

# Dallas Billiard Pros' Marc Orman - A Serious Billiards Background

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The most expensive pool table I've ever installed was sold for over \$40,000. It was sold out of what was then Bowling and Billiards. Made by AMF. Very nice. Hand carved and quite elaborate. This table was sold to a gentleman in Plano, and he said he had bought it for his grandkids. Can you believe that? Anyway, you can imagine the house it went in.

The oldest pool table I've ever installed pre-dated the Civil War, and I was told was shipped over from France in the early 1800's. This table was a two-inch thick, four-piece slate, nine-foot true billiards table (No pockets). The owner of the table told me he had been offered \$50,000.00 for it. His wife said no. The table was hers and apparently had been passed down in her family for generations. I thought that was pretty cool!

**I can't begin to describe all of the interesting pool tables I've worked on. I helped install the table that Earl Strickland shot 11 9-ball racks in a row to win one million dollars. I've assembled an antique pool table that the owner's daughter told me had been in a bar and played on by Jesse James and his gang.**

My name is Marc Orman, owner and operator of Dallas Billiard Pros. When I was 19, I started as a helper at Bowling and Billiards. That was 1994.

There I was trained by four different billiard mechanics with over 40 years' experience combined. After about a year, I became a mechanic myself and four and a half years later was the Head Mechanic at what had by then become Billiards and Barstools. I had trained countless helpers and worked on well over 1,000 pool tables. It was, and still is a great company, now Billiard Factory. Ask for Alex as your installer if you're buying a table from them. He's really good.

I then went to work at a gaming company, Metro Games. There I received a great deal of experience in bar pool tables, the coin operated kind. Also video games, crane machines, pin-ball machines and pretty much anything that takes quarters or dollar bills. Steve Adams is the manager there; you may know him. He seems to know everyone. This is where I met Jeff Brashears, the second part of Dallas Billiard Pros. Some of Jeff's more memorable installations have been those of Dallas Cowboys and

Mavericks.

Since Metro Games, starting in 2004, I worked at Universal Billiards which then was a small operation out of College street in Carrollton. After a year at Universal, we moved to its current location in Farmers Branch and in three years had grown 300%. Universal Billiards had become the second largest retail billiard store in DFW. After Billiard Factory. I had become the Head Mechanic/Service Manager and looked after the schedule on a day to day basis. I brought Jeff over to Universal a couple months after I started and we did most of the jobs together in the beginning. Jeff was my number one mechanic at U.B.He is experienced to handle any pool table.

Daniel McIntire, the owner of Universal is one of the most eccentric and interesting people I've ever known. I highly recommend Universal if you're looking to purchase anything for your game room. Any one of the staff is great and will be very helpful.

After 4.5 years, it was time to part from Universal and go on my own. So Jeff and I started Dallas Billiard Pros. We do up to ten jobs a week, mostly weekends and evenings, but are available anytime. We also still do jobs for Universal some Saturdays.

To close, this is my Billiard Resume; I tried to keep it simple, but in short I'll put it up against anyone else's in the Metroplex.

**There are a lot of dunderheads out there claiming they can install pool tables. Most are inexperienced helpers who think they know enough to do it themselves...**

or, companies that don't think enough of themselves that they do work way too cheap. Be careful...you get what you pay for, my father always said. ***Hire someone who knows what they are doing.***

We love working on pool tables, and if you hire Dallas Billiard Pros to move or service yours... I can promise, you'll get the best mechanics in DFW.

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