



**ON TEST**

**RATING**



**PROS**

- Well made, easy to use and confidence inspiring

**CONS**

- The cutter can cut through the waster and into the jig

**SPEC SHEET**

Max timber width	100mm
Max timber thickness	30mm
Min timber thickness	15mm

**FURTHER INFO**

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# TREND push block

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Trend has developed a jig for scribing the ends of rails safely and accurately. Peter Dunsmore has tried it out

**M**aking cabinet doors using a profile and scribe cutter on a router table is one of those jobs that I tend to put off, as it always appears to be a fiddly job. In reality, after spending a few moments setting the cutter accurately, is relatively easy to achieve.

However, one aspect I always found a little tricky was scribing the ends of the rails. I used the sliding fence as a support, with a scrap piece of timber as a waste piece, but I was always having to position the timber carefully because its end must run across the bearing on the cutter. This method works satisfactorily, but doesn't particularly inspire confidence.

Now Trend has come to the rescue, with a jig specially designed for scribing the ends of rails safely and accurately.

The base of the jig is made from 8mm thick plastic,

ensuring an accurate flat base onto which the adjustable-height toggle clamp secures the timber. The sliding front stop has an abrasive side to provide further grip on the timber. There are two comfortable handles so you can hold the jig securely.

**Using the jig**

The jig slides against the fence on the router table, so it's important that the bearing on the cutter is level with the front of the fence to begin with. Holding the jig against the fence and then locating the end of the rail against it ensures the timber is located accurately every time.

The timber to be scribed is held in place on the jig using the toggle clamp. To reinforce the grip, the sliding stop is locked against the timber by loosening the hand grip, positioning the stop against the rail and then tightening the handle. To protect the jig,



The handles make it easy to control the jig

you can screw a piece of scrap timber to act as a waster onto the block underneath the toggle clamp using the screws and tapped holes provided.

The jig should be pulled away from the fence once the scribe has been cut to prevent the cutter damaging

the block on the jig base; however, this can be avoided if a sufficiently wide waster is used. It will also be noticed from the photograph that there is a further tapped hole into which the front handgrip can be secured. This is to enable the jig to be used with an overhead router if needed.

**WV VERDICT**

All in all this is a well-made jig that should find a place hanging on the wall next to the router table in most workshops where profile and scribing is regularly carried out.