

Trend T10 Router



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Trend's new brace of routers, the T10 and T11 are here at last. In the first of a two-part test, we take a look at the base model T10, aimed at the freehand router user

ON TEST



The plunge depth gauge features rack and pinion adjustment



It seems strange reviewing a tool that's been around for five years, albeit under the DeWalt brand as the 625E. The 3hp motor is as hefty as ever, able to cope with large diameter cutters but the weight balance makes the T10 feel 'right' as the centre of gravity is lower than some of the competition.

Tweaking the DeWalt design, Trend have changed the base, enlarging the centre cut-out for better visibility to fit

Spec sheet

Voltage	230 and 115V
Power input	2000W
No load speed	8,000-20,000rpm
Plunge	80mm
Depth adjustment	3-stage turret
Weight	5.2kg

a three-pronged centring ring that fits between the base and any guide bush you want to fit (a 30mm version comes

with the package). This allows fine adjustment of the bush so that it's exactly centred on the collet - something site workers probably won't notice but that's a real boon for accurate furniture making and worktop routing.

It may be an old design but the router is still a pleasure to use. Phosphorous bronze bushings give a really easy

plunge action and the rack and pinion depth gauge with its magnifier over the scale makes setting up a precise operation rather than the hit-and-miss affair found on the own brand superstore routers. One other benefit of updating an existing design is the retention of the simple on/off slider switch, something that's now banned on new design machines.

The T10 base has a large aperture which uses an adjustable inner plate for accuracy when fitting guide bushes. A 30mm guide bush is supplied



USEFUL INFORMATION

Price £318
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Ww verdict

If you want a proven tough big router for the workshop or site, the T10 will do the job admirably. However, the T11 with its built-in Quick Raiser offers all the benefits of the T10 plus easy adjustment for table work - and all for less than £25 more. We'd suggest waiting to read next month's T11 test before deciding.

RATING 1 2 3 4 5

Value

Performance