

# Router: Trend T5

## What you need

At the trade level, compatibility with the Elu Mof96 base usually keeps you in the mid-range of 850-1100W routers, for more hand held than heavy duty inverted work. This specification fits well in the workshop for basic moulding and rebating, and finer inlays can be worked with an easily manouverable tool. It's equally at home on site for letting in hinges and fittings or general hand moulding. It can also be inverted and fitted with 8mm shanked bits for reasonably big profile work.

## What we recommend

While the Elu brand is now defunct, the legend lives on in the DeWalt's DW615 and the Trend T5. The T5 comes with a fine adjusting fence (not standard on the DeWalt) which can be fined in 0.1mm increments. The standard package is good value, with  $\frac{1}{4}$ in and 8mm collets, fine height adjuster, trammel attachment and 20mm guide bush included. Two flats on the base make it easy to run against a straight edge, with heights read against the metric scale on the side of

the router with the depth post. This is rudimentary, but used with specific shims or with stringing and banding inlays, you can still set precise depths easily. The twist-grip plunge action makes it easy to ramp cut without having to find the plunge lever, and it's simple to lock off at the desired setting. A variable speed dial allows the machine to be slowed down to minimise burning on end grain or to make use of larger 8mm shank bits with wider profiles. This machine will do its job well amongst larger contenders.



**Typical price: £180**  
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