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2026 Waterjet Cutting Machine Market Report

Used waterjet asking prices, manufacturer and machine-age evidence, plus the pump, table and facility questions behind total cost.

126 listing records | 113 qualified prices | Median \$40,000

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Market findings

The MBB category snapshot contains **126** indexable records and **113** qualified asking prices. The median is **\$40,000**; the middle 50 percent runs from **\$22,300** to **\$90,000**.

These are published asking prices—not completed-sale prices, appraisals or offers. Exact configuration, condition, documentation and production-readiness cost must be evaluated for a specific machine.

LISTING RECORDS	QUALIFIED PRICES	Q1	MEDIAN	Q3
126	113	\$22,300	\$40,000	\$90,000

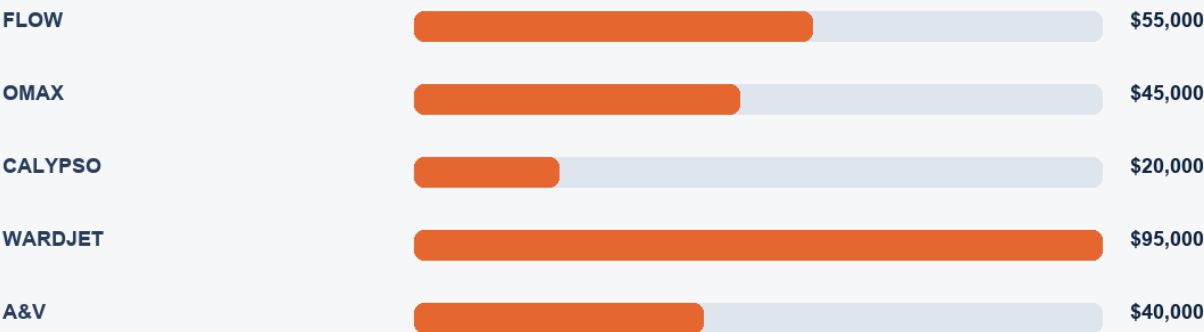
What this equipment does

Waterjet systems use a high-pressure water stream to cut material; abrasive waterjet adds abrasive media to cut a broader range of hard materials. Pump technology, pressure, cutting head, table, abrasive delivery and motion control operate as one process system.

A used waterjet's apparent machine price can omit expensive support systems. Pump rebuild condition, intensifier or direct-drive design, cutting heads, abrasive management, catcher tank, water quality, sludge removal, control and software all affect the production-ready outcome.

Manufacturer evidence

Median asking price by manufacturer



Manufacturer	Listings	Qualified	Q1	Median	Q3
Flow	63	57	\$25,000	\$55,000	\$100,000
Omax	30	26	\$26,238	\$45,000	\$89,875
Calypso	7	6	\$16,250	\$20,000	\$27,425
Wardjet	4	4	\$61,825	\$95,000	\$117,500
A&V	3	3	\$27,500	\$40,000	\$40,000

Age, configuration and condition

Indexed listings by production-year range



What changes value

- Pump type, rated pressure, horsepower, hours, rebuild history and documented operating condition
- Table size, usable cutting envelope, catcher-tank condition, slats and material capacity
- Number and type of cutting heads, taper compensation, height sensing and multi-axis capability
- Abrasive hopper and feed, bulk transfer, water treatment, cooling, filtration and sludge removal
- Control, nesting and programming software, license transfer and process-parameter support
- Seals, check valves, tubing, fittings, orifices, mixing tubes, motion components and cut evidence

Age helps organize comparisons, but it cannot establish control condition, remaining support, geometry, maintenance, installed options or the cost to make a machine productive again.

Buyer and seller decision guide

Buyer inspection framework

1. Confirm pump type, pressure and horsepower; review pump hours, rebuilds, leaks and maintenance history.
2. Run representative cuts and inspect speed, edge, taper, repeatability and pressure stability.
3. Inspect high-pressure lines, fittings, cutting heads, orifices, mixing tubes and abrasive delivery.
4. Check table, slats, catcher tank, corrosion, water level, sludge system and material-handling access.
5. Verify water-quality requirements, cooling, filtration, software licenses, nesting and control operation.
6. Price abrasive handling, water treatment, sludge disposal, noise control, utilities and commissioning.

Seller evidence package

Document the complete waterjet package: pump type, pressure, hours and rebuilds; table and tank; heads; abrasive system; water treatment; cooling; filtration; sludge equipment; control and software. A current cut and pressure demonstration is more useful than a control-screen photograph.

Production readiness

Plan for the machine, pump, abrasive storage, material handling and sludge removal. Verify floor loading, drainage and water management, electrical service, compressed air, incoming water quality, cooling, noise, spent abrasive and wastewater handling, permits and qualified installation for the specific site.

Methods, safety and sources

MBB filtered the September 25, 2026 catalog snapshot to indexable records whose normalized category equals 'Waterjet'. Price statistics include numeric asking prices from \$500 through \$5 million. The records are not a probability sample of all machines, and source mix, missing prices, stale listings and incomplete machine facts can bias the result.

Safety context

High-pressure water can cause severe injury. Abrasive, flying material, automatic motion, noise and stored pressure require process-specific controls. OSHA resources address machine guarding and occupational noise; manufacturer procedures and qualified high-pressure-system review remain essential.

Sources

OSHA machine-guarding standards: <https://www.osha.gov/etools/machine-guarding/standards>

OSHA occupational noise: <https://www.osha.gov/noise/>

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