★MicroFence Three-Axis Mill

You don't hunt squirrels with an elephant gun, and you don't always need a large plunge router. This router base is the tool I reach for when precision and visibility are more important than brute power. With the Bosch Colt router motor and the Microfence edge guide you can make extremely precise adjustments in any direction. It is a joy to use, and extremely well made. I had so much fun testing this tool that I found myself looking for any good excuse to use it. I've even made inch-deep mortises for face frames, as well as shallow mortises for hinges.

In addition to the precise adjustments and smooth operation, the ability to see what is happening is another feature I've come to appreciate. Used without the edge guide, I can see the bit well enough to waste the background in a carving or between the pins of half-blind dovetails. The small LED light is quite effective, as is the dust collection shroud.



Swiss-watch precision and smooth operation are combined in a package that is easier to compare to fine German sports cars than to other woodworking tools.

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TOOL TEST

Micro Plunge Precision

Like many woodworkers, I tend to be a closet machinist. It's fun to see how close to perfection I can get, and I'm a sucker for anything that reads or adjusts to a thousandth of an inch. For those who share this affliction, Micro Fence has just introduced a new plunge base for laminate trimmers that is the ultimate in tweakability. And when it's combined with the Micro Fence system you can do extremely accurate work with a minimum of fuss.

I tested the base with the new Bosch Colt, and it is available to fit several other laminate trimmers. I found myself trying it in more and more applications simply because it was so much fun to use. I used it for relieving the background of a carving, letting in hinges, and I even made $^{1}\!/_{4}$ "-wide by 1"-deep mortises. The base is incredibly well-made, and simple and intuitive to use. The LED light and effective dust collection were icing on the cake.

My only complaint is that the shaft lock for the router can't be reached when mounted. But this is within .0001" of perfection. -RL For more information, circle #180 on Free Information Card.



SPECIFICATIONS

Micro Fence Portable 3-Axis Mill

Street price: \$399.99

Vertical travel: 23/4, 3-position stop

Adjustment: to .001"

Features: LED light and vacuum hookup

Performance: ●●●●
Price range: \$\$\$\$\$

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