

A flush-cut saw can prove useful in the workshop or out on site for jobs such as trimming dovetails or cutting off plugs. A chisel used with the bevel down isn't always successful, whereas a flush saw will always do the job perfectly

Trend folding flush-cut saw

£18
(web price)

Trend have come up with a nifty little saw here, featuring a foldaway blade so the teeth are fully protected when it's in storage; such a delicate blade is very prone to accidental damage if you don't keep a guard on the teeth.

conventional saw.

Even so there will of course come a time when the teeth will eventually lose their bite, but Trend have covered that particular base with a simple-to-replace blade.

Using the saw

Some flush-cut saws on the market have the teeth set on one side of the blade to allow them to cut without binding, but that limits them to cutting into the work from

one side... and invariably that means a right-handed approach.

Trend's version has a non-set blade so it can be used from any direction, so it's ideal for left- or right-hand use. With no set to damage the surface it runs against it does a fine job, cutting very sweetly.

When tried on a plug 35mm in diameter, it did bind slightly... but this is only to be expected as any saw without set will bind in a cut. It's better for the smaller plugs of around 13mm diameter used to cover screws and such like. However, attacking bigger stuff such as protruding dovetails from all sides of the work will alleviate the binding to an extent. **AK**

Following a Japanese style of tooth pattern, this saw cuts on the pull stroke, and with two locking positions once opened, you can get it into tighter spots easily. The blade has a plated, polished finish to minimise binding, and the handle is made of a soft-grip elastomer plastic.

Thanks to a very fine 22tpi needle-point profile, it's not a blade that you'd want to re-sharpen. The teeth don't appear to be hardened, but the website indicates they are impulse hardened so they'll retain their sharpness around five times longer than a

SPECIFICATION

BLADE LENGTH	120mm
BLADE THICKNESS	0.4mm
TEETH PER INCH	22tpi
WEIGHT	150g
ACCESSORIES	Spare blade (£8.34)

VERDICT

Although it's a pricier option than a fixed blade type, its replaceable blade and folding handle make it very versatile.

- PROS**
- Folding handle with handy hanging hole
 - Replaceable blade
 - Left or right-handed use

- CONS**
- Can bind slightly in deeper cuts

VALUE FOR MONEY



PERFORMANCE



FURTHER INFORMATION

- Trend
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The saw is easy to strip down when the blade needs replacing



You can use the saw with the blade in the conventional straight position...



...or cranked back so the handle is held away from the cutting line



The blade folds into the handle for storage in much the same as a penknife