

Trend MultiScribe



This is an unusual multi-purpose tool from Trend. The pack describes 15 functions, though some are variants on a common theme. Basically the multiscribe is a variable square. The plated steel arm can be set up either at right angles or in line with the anodized aluminium stock. The end of the stock is brought to a 90° point, so the tool can be used to draw 45° angles to the right or left.

The stock incorporates a small level vial so the tool can be used for checking vertical and horizontal angles. Holes at either end of the bar can hold a pencil tip for scribing, or a string, so you can use it as a plumb bob.

If you butt the angled end of the stock against the edge, you can scribe around convex edges. So it's a versatile marking and levelling tool – it even has an integral pencil sharpener.

But as with most multi-function tools it isn't likely to excel in all areas. For example, in use as a mitre square, the length of the stock in contact with the workpiece is only around 25mm, so it won't be as accurate as

a dedicated tool. But if you like the idea of multi-purpose tools, then you might find this interesting. It's solidly made and well finished, in keeping with other Trend products.

VERDICT

- PROS** ■ A lot of functions in one tool
CONS ■ Jack of all trades, master of none

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The stock incorporates a small spirit level



The angled arm is perfect for marking mitres