



## RT1000XL Router Table - Excellent Product

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I've had this table for almost a year, so for those of you yearning for a review where the tags aren't still hanging, this is one of them. As you can see from my photos, I have added an MCLS Daisy Pin Router to it. The table does not come with the pin router.

The only modifications I have made are adding 7" to the base to suit my height preference. I knew I was going to do this when ordered, so I told the builder to attach the wheels knowing that I would transfer them down when assembling the new base. It worked out perfectly. I also have an A-type CFL light fixture that I will wire up inside the router bay when it makes the front burner someday.



I have the Triton 2 1/4 HP router in this table (it has top adjustable crank and bit changes), so it has been a wonderful pairing in my opinion.



**Dust collection is superb, pulling from both underneath and from the middle of the fence with just the one connection. That was a major reason why I went with this unit since I detest a multitude of DC hoses in my shop (or a DC that I can see or hear). As you can see, the Rockler Dust Right 4" hose just plugs into the side as expected.**



**The quality of materials, fit, finish, and features are all impressive to me. I could not have built this unit as it sits for less than the cost I paid. Joe has been building this model for quite some time and appears to have all of the bugs worked out.**



I opted for the aluminum plate, so it is extremely durable in that regard. The builder /owner (Joe) agreed to prepare the plate for my Triton router mounting and the crank hole in exactly the right position (at no extra charge).

Lumberjock Bubinga turned me on to this table that is made in Nova Scotia. I never would have found it, so thanks to Bubinga.

The RT1000XL stands 35" from floor to top of the table surface. Add 4" with the fence, which is included. The table top is 32" wide x 24" deep, hefty 1.1/2" thick for stability and flatness. This unit weighs in over 125 lbs. Lower Cabinet, table and fence are trimmed in solid Black American Walnut and White Maple drawer fronts.

The cabinet is constructed using 18 mm Baltic birch plywood. This plywood is 13 layers of solid veneers ply's The shelves and uprights are made of 3/4" industrial grade melamine. Joints are dado, rabbet, glued and brad nailed very well built. The RT1000XL model that comes with a Miter-T-Track for those miter gauges that have a t-slot bar. Standard miter gauges will also work with this track. There are two electrical outlets in the base cabinet that are controlled by a Safety Paddle Switch. It has a removable yellow lock to prevent unwanted start ups. Also a 8 foot power cord wired for 110-120 volts.

The standard insert plate is made out of 3/8 Lexan. Very strong and has 8 leveling set screws. One insert is included with each router table. There are 3 sizes available. (Blank), (2") and (3.5") opening. If not specified at point of sale a 2" will be included with each order. Insert size is 9 1/4" x 11 3/4" x 3/8". The Same size as most popular router lifts.(router not included)

The fence includes an alum. t-track for attaching feather boards, stops, guards and other fences and jigs. Each sliding fence on this split fence system can be adjusted over 1/2" for glue joint work. More importantly, it will go back to a straight edge in

**seconds.**



The RT1000XL has a 3.5" dust port on the left side for attaching your vacuum system (easily adapted to 4"). It has a 2.5" port cut in the top under the fence, in case you want to use a smaller hose (shop vac). There are 3 vented holes in the acrylic door, allowing air flow to circulate which keeps the router compartment free of dust. The (hinged) door covering the router compartment has a magnetic catch to hold the door closed.

The most amazing thing of all was the way this unit was packaged for shipping. When I got the heavy, massive box I saw one corner split and some particle board with a crack in it. Upon unpacking I saw that Joe had packed the corners with sacrificial 3/4" material so that it could survive shipping. It did. Mine was perfect. The sacrificial material was... uh, sacrificed. ;=)



I paid just under \$460 USD shipped. The RT1000XL is \$329 USD before shipping and any accessories.

I highly recommend this product and dealing with Joe at RT1000.com

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**jim C**  
1472 posts in 4463 days

#1 posted 01-02-2012  
11:51 AM

Great review David Good choice on the Triton.  
I never knew the Daisy existed. Gotta check on that.

Get a bulb in that socket before you start a fire. :-)



**David Grimes**  
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#2 posted 01-02-2012  
02:23 PM

@jim c, that's just the keyless fixture sitting there... not wired yet. lol Thanks for the potential heads up. Ain't NOTHING wrong with your eyesight !

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**Bob Kollman**  
1798 posts in 4556 days

#3 posted 01-04-2012  
05:04 AM

Good deal, I think I seen them on E-Bay. Hard to believe the guy is making any money.

-- Bob Kenosha Wi.



**David Grimes**  
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#4 posted 01-04-2012  
11:46 PM

Bob, He does list on Ebay, but so does everything else (nearly). Yellow page and local ads in Nova Scotia will probably not cover his remote marketing needs. ;=)

As to how he could make a wage with such great pricing, I'm sure a combination of his proven standardized construction along with doing the work himself goes a long way. He probably has access to his native hardwoods at a reasonable price, then finally his price is still reasonable with long distance shipping added.

I was a bit skeptical, but now I certainly can personally vouch for the very high quality and righteous design of the product.

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#5 posted 01-05-2012  
01:19 AM

That sure is one nice table!

I like the idea of a light inside the cabinet. However, I would consider a fixture/light with a smaller profile. Perhaps an LED puck light or two mounted on the side of the cabinet. A smaller profile is less likely to get broken. Having it/them mounted on the side reduces the chance of dust collecting on them & frees up the floor/shelf for storage. Just my \$0.02!!

-- Randy-- I may not be good...but I am slow! If good things come to those who wait.... Why is procrastination a bad thing?



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#6 posted 01-05-2012  
03:08 AM

The light is not mounted, screwed or wired... nor is there a bulb in it. At this point it is only a bakelite fixture awaiting some love (and a bulb). When it does get installed, it will have a 60Watt equivalent type A CFL bulb that will draw 14 watts and will not get hot. A type means that it looks like a regular incandescent... in other words the CFL is not a pug-tailed rascal. I have the remains of a skid of these and they are the shiznit.

As for placement, please notice that the "door" is a left-handed out-swing that happens to have the duplex receptacle directly behind the hinge side. That side wall (centered and about 1/3 of the way up from the bottom) is where the light will be placed. It's cord will be of length to exactly reach the plug-in, where the cord's plug will be a 90 degree so the wire will drape correctly. No heat, no fire, no dust, and will illuminate "on" when the router is turned on... balanced universe.

Now, the balance of the universe is not at all what you might think. "Stairway to Heaven" was recorded with a Telecaster and "Freebird" with a Fender Strat. Please adjust your view. ;=)

Yeah, it's a great router table.

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#7 posted 07-27-2012  
02:18 PM

has the Lexan held up?



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#8 posted 07-27-2012  
03:58 PM

Everything has held up wonderfully, including the Lexan door. The holes he has in it makes for just the right amount of suction through the center. I use this daily and it is still like new.

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**Spike\_dawg**  
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#9 posted 09-12-2012  
09:39 PM

Just bought one but it hasn't arrived as yet. Hope it works out. I like the idea of the storage and the table surface area. On wheels, will help me move it around the "shop". I'd like to build a horizontal table as a project but I'll have to get more experienced at this routing business first.



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#10 posted 09-12-2012  
10:19 PM

You will like it. If not, let me know. I could use a second one. ;)

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**AlBCuttnWud**  
746 posts in 4055 days

#11 posted 07-30-2013  
01:29 AM

Just bought one and will ship out tomorrow.....looking forward to the first project I get to use it for.

-- -Al, Jacksonville, FL



**David Grimes**

It has been nearly a year and i would not change one bit of my recommendation. This is a nice table at any price. I hope you enjoy yours as well.

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#12 posted 07-30-2013  
02:38 AM



**Fired\_Yo\_Momma**  
80 posts in 2777 days

#13 posted 07-29-2014  
02:53 PM

How long after you placed the order did it the table arrive to your door step. I have been looking at router tables but I can't justify the cost that some of these other company's charge for just a base with no shelving. This table is really nice. I would look to put on my own table on, and just buy the cabinet. Kind of liking the Kreg or woodpickers. How do you like the table and fence?



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#14 posted 08-10-2014  
08:10 AM

I took this design and made it myself as a table saw extension. Love it.



**Binn**  
93 posts in 4319 days

#15 posted 09-17-2016  
04:25 AM

This router table is not made out of industrial grade melimine. I have one that worked great until my shop flooded, people are listing wrong information about this cabinet. The top is 2 layers of particle board with a thin layer of plastic which is cheap, the inside uprights of cabinet is particle board, drawers are made of compressed cardboard. The handles are put on with small Brad nails and not glued to drawer fronts. If this cabinet gets wet it swells up to the point of not being able to remove the drawers. I had to tear them apart in order to get to my bits. I plan to build a better cabinet using quality materials and NOT particle board, and using screws to mount drawer pulls to fronts NOT 1 inch brads. The only way they are making any money is because they are using inferior materials.

-- Barry, Louisiana

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