic-feed drum-style chippers can process a higher level of limby material and provide wider chipper openings, making them a popular choice for high-capacity tree services.

Whole tree chippers were developed in the early 90s as a perfect choice for land clearing contractors. These powerful, high-production chippers are available as disc or drum style with engine options up to 1000-horsepower. Many whole tree chippers are also available with self-propelled track undercarriages and optional loaders.

In 1995, the Beast was created. These unique waste reduction machines have become extremely popular in the tree care, land clearing, municipal and recycling industries. The patented cuttermill system allows you to cut, split or grind waste material into valuable products. Bandit currently manufactures five models of Beast Recycler with engine options up to 1200-horsepower.



Bandit's family of hand-fed chippers, whole tree chippers and Beast waste recyclers was made complete with the introduction of the first Bandit stump grinder in 2003. Today Bandit offers a range of compact towable and self-propelled Caterpillar track stump grinders for the tree care, rental and landscape industries.

“What the customer wants, the customer gets,” added Sales Manager Casey Gross. Casey has been with Bandit since the beginning, 25 years ago. “Here at Bandit, our equipment has always been built in bays – not on assembly lines – making it easy to add on features and options in the manufacturing process,” he continued. “Our equipment is custom built. You get your equipment the way *you* want it, not the way *we* want it.”

In addition to a consistent expansion of facilities and product offerings, Bandit has also continued to expand their dealer network worldwide. Bandit dealers provide valuable services and support to their customers on the front lines. Bandit emphasises dealer training in both sales and service support to ensure that our customers receive the best care.



Bandit founder, Mike Morey Sr (left), with Bandit's very first chipper, the Model 100 Brush Bandit, in 1983.