

# 1200W 230V Variable Speed Router

Stock No.83612 Part No.PT1202VSF

**IMPORTANT:** PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY TO ENSURE THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THIS PRODUCT.





# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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# 1. TITLE PAGE

1.1 INTRODUCTION: USER MANUAL FOR:
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## 3.1 GUARANTEE

Draper tools have been carefully tested and inspected before shipment and are guaranteed to be free from defective materials and workmanship.

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# 4. INTRODUCTION

## 4.1 SCOPE

This hand held power tool is ideal for shaping woodwork, cabinetry, architrave, morticing and other associated routing work. It is intended for domestic and light commercial use only. Any other application is considered misuse.

## 4.2 SPECIFICATION

Stock No.	
Part No	PT1202VSF
Rated voltage	230V~50Hz
Rated input	1200W
Collets	6.35mm (¼") & 8mm (½")
Cutter Capacity	
Plunge Stroke:	
with Dust Extraction	
without Dust Extraction	
Speed (no load)	
Sound Pressure Level	
Sound Power Level	
Vibration Level	
Weight	

## 4.3 HANDLING & STORAGE

The environment will have a negative result on its operation if you are not careful. If the air is damp, components will rust. If the machine is unprotected from dust and debris; components will become clogged: And if not cleaned and maintained correctly or regularly the machine will not perform at its best.

## 5.1 GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS

WARNING: Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

#### Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

The term "power tool" in the warnings refers to your mains operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

- 1) Work area safety
  - a) Keep work area clean and well lit. Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
  - b) Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
  - c) Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.
- 2) Electrical safety
  - a) Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools. Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
  - b) Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators. There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
  - c) Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
  - d) Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
  - e) When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
  - f) If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a residual current device (RCD) protected supply. Use of an RCD reduces the risk of electric shock.
- 3) Personal safety
  - a) Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
  - b) Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection. Protective equipment such as dust mask, nonskid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
  - c) Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool. Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energising power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
  - d) Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on. A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
  - e) Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.

# 5. HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

- f) Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- g) If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used. Use of these devices can reduce dust-related hazards.
- 4) Power tool use and care
  - a) Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
  - b) Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off. Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
  - c) Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
  - d) Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool. Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
  - e) Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
  - f) Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
  - g) Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.
- 5) Service
  - a) Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

# 5.2 SPECIFIC SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROUTER USE.

- 1. Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Cutting accessory contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- 2. Always wear a dust mask and ear protection when using this power tool.
- 3. Use only bits, which are designed for this router.
- 4. Use only sharp bits that are not chipped or cracked. Blunt bits will cause stalling.
- 5. Secure small pieces of wood firmly before working. Never hold them in your hand.
- 6. Danger. Keep hands away from the cutting area.
- 7. Secure the workpiece by means of the clamping equipment.
- 8. Before staring up, check that the bit is firmly positioned and secured into the collets.
- 9. The maximum indicated limit rotation speed of the milling bit must not be exceeded.
- 10. Routing must always be carried out against the direction of rotation (bit-rotation) of the bit.
- 11. The bit must be running at full speed before lowering into the workpiece.

# 5. HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

- 12. When operating the machine, take great care and always hold the router handles firmly with both hands. Always provide for a secure footing when working.
- 13. Beware of the reaction torque of the machine, particularly if the bit becomes jammed in the workpiece.
- 14. On completion of work, allow the machine to slide back to its initial position by releasing the handle.
- 15. Make yourself familiar with your working area and be alert for possible hazards, which you might not hear due to machine noise.
- 16. Caution: Allow for run down time of bit after turning router off. Wait for the machine to come to a complete stop before removing from the workpiece.
- 17. Never slow the router down with your hands.
- 18. Do not touch the bit immediately after operation; it may be extremely hot and could burn you.
- 19. Never stop the router by applying lateral pressure to the bit.
- 20. Do not force the router. Your router will do a better job if you take it slowly.
- 21. Avoid cutting nails and screws. Inspect timber and remove all nails and screws before cutting.
- 22. In the event of an electrical or mechanical malfunction, immediately switch off the router and disconnect the power lead from the mains supply, and contact Draper for assistance.

#### 5.3 CONNECTION TO THE POWER SUPPLY

Make sure the power supply information on the machine's rating plate are compatible with the power supply you intend to connect it to.

This product comes supplied with a UK standard 3 pin plug fitted. It is designed for connection to a domestic power supply rated at 230V AC.

This appliance is Class II<sup>+</sup> and is designed for connection to a power supply matching that detailed on the rating label and compatible with the plug fitted.

If an extension lead is required, use an approved and compatible lead rated for this appliance. Follow all the instruction supplied with the extension lead.

†Double insulated []: This product requires no earth connection as supplementary insulation is applied to the basic insulation to protect against electric shock in the event of failure of the basic insulation.

Apart from replacing the fuse in the plug, no other electrical work is recommended on this machine.

# 6. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

#### 6.1 IDENTIFICATION





- ① On/off trigger switch
- Trigger safety button
- ③ Plunge lock lever
- (4) Additional rod locking point (used in conjunction with 16)
- (5) Rod Locking point
- 6 Spindle lock button
- ⑦ Variable speed dial

- (8) Moulded plug & cable
- (9) Fine height adjustment control
- (10) Height adjustment scale
- (1) Height adjustment lock
- (12) Collet nut
- 13 Turret
- (17.1) Face shield anchor points

## 7.1 PACKAGING

Carefully remove the router from the packaging and examine it for any sign of damage that may have happened during shipping. Lay the contents out and check them against the parts shown below. If any part is damaged or missing; please contact the Draper Help Line (the telephone number appears on the Title page) and do not attempt to use the router.

The packaging material should be retained at least during the guarantee period: in case the machine needs to be returned for repair.

Warning! Some of the packaging materials used may be harmful to children. Do not leave any of these materials in the reach of children.

If any of the packaging is to be thrown away, make sure they are disposed of correctly; according to local regulations.

#### 7.2 WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

As well as the router; there are several parts not fitted or attached to it.



- (14) Spanner
- (15) 30mm template follower
- (16) Rods
- (17) Shield
- (18) Dust extraction port
- (19) Dust extraction port machine screws
- (20) Parallel guide fence
- (21) Shields nuts, washer and bolt
- (22) 4mm hex. key
- (23) Rods to guide fence washers and bolts.
- (24) Collets 1 x 6.35mm (1/4"),1 x 8mm (5/16")
- (25) Pivot rod trammel

# 8 PREPARING THE ROUTER

NOTE: Remove the plug from the socket before carrying out adjustment, servicing or maintenance.

## 8.1 PARALLEL GUIDE FENCE - FIG. 1

Attach the two face plates (20.1) to the parallel guide fence (20) with the four machine screws (20.2) supplied. Insert screw (23.2) through washer (23.1). Secure the rods onto the guide fence (20) with the screw assembly.

## 8.2 DUST EXTRACTION PORT - FIGS. 2 - 3

The majority of operations will require the dust extraction to be fitted, however some operations will be impossible with the port fitted. These require appropriate safety equipment to be worn.

Fit the dust extraction port (18) into the recess. Pass the two machine screws (19) up through the base and into the nuts in the port. Secure the port without damaging the plastic parts by over tightening the machine screws. NOTE: With the dust extraction port fitted, the plunger stroke is slightly reduced.

# 8.3 DUST EXTRACTION

Inhalation of dust particles can be detrimental to health. The dust outlet (18) must be connected with a dust extraction machine.

NOTE: Due to the outlet diameter, a size adaptation may be necessary.

All wood dust (including dust from composites like chipboards and fibre boards etc) is hazardous to health; it can affect the nose, the respiratory system and the skin. For example MDF (medium density fibreboard) which contains formaldehyde is a known carcinogen. In addition to the above measures a correctly fitted dust mask, suitable for the activity and in accordance to the relevant standard, must be worn. For work activities involving exposure to fine wood dust a mask rated to at least FFP2 should be used.

# 8.4 FITTING THE FACE SHIELD - FIG. 3b

The face shield (chip guard) helps to protect the user from any debris that may be thrown from the workpiece. Fix face shield (17) onto sole plate using nuts, bolts and washers (21) making sure the fixings are facing the outside of the machine.









#### 8.5 FITTING & REPLACING ROUTER BITS -FIG. 4

This router is designed for use with  $1\!\!\!/4''$  and 8mm shank router bits only.

WARNING: Use bits of the correct shank diameter suitable for the speed of the tool.

Selection of the correct router bit, suitable for the intended application is vital. Seek guidance if uncertain of selection.

Press the spindle lock button (6) and unscrew the collet nut (12) using the spanner supplied.

NOTE: Take care not to loose the spring behind the collet.

Choose from the collets provided, the appropriate size for the cutters shank (1/4") 6.35mm or 8mm ( $\frac{5}{16}$ "). If the size is not known insert the bit into the collet. The collet which offers a machine fit to the shank is the correct one to use. Do not force the bit into a collet.

Replace the spring and place the collet into the spindle before loosely replacing the nut (12).

Slide in the bit allowing approx. 5-10mm overhang before tighten the collet nut (observe the router bit's manufacturers instructions for more specific information).

NOTE: Ensure at least 75% of the shank is inside the collet. Do not tighten the collet with no bit fitted as this will cause damage.

Do not overtighten the collet nut.

WARNING: Take care when handling the cutter bits as they are extremely sharp.

When cutting is complete remove the bit before cleaning and storing it in a safe place.



# 9. BASIC ROUTER OPERATIONS

NOTE: Remove the plug from the socket before carrying out adjustment, servicing or maintenance.

## 9.1 TRIGGER SWITCH - FIG. 5

The router is fitted with a safety lock off switch to prevent accidental starting. Press and hold lock button ②. Pull trigger ① and the router will start.

## 9.2 VARIABLE SPEED DIAL - FIG. 6

The variable speed dial is marked 1 to 7 and correspond:

SETTING	APPROX.SPEED (r/min)
1	10,000
2	14,000
3	18,000
4	22,500
5	24,500
6	28,000
7	30,000

NOTE: Cutting speed depends on material, cutter size, cutting depth etc. Larger router bits will require a slower speed. For more detailed information refer to a routing/woodworking book.

## 9.3 SETTING THE CUTTING DEPTH - FIGS. 7 - 9

With a suitable router bit fitted place the router on to the workpiece. Rotate the turret (13) to the lowest position. Slowly plunge the router until the bit just touches the workpiece. Lock the router in this position with the plunge lock lever (3).

Ensure the height adjustment lock (11) is not tight and lower the rod (10.1) until it touches the turret. If necessary turn the fine height adjustment control (9) to align the nearest digit on the scale against the pointer (10).

Take note of the setting before raising the rod upward to set the plunge depth (the difference between the two measurements) and securely tighten the height adjustment lock (1). eg. scale reads 23. After adjustment reads 33, the plunge depth will be 10mm. Release the plunge lock lever and raise the router back to full height. Rotate the turret round several positions and the router is set up ready to begin work.







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When beginning to cut, plunge the cutter slowly to the first depth and proceed with the cut. Take a second pass at the next step down on the turret and continue until the full depth is achieved.

Regulate the depth of the cut and speed of feed to ensure no strain is put on to the cutter or motor, however if the speed is too slow, burn marks may appear on the workpiece.

NOTE: The direction of rotation is marked on the metal casting above the spindle stop mechanism. Travelling along a workpiece in the wrong direction will cause the bit to pull and bounce, leading to a poor finish and possible damage.

If, after the full depth has been routed, further material removal is necessary lock the router in the plunged position. Rotate the fine height adjustment control (10). Turning the fine adjustment (10) anti-clockwise will increase the plunge depth. One complete turn is equivalent to 1mm plunge depth. When set, take another pass along the cut.

NOTE: Remove the plug from the socket before carrying out adjustment, servicing or maintenance.

## 9.4 PARALLEL GUIDE ROUTING - FIG. 10

Ensure the edge along which the guide is going to travel is smooth and true as any inconsistencies will translate into the cut.

Pass the parallel guide rods through the four points in the router's base and secure in place with lock knobs (5).

When using the parallel guide an even pressure should be applied to each face except on a leading/trailing edge of a workpiece. When leading on to a workpiece apply the pressure to the forward face until both faces are on. When trailing off a workpiece apply the pressure to the rear face until the cut is complete.

#### 9.5 28mm INNER - 30mm OUTER DIAMETER TEMPLATE FOLLOWER - FIG. 11

For detailed information on templates refer to a routing/woodworking book.

Lay the template follower (15) into the recess. Ensure the template follower faces downward and secure with the two countersunk screws (19).

WARNING: Whilst this router is capable of cutting kitchen worktops, it should be noted that this is not a professional machine and therefore its tolerances and performance are not as accurate as a professional machine.



# 9. BASIC ROUTER OPERATIONS

NOTE: Remove the plug from the socket before carrying out adjustment, servicing or maintenance.

#### 9.6 PIVOT ROD TRAMMEL - FIG. 12

Secure one of the parallel guide rods into the rear channel. Remove the rod locking knob (5) from the front channel and secure it into the additional rod locking point. Loosen the wing nut and slide the trammel (25) on to the rod end. Adjust the point height to suit before locking the wing nut. Adjust the distance between the router bit and pivot point.



# **10. TROUBLESHOOTING**

NOTE: Remove the plug from the socket before carrying out adjustment, servicing or maintenance.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Motor does not start	1. Fuse	1. Replace/reset time delay fuse or circuit breaker
	2. Brushes worn	2. Have brushes replaced by authorised service agent
	3. Other	3. Return to authorised service agent
Machine vibrates	1. Router bit not suitable for application	<ol> <li>Seek guidance on bit selection</li> </ol>
	2. Router bit blunt	<ol> <li>Stop machine. When stopped, replace with a sharp bit</li> </ol>
	3. Incorrect direction of travel	3. Change direction of travel
Bit will not cut	1. Attempting to remove excess material	1. Reduce plunge depth
	2. Router bit blunt	<ol> <li>Stop machine. When stopped, replace with a sharp bit</li> </ol>
	3. Incorrect direction of travel	3. Change direction of travel

# 11. MAINTENANCE

Regular inspection and cleaning reduces the necessity for maintenance operations and will keep your tool in good working condition.

The motor must be correctly ventilated during tool operation. For this reason avoid blocking the air inlets. After use disconnect the tool from the power supply and vacuum the ventilation slots.

If the replacement of the supply cord is necessary, this has to be done by the manufacturer or his agent in order to avoid a safety hazard.

Remove the plug from the socket before carrying out adjustment, servicing or maintenance.

# 12. EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

## 12.1 EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS



Warning! Wear dust mask.



Warning! Read the instruction manual



Warning! Wear suitable eye/face protection.



Warning! Wear ear defenders.



WEEE Do not dispose of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment in with domestic rubbish



Class II construction (Double insulated).

# 13. DISPOSAL

## 13.1 DISPOSAL

- At the end of the machine's working life, or when it can no longer be repaired, ensure that it is disposed of according to national regulations.
- Contact your local authority for details of collection schemes in your area. In all circumstances:
  - Do not dispose of power tools with domestic waste.
  - Do not incinerate.
  - Do not abandon in the environment.
  - Do not dispose of WEEE\* as unsorted municipal waste.



\* Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment.



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