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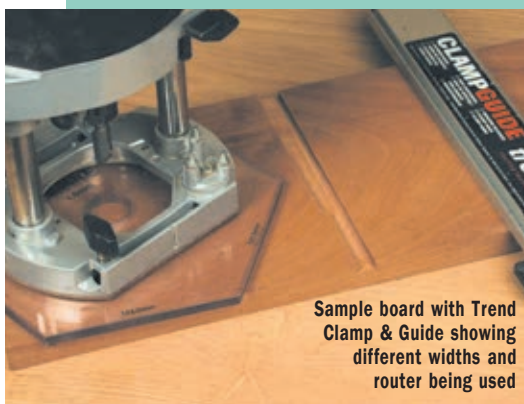


New Trend bases

John Perkins tests two new bases designed to give the router user more control

Made of clear acrylic, Trend have introduced a new offset base, designed to reduce the possibility of the router tilting when edge moulding or trimming and an offset trenching base to allow easy width adjustment when cutting trenches, housings, dados and slots.

Offset Trenching Base



Sample board with Trend Clamp & Guide showing different widths and router being used

The trenching base provides a means of increasing the width of a trench, housing, dado or slot by a precise amount, simply by turning the router to present different edges against a straight guide. Each edge

produces an increase in width of 1mm, starting from a datum point of 100mm from the centre of the cutter/router base. drilled to fit the Trend T5 and similar routers, the base is supplied with two mounting screws and a centring cone for positioning it accurately on the router base.

The trenching base is used in conjunction with a straight edge such as a clamped batten or a self clamping 'guide clamp'. The trench, housing etc. is first 'set off' parallel to the straight edge by a dimension equal to the distance between the tip of the cutter to the edge of the trenching base (i.e. 100mm minus half the cutter diameter (for example : (using 12mm cutter) 100mm - 6mm = 94mm from straight edge to trenching base). To increase the width of the initial 12mm wide trench by up to 5mm, simply turn the router so that the 101, 102, 103, 104, or 105mm edge is in contact with the straight guide.

Price £19.95



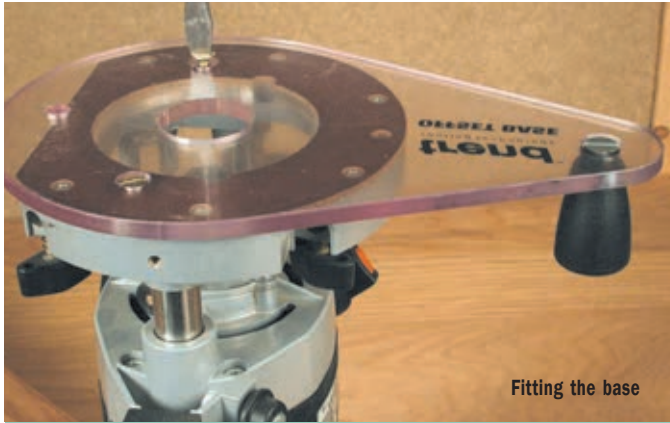
The verdict...

Both of the sub-bases offer good value for money, in particular the trenching base. This does save a lot of tedious re-adjustment of straight edges and guides, especially when forming precision joints such as dovetail housings, without the need to match the available cutter diameter precisely to the timber thickness.

Trend bases

	Quality	Performance & finish	Value for money
Offset base	4	4	3
Trenching base	4	5	5

Scores out of 5



Fitting the base

Offset base

This base is intended to prevent the router tipping when cutting edge mouldings and rebates using a self guiding (bearing guided) cutter. Fitted to any router having similar mounting points to the Trend T5 and T9 routers, the offset handle allows the router to be balanced and controlled more easily. **Price £19.95**



Cutting edge moulding



The base keeps the router steady when edge moulding

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