

None of your lip!

This guided 1mm rebater profiler could be worth its weight in gold to anyone who does a lot of kitchen refits



If you've ever had to deal with damaged laminate worktop lippings you'll know it can be a pain to remove them easily as well as dealing with the underlying contact adhesive so that a replacement can be successfully fitted. As long as the top can be easily removed, this cutter looks to be a great solution, allowing the damaged lipping to be removed in two hits.

Looking to all intents and purposes like a top and bottom bearing-guided flush bit, it has a nifty trick up its sleeve by having a lower bearing that is 2mm shy of the 16mm cutter diameter.

By plunging the router low enough to make a pass just below half the thickness of the work it will make a 1mm rebated cut, removing the top part of the damaged lipping in doing so.

Plunging the router further so that the flush-cut top bearing engages the newly formed rebate, the second pass now completes the cut and removes the bottom part of the damaged lipping to leave a clean flat cut ready for the new lipping.

As with other routing tasks on worktops,

depending on the lipping's position the worktop may have to be flipped and the cuts made from the underside to prevent the front edge from chipping out.

If you can't get the worktop out, you can still remove the majority of the lipping by working the cut in the same way but stopping short either from the front edge if it can break out, or working the cut from the front until the router comes up against another surface.

The remaining lipping can then be pared away and tidied up with a sharp chisel or plane.

Putting it to the test on a damaged lipping the process was not only fast but left a perfectly clean and true edge ready for re-lipping.

There are also a couple of other bearings available to give offset rebates for 1.5, 2 and 3mm-thick lippings.

Conclusion

While not a cheap cutter, it does exactly what it says on the tin. It's a great accessory for anyone who is doing refurb work.

Good The Woodworking Verdict

- + Quick to set up; excellent finish
- Won't take a full cut if the top can't be removed

Rating ★★★★★

Typical price: £50.40

Minimum work depth: 12mm

Max work depth: 38mm

Cutter diameter: 16mm

Lower bearing diameter: 14mm

Web: www.trend-uk.com



▲ A damaged lipping can be a pain to remove and replace



▲ Set the router to make the first pass just over half the depth of the worktop



▲ The resulting cut removes the top part, leaving a clean surface



▲ Set the router so the top bearing engages the new rebate and is deep enough to remove the rest



▲ A second pass then removes the rest of the lipping for a clean smooth surface