

## ■ POWER TOOLS

### Hybrid plunge router has plenty of power

I OFTEN MARVEL AT THE EXPLOSION OF NEW TOOLS that has hit the market since I first took up wood-working some 30 years ago. The new T4 plunge router from Trend is a good example—a sort of hybrid size that falls between a full-blown bench router and a much smaller trim router.

It weighs just under 8 lb., with a motor rated at 6.6 amps (850 watts, 1.1 hp). After giving the T4 a good workout in my shop, I was impressed by the performance. I tested it on plywood and lumber with several types of bits, including a 1 $\frac{3}{16}$ -in.-dia. rabbeting bit (the largest size Trend recommends for this router). The T4 had plenty of power. Changing bits was a breeze, using a single wrench and the spindle lock provided.

The top of the motor has a speed-control dial ranging from 11,500 to 32,000 rpm, convenient for fine-tuning the tool to the task at hand. The 4-in. by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. base can accommodate a guide fence, which is included.

The T4 sells for \$130. For more information, including dealer locations, go to [www.trend-usa.com](http://www.trend-usa.com).

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