

GIANT test



Price £144.00

TREND T30AF

The Trend T30 combines all the best features of a good vacuum. It's powerful, quiet, has good filtration and is supplied with a long hose and a good range of accessories. The T30 is available in two versions; the T30A which has a standard 12 micron filter, which is ideal for general cleaning jobs, and the slightly more expensive T30AF which is equipped with a 0.3 micron filter and pre-filter, which is better able to cope with fine dust. The T30AF was supplied for this test and it proved to be an impressive machine. The front panel houses the power tool socket and the two switches for controlling the power and the auto switching. The auto switching system has a five second over-run time. The motor is also quiet. The filter cartridge is quick and easy to fit and the large nylon pre-filter hangs in the container around the main filter. The hose inlet has a clip system to hold the hose in place, even if it is pulled, and the five castors on the base of the machine offer stable manoeuvrability around the workshop.

In use the Trend was smooth and quiet and was particularly impressive when connected to the drum sander, which produces an enormous amount of fine dust.

A well designed machine with good capacities. Good price.

- Pros:** Performance, price, cleaning tools
- Cons:** No auto filter cleaner

The front panel houses the power tool socket and switches for power and auto switching



Hose inlet has a clip system



Motor Power	1200W
Max Power Tool Rating	2000W
Container Capacity	34 litre
Accessories supplied	Complete cleaning kit, dustbag, fine dust filter and pre-filter

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Price £233.83

FESTOOL CT MINI EXTRACTOR

Here's a particularly neat vacuum extractor from Festool. It combines a compact body with on-board storage, automatic switching and adjustable suction.

The CT Mini incorporates several unique features. The unit is mounted on castors and has a footbrake to stop it moving around. The top has a recess in it where the hose and power cable can be neatly stored, along with spare dust bags, and there are also clips to allow the Systainer tool cases to be fixed to it. So you can move your tools and the extractor round as one unit. It's also fitted with an anti-static hose to avoid any static build up and consequent electric shocks.

A 1200 watt motor is fitted producing excellent suction. There's also a variable suction control for reducing the power when using smaller tools, such as detail sanders that need less extraction power. The switching can be automatic or manual and the tool power socket fitted to the front panel is rated up to 1800 watts. When used in the auto mode the extractor runs on for a few moments after the tool has been switched off, to clear any debris out of the pipe.

The Festool is equipped with a flat corrugated paper filter, rather than the more common circular filters. This takes up less space in the waste container and so increases capacity. A dust bag is fitted, though it may be used without it, and the waste capacity is 10 litres. Non flammable liquids may also be vacuumed up once the dust bag has been removed. An electronic fail-safe stops the motor once the waste tank is full.

Excellent performance and the compact body also makes it convenient to transport and store.

The Festool is equipped with a flat corrugated paper filter

- Pros:** Excellent design, variable power, convenient size
- Cons:** Bit pricey

Motor Power	1200W
Max Power Tool Rating	1800W
Container Capacity	10 litre
Accessories supplied	Dustbags

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