

PRICE: £69

RATING

Value 0  5
Performance 0  5

PROS

- Removable motor assembly
- Easy-to-control plunge action
- Pre-tapped guide bush holes

CONS

- None whatsoever!

SPEC SHEET

Power	850W
No-load blade speed	11500-32000rpm
Collet size	6, 6.35 (1/4in) and 8mm
Max cutter diameter	30mm
Weight	2.4kg
Accessories	Side fence, 16mm guide bush, 34mm dust spout, storage case

FURTHER INFO

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ON TEST

is switched by locking the conveniently located switch in the on position. The speed is varied at the turn of a dial located on top of the motor.

Working freehand

Unlike most routers, you can remove the motor assembly from the base by loosening a pinch bolt on the side of the base section. This allows you to use the router freehand for carving or grinding.

In use the router is light and easy to handle, yet the 850W motor is powerful enough to tackle most jobs a craftsman would require of it. The depth of cut can be set easily by using the turret depth stop facility and then locking the router in position by twisting one of the hand grips on the router base.

The plunging action on the pillars is smooth and easy to control. A fine height adjuster is available separately from Trend to fit the T4 and make this router even more versatile than it already is.

The fence supplied is strong and serves its purpose well, enabling simple mouldings to be applied to the edge of boards as well as the cutting of rebates and grooves.

Template work

A 16mm guide bush is supplied to be used as an introduction to template work, and other sizes are available separately from Trend. There are pre-tapped holes on the base of the router so you can secure the guide bush in place with the screws supplied. Some routers come with drilled holes requiring the use of a nut and bolt to secure the bush in place, and these are always fiddly to fit in place. The tapped holes make this process much easier.



The three-position adjustable turret depth stop

TREND T4 router

PETER DUNSMORE



When Trend launched their new light-duty variable-speed plunge router, we dispatched it to Peter's workshop for a thorough going over. Here's his report

The router demounted, ready for freehand use



There's a lot of router in this package for less than £70. The router itself is robustly made and yet feels lighter than the specified 2.4kg. You fit a cutter by pressing a spindle lock and loosening the locknut with the spanner provided. The motor

WV VERDICT

This router appears to have been designed by an experienced router user and offers exceptional value for money. It is light enough to use for delicate work, yet strong enough to tackle more challenging cuts. It's a truly versatile machine at an exceptional price, backed up with an excellent range of accessories.