

Trend T11

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TEST



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Is the Trend T11 really the best router ever? Mark Ramuz finds out

Last month I tested the new T10 so I'll try not to repeat myself too much here. This is the same machine but with a Quick Raiser feature that allows the user to fine adjust the depth of cut from above or when

the tool is fitted in a router table. Just bore a hole through your table top to take the in-line spinner. This will be a boon to all table users, unless you have a cast iron table.

The three-piece clear

Spec sheet

Power	2000W
Max plunge	80mm
Weight	5.1kg



SECOND OPINION

Reader **Phil Edwards** gets to play with the latest Trend kit...

Imagine you were given a blank piece of paper and asked to write down all the features you would like in your 'dream router', because the new Trend T11 is just that. Take a reliable, industry standard $\frac{1}{2}$ in router with plenty of power and a smooth, massive plunge - then add a lockable on/off switch, good dust extraction and the facility to raise or lower the router from above the table. Hats off to Trend, they really have thought of everything with this router.

This is a large, powerful machine. You can use it freehand but it is a bit big and heavy. However, it is perfectly suited for fitting in a router table, and this is where it excels. It has a nice, smooth start-up and as much power as you need. The on/off button is a return to the old days - it is either on or off, so there's no fiddling with straps to lock the button on. Trend supply a dust shield that attaches to the face of the router and channels falling dust away from the internals of the router - a great idea that works well.

Of course, the star of the show is the raising facility. To use this you need to drill a hole through the surface of your table to allow the large spinner to connect with the raising nut on the bottom of the router. In use, this simple system works brilliantly and you'll wonder how you ever managed without it - no more guesswork and leaning under the table.

So if, like me, you are considering upgrading from a budget router or are buying your first $\frac{1}{2}$ in router, do yourself a favour and get your hands on the Trend T11 - you won't be disappointed. It's a well thought out product that includes all the features a router table user could ask for.

plastic extraction should take away most of the falling dust from a table-mounted machine. The T11 features a very large base aperture that offers excellent visibility and will take the full range of Trend guide bushes. The base is also designed to take advantage of Trend's new quick release table mounting system. All the reviews in the woodwork press so far have been ecstatic and this is indeed a flexible feature-packed tool. My only

Quick Raiser plugs straight into the base recess



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criticism would be the quality control. The fence is lightweight with too much 'flashing' left on the mould and I even had to hammer one of the guide rods into the fence to clear some excess metal. As Phil says, it's a dream router... but a dream built to a price point.

RATING	1 2 3 4 5
Value	
Performance	

Optional clamp guide fixture can be screwed directly to T11 base

