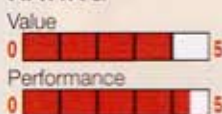




RATING



PROS

- Just about everything

CONS

- Hardly anything!

SPEC SHEET

Table size 650 x 550mm

FURTHER INFO

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TREND PRT

The Woodworker
BEST ON TEST

The latest incarnation of Trend's Professional router table includes just about everything you need for serious routing. It has a good-sized alloy table with a set of leg extensions. It may be used either bench-mounted without the leg extensions, or floor-standing. In both configurations the legs are adjustable to compensate for any surface unevenness.

The table top is well equipped, with four separate grooves to accommodate the mitre fence or pressure guards. There are three positions for mounting the fence and the central panel is removable to make fitting the router an easy job. The table is specifically designed for routers with the Trend base configuration but can be re-drilled to suit other machines. The test table came equipped with the Trend T11 router, which is basically a modified De Walt 625. This

has a built-in router-raising mechanism which can be operated from either above or below the machine. Also the base has been altered so that a quick release system may be used for rapid fitting to and removal from the router table. Both these features are highly recommended. The table top is drilled to allow the height adjuster handle access to the T11 base when it is mounted.

The fence is an impressive design with high supportive alloy cheeks, adjustable for width. A central cutter guard is incorporated, and also a hold-down. Both these are mounted on a hinged central panel which can be flipped open for easy cutter access. A 57mm dust extraction port is mounted on the rear of the fence. A set of four insert plastic insert rings is included and the maximum cutter aperture is 90mm, which should be enough for anyone.

A sturdy metal mitre fence is

supplied which is fully adjustable and has fixed stops at all the most common positions. It is also drilled to accept a wooden false fence, if required. There is also a set of plastic side pressures that can be locked into one of the mitre slots for added support.

A standard NVR switch is mounted on the right-hand side of the table, and this is connected to a power cable and a trailing socket for connecting the router. As a final thought the PRT also includes a Velcro strap to hold your router power switch on if it cannot be locked in place.

Summary

The Trend is a particularly easy table to set up and use. The components are all well made and smartly finished. The fence adjusts smoothly and locks firmly in position. The guards and hold-downs are well designed, the overall quality is first rate and it is



Adjusting the router height



Router secured with QD clamps

supplied with all the standard accessories that you will ever need. The whole unit is large enough to provide good workpiece support, while still being light enough to transport easily. Overall this is a highly impressive table.