

TREND T11

Trend have been producing routers for several years now, all based on proven designs. The T11 is their latest offering and is modelled on the DeWalt DW625. If you want to make a good router, this is a pretty good place to start, as this is one of the most popular and efficient machines that has been produced in recent years. This is not to say that there is not room for some modifications and Trend have siezed the opportunity to add their stamp to it. The basic design remains the same with the excellent soft-start 2000 watt motor, and secure depth setting system. The modifications have been made to the baseplate and the fine height adjuster. The baseplate aperture is slightly increased to 70mm diameter and the plunge depth has been increased from 60 to 80mm. This router is designed to be used with the Trend PRT router table and because of this the base has special cut-outs to accommodate the special quick-release fittings. The fine height adjuster has also been modified for both table and hand-held use.

The previously fixed threaded rod on which the fine height adjuster runs now revolves. A handle is supplied that fixes over the nut on top and can be used to wind the router body up and down. The threaded rod also is accessible through the base of the router, so, when table-mounted, assuming you have a hole bored in the correct position you can insert the winding handle and adjust the height of the router without reaching under the table. The new PRT table is ready-drilled to provide this facility, though it would be a simple task to modify any other table.

Overall this is an excellent machine. The modifications add considerably to the ease of use, while not sacrificing any of the machine's intrinsic capabilities. Trend have taken a great router and made it even better.

Pros: Proven design, useful modifications

Cons: Fiddly dust extraction

2000W Motor power ½in Collets supplied 8,000 - 20,000rpm Speed 5.2kg Weight

Accessories supplied

Storage case, guidebush, side fence, fine height adjuster, dust extraction adapter, spanner

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