



Deco 402 Scroll Saw - Scheppach

Peter Brett picks up a scrollsaw for the first time in years and takes to it like a duck to water

I haven't used a scrollsaw for years and the last one I used couldn't cut straight, was noisy and seemed like a waste of space in the workshop. Either I have become more patient, or scrollsaw technology has improved immensely. I hope it's the latter.

In use

It was a novel experience to actually enjoy using a scrollsaw. This little Scheppach fitted easily onto the bench and quietly purred away as I cut through softwood, thick and thin and some dense 20mm thick oak. I found that I was able to cut accurately at 90° despite making some pretty twisting

cuts in the softwood.

Changing pin ended blades is straightforward, as is setting a reasonable blade tension on the finer or thicker ones. A clamp fixing option is provided as standard. This is necessary for really fine fretwork blades.

With the dust blower aimed at the work area and the vacuum extractor fitted to the port underneath, there was hardly a speck of dust to be seen.

Another option is the power take off driving a flexible shafted collet type drill. This is ideal for drilling the small holes needed for cutting enclosed work.

AT A GLANCE

- Blade fixing is optional pins or clamps
- Vacuum extraction port and dust blower as standard
- Transparent blade guard and work hold down
- NVR switch and variable speed control
- Cast base with fixing holes
- Moveable work light on flexible arm
- Adjustable table angle

THE NUMBERS

- Price: £154.10 inc VAT

WHERE TO BUY

- NMA (Agencies) Ltd
- Website: www.nmauk.com
- Tel: 01484 400488

5 STAR RATING

- VALUE FOR MONEY ★★★★★
- PERFORMANCE ★★★★★
- BUILD QUALITY ★★★★★



Cutting curves in 50mm thick softwood to see if it would be cut at 90°

Verdict

This package is not only well specified with all the goodies like a light, power take off and vac port, it also works a treat. I had no trouble cutting to full specified depth accurately in softwood. It is quiet, especially when using the work hold down, and the blade guard is a definite safety plus. The price is very reasonable, and my guess is that it might be hard to match the Scheppach quality and service out there in the market place. ■