

## Good The Woodworking Verdict

- + Lamp, flexible drive, blade clamping, NVR switch
- Rough finish to table

Rating ★★★★★

Typical price: **£116**

Made in: China

Motor: 90W

Throat: 400mm

Speed: 550 to 1650spm

Stroke: 15mm

Max cut: 50mm

Weight: 15kg

Warranty: 2 years

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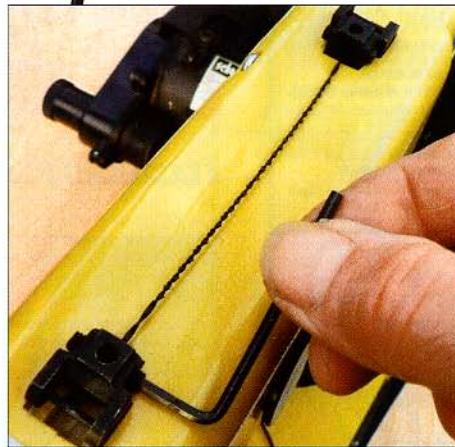
## Scheppach Deco-Flex

Although this is a budget variable-speed machine, the Scheppach has several unique features that are extras on other saws, such as a work lamp and flexible drive. With cast iron base and alloy casing, it's also fairly compact and lightweight, and three holes enable it to be bolted down.

Like many alloy tables this one is bowed, the edges need softening with a file, and with no zero-stop, you need to use a square for resetting to 0° after bevelled cutting. The protractor scale is clear, however, and the tilt action and locking knob are positive in their action.

A pack of 60 blades is included with the saw, which accepts both plain and pin-end blades, and fitting them couldn't be simpler. On top of the casing are two recesses for the blade clamps, so tightening plain blades is simple; tensioning using the rear-mounted knob is a bit awkward, however.

Alongside the front-mounted NVR switch is a speed dial, and both are easy to reach. To fit the flexible drive shaft you simply screw it on to the end of the motor spindle, having first removed



▲ Ah ha! Once again, holders for the blade clamps make setting up easy...



▲ ...while the flexible Anglepoise helps to make light work of sawing

a protective cover. Chuck diameter is 3mm. Like other saws, the blade still runs when using the flexible drive, so make sure that the plastic guard is in place. The guard's attached to a steel rod that also supports the bent steel hold-down. There's an adjustable dust blower pipe at the bottom, which needs a screwdriver to set. Alternatively, a 35mm port at the front of the

machine lets you hook up a dust hose.

There's also flexible lamp mounted on top of the casing. Although it cannot be isolated while sawing, it certainly saves you having to set up an Anglepoise lamp alongside the machine. With its good cutting performance, the Deco-Flex represents excellent value for money, and comes with a two-year warranty.