



The Trend baseplate is ruggedly simple

SPECIFICATION

POWER	850W
COLLETS	1/4in, 8mm
SPEED	8,000-27,000rpm variable
WEIGHT	2.7kg
ACCESSORIES	storage case, guide bush, fine height adjuster, side fence, beam trammel attachment, dust extraction adapter

VERDICT

This is a close copy of the Elu MOF 96E, with good performance and an excellent range of accessories.

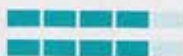
PROS

- Proven design
- Good performance
- Lots of accessories

CONS

- Fiddly dust extraction

VALUE FOR MONEY



FURTHER INFORMATION

- Trend
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Trend T5EK

No routing feature is complete without mentioning Trend. They have spent many years devising and producing an enormous range of router cutters and routing accessories, mainly designed to fit Elu/DeWalt and Trend routers, though most can be adapted to fit a wider range of machines. The T5 is their mid range router, and you can immediately see on what it is based. Again this is a fairly faithful copy of the original Elu. It is, in fact, fractionally larger than the original and has a few minor alterations.

The main body is made from black plastic, with the variable speed control mounted on the front. The side handles are of hard plastic, with the right-hand one operating the plunge lock. The same clamped rod is used as the depth of cut adjuster, and the power switch is also the same. If you prefer to have a safety switch, there is the Mark 2 version of the T5 which is identical in every way, apart from having a non-locking power switch.

The side fence has been revised and is now a two-part affair with a built-in fine adjuster. Dust extraction is still via the somewhat cumbersome Perspex hood. The T5 is available in

several packages. The model on test here is the EK, which includes all the most used accessories such as the fine height adjuster and the beam trammel attachment for routing circles and curves.

Using the T5EK

In use the Trend has impeccable manners. It has a soft and easy plunge, the motor is smooth and controllable with a very gentle soft start, and all the accessories are well made and reliable. Overall this is high-quality machine, ideal for both home and light professional applications.



The spindle lock is easy to use



The side fence has a built-in fine adjuster



The speed control is mounted on the body