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centring ring onto which guidebushes are attached after being perfectly centred using a centring pin. This room for adjustment is vital to high-spec routing and so is a real boon for cabinet-makers.

The dust cowl is a redesigned version of the DeWalt and does not hinder the huge 80mm plunge stroke.

The most commonly heard 'complaint' against Trend is that their kit is rather expensive, but considering the improved function of the T11 and the price of its 'body doubles', it is an utterly worthwhile investment for those who can afford it. Any doubters should note that both the T10 and T11 are manufactured in the same factory in Italy that makes the DeWalt 625 and the CMT. In case you haven't already guessed, the T11's launch also heralds the demise of the T9.

This really is a significant router. Okay, it doesn't have in-built extraction or a dust cowl for the parallel fence, but in every other respect this is the perfect machine for router fans.

Because the T11 is only a partial redesign it has been



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possible to preserve the locking on/off switch, which due to safety legislation is banned from all new router designs. This is a real bonus for professionals who certainly don't need the inconvenience of the new systems of switching.

In time, another brand will certainly create a similarly specified design with internal and parallel fence extraction, but it won't have a locking on/off switch and probably won't fit Trend's range of accessories.

This new classic will be hard to beat.

TREND T10

This rather familiar-looking heavyweight is simply a T11 without the fancy base – in other words a DeWalt 625E in disguise. However, the T10 also has the Inner Plate Centring Ring (that aids the exact centring of guidebushes), and a pair of extra-long guide rods. The huge 80mm plunge is also a real boon.

The design of the router has been proven to be best for many years and although

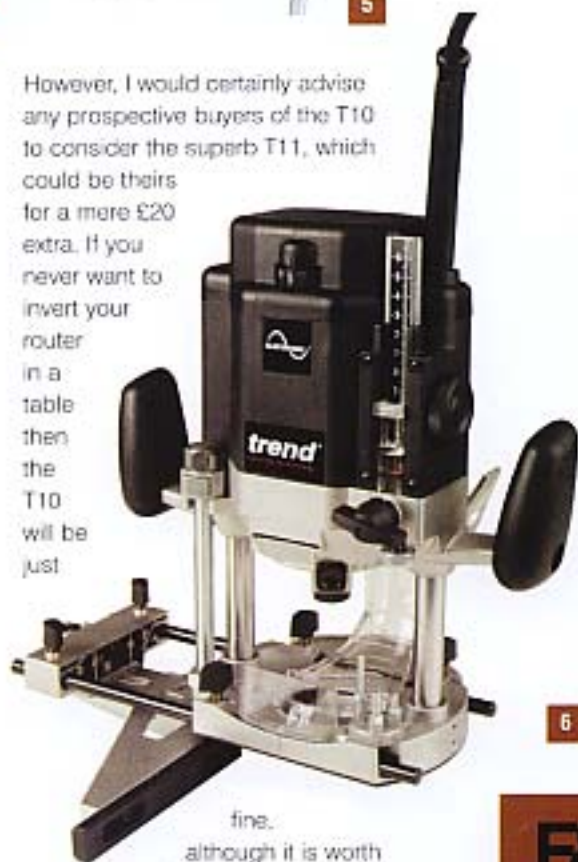
unsubstantiated, I've heard that the DeWalt 625 E is the best selling pro router of the past decade. You can't argue with this kind of CV and so it's pretty obvious why Trend made this choice of machine.

Because of its lineage the T10 is fairly priced at £311.38 (Inc. VAT), and this will do a great deal to bolster Trend's reputation.



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However, I would certainly advise any prospective buyers of the T10 to consider the superb T11, which could be theirs for a mere £20 extra. If you never want to invert your router in a table then the T10 will be just



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fine, although it is worth noting that the extra functions of the T11 will not complicate basic hand-held routing – they are simply there when you need them.

Buying a T10 will take you a small step forward, but the T11 is where the significant progress has been made. **F&C**

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SPECIFICATIONS T11

Power Input:	2000W
No Load Speed:	8000-20000rpm
Max Plunge:	80mm
Collet Sizes:	All collet sizes available
Fine Fence Adjuster	Yes
Fine-height Adjuster	Yes
Weight	5.1 kg

Price: £334.88 (Inc VAT)

Standard Accessories

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