

TREND ROUTER POD

Designed for use with jigs and templates when a guide bush is fitted to the router base, **Phil Davy** discovers more about the new Router Pod from Trend

Often the most basic tools work best, where there's very little to go wrong. This is true of Trend's new Router Pod, a simple solution to avoid damaging a bench top or work surface when placing a router down after use. Sometimes it's annoying having to retract a plunge router at the end of each operation when you've a quantity of cutting work to do. Designed primarily for routers fitted with protruding guide bushes, the Pod is just as handy for any portable router with a cutter installed, no matter what the size.

Lightweight but strong

Made from ABS plastic, the D-shaped Pod is lightweight but strong. Measuring 173mm across and 153mm from front to back, the flat top is textured, rather than completely smooth. Four rubber feet prevent it sliding across a surface and there are matching recesses in the top so you can stack another Pod above. This is useful when you're using a big router with a deep cutter. Each Pod stands about 45mm high, so a pair should accommodate the longest bit. The aperture is 65mm across, so there's plenty of room for a large with a cutter installed

diameter cutter. The base on my biggest $\frac{1}{2}$ in router is about 180mm across, which sat firmly on the Pod with no difficulty.

Conclusion

You could make something similar for your router from offcuts, but most of the time we prefer to be getting on with a project rather than building accessories. And if space is tight in your workshop, the Router Pod hardly takes up any extra room as you can store a router on top.



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SPECIFICATION

Internal diameter: 65mm
Height: 45mm
Size: 173 x 153mm

Typical price: £9.95

Web: www.trend-uk.com

THE VERDICT

PROS

- Cheap; stackable; increases router safety

CONS

- You may want more than one...

RATING: 5 out of 5



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