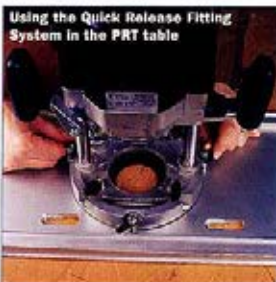




Editor Stuart Lawson takes a look at the new T10 and T11 routers from Trend



TREND SETTER

In many ways this new router represents the last word in routing know-how. After 50 years of intelligent manufacturing Trend has distilled their knowledge to produce the world's most considered and useful router.

It's difficult to find anything 'wrong' with this new offering, but that's not such a surprise considering that they've simply (!) adapted – by redesigning the base – the DeWalt 625E and given it an extra function that we've all been dreaming about for years. The Quick Raiser, which although not unfamiliar, is a genuine innovation as an 'as standard' feature. The Quick Raiser enables the machine to be raised through the top of the router table. In conjunction with the Quick Release Fitting System the set-up

will make table routing frustrations a distant memory.

The Quick Release Fitting System works by using rotating keys that locate into recesses in the base to locate the router in place. This reduces installation down to a few seconds and really will make this machine viable as an interchangeable bench top and table mounted machine. The base has also been designed to connect with the Clamp Guide system with the use of an additional attachment (not included). This works very well for housings but certainly isn't vital for trimming applications. The large base aperture is fitted with a removable Inner Plate 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. Considering the improved function of the T11 and the price of its 'body doubles', it is an utterly worthwhile investment for those that 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.

VERDICT

This really is a significant router. Okay it doesn't have in-built extraction of 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 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 probably won't have a locking on/off switch and might not fit Trend's range of accessories.

This new classic will be hard to beat.



The Quick Raiser can be used from above or through the base of the router



Adjustments to cutter height are quick and easy



An adjustable inner plate ensures that subsequent guidebush fittings are accurate

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 and you can't argue with this kind of CV.

Because of its lineage the T10 is fairly priced and this will do a great deal to bolster Trend's reputation. However, I would certainly advise any prospective buyers of the T10 to consider the superb T11, which could be theirs for a mere £23.50 extra. If you never want to invert your router in a table then the T10 will be just 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.

VERDICT

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

SPECIFICATIONS

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

Parallel guide with fine adjuster, 5in collet, 30mm guidebush (range available) and line up pin. Plus extra long rods and a Router Raiser



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