

# Trend T11e router

It may have been around a few years but Anthony Bailey can see why the T11 is Trend's flagship router



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## F&C verdict

This well-rounded machine will give you fast, efficient results to a high standard. The Quick Raiser feature makes it ideal for precision cabinet work and it also comes with high-quality collets, unlike Far Eastern sourced routers.

### Likes

Fast, precise results  
Quick Raiser

### Dislikes

None

### The numbers

**Input power** 2000W  
**No-load speeds** 8-20,000rpm  
**Max plunge** 80mm  
**Max cutter dia** 70mm freehand/  
86mm table  
**Collet supplied** 1/2in, others available  
6mm, 1/4in, 8mm, 3/8in, 10mm, 12mm  
**Weight** 6.3kg  
**Voltage** 230V or 11V

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The Trend T11 has been with us for a while and has evolved gradually under various badges starting with the

legendary but defunct ELU brand. So how does this machine stand up against much more recent and innovative machines?

## At first glance

It is an example of good basic engineering. It looks and feels built to last and able to take plenty of knocks. Similar to the T10, it has full electronic speed control including soft start and has a geared depth-setting rod which acts on a click-stopped three-stage turret.

Crucially, the plunge columns both slide through phosphor-bronze bushes for accurate smooth plunging.

Another feature, rare on routers nowadays, is a device for centring guidebushes on the cutter axis. The side fence has long removable rods which allows the use of a second fence for mortising. The on-off switch is the original flick up-and-down pattern that works very well.

## Quick Raiser

Where the T11 varies from the T10 are the base recesses that allow it to be fitted into

the big Trend router table using quick-release levers under the table.

It also has a fitting for the Trend guide system, a quick-release dust spout and a larger 70mm-capacity cutter-diameter capability. However, the thing that makes this router really useful is the Quick Raiser detachable fine-height adjuster.

When I say detachable it is just that: no laborious screwing or unscrewing required because it just lifts off. It can be fitted in either freehand or table mode, a simple drilling being required in the standard Trend table insert plate to access it from above the table. The idea isn't new, being first seen on the Router Raizer from the US, but here it is an inbuilt feature that makes accurate adjustments quick and very precise. **F&C**

The meaty T11 just gets better!

