

Trend T20K

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Trend's T20K Professional jointer comes as a kit in a plastic case, complete with biscuits, tools and oil. It's equipped with a 710W motor, giving a speed of 9000rpm.

If you have small hands the chunky casing makes it a bit awkward to grip firmly for one-handed cuts, but the plunge springs aren't too stiff and the action is very smooth.

The front shoe is removable and can be flipped over for 45° cuts. It locks firmly with a single lever, but with no rack and pinion action to hold it square, it can move slightly out of parallel to the blade when it's clamped. It needs to be checked before cutting.

Angles from 0° to 90° are set by removing the shoe and tilting the front fence, with a single locking knob. There are

indents at 90°, 45° and 0° for fast setting.

Testing the flip fence for accuracy with a vernier gauge, the cut was 0.3mm out. Quite a lot for what is a better quality tool. When using the milled base as a reference, the slot was spot-on.

Soft rubber pads either side of the blade opening grip the surface of the work to stop the tool slipping as the cutter bites. On laminated worktop the jointer stayed put with no skidding at all.

The Trend has a six-way depth turret, designed for all three common biscuit sizes, plus Simplex, Duplex and a maximum depth setting. A bonus if you can afford to use these specialist fittings.

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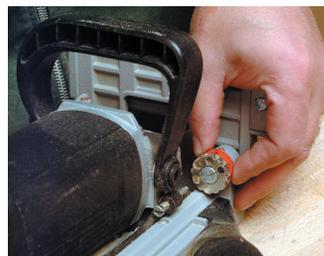


fence adjusters, the Trend is perhaps starting to get left behind. Its overall quality is generally higher, though.

GW verdict

- ➕ Six slot depths
- ➖ No flip fence depth adjustment

Value for money ●●●○○
Performance ●●●○○



The six position depth turret is the best of the bunch



There is no height adjustment on the flip fence, although it's sturdy