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Trend T5E

Trend 01923 249911 Guide price £140

Made in UK

- 850W, variable speed (8 - 26,000 rev/min)
- Takes 1/4in (6.35mm) cutters
- Weight 2.7kg, very good flex length
- Maximum depth of cut 50mm
- Supplied with two spanners, vacuum cleaner attachment, straight, circular and template guides; other guides and collets available as optional extras
- Excellent instructions

Fitting a cutter to this handsome router and setting the depth were both easy and the machine has good controls – especially the flick on/flick-off ON/OFF slider. One of the handles serves as the plunge lock.

In use, the router was a joy - cutting very well and not making

too much noise. It has a delayed start preventing sudden movement of the tool on start up and the large push-fit vacuum cleaner attachment (no adaptor supplied) can be used all the time - it is effective and does not obscure the cutting line. Superb straight cutting guide with a very fine micro adjustment. The plastic-covered base has two straight edges; the template guide can be used with the vacuum attachment as the latter simply slots into place.

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VERDICT

Performance ●●●●●

Value for money ●●●●○

A superb and superbly-equipped router, though a bit pricey (especially with no case)