

Camvac extractors



Andy Standing tests two of the latest dust extractors from Camvac

Camvac produce a range of industrially rated extractors with waste capacities from 36 to 200 litres and motors up to 3000W. All machines feature the same triple stage 0.5 micron filtration.

GV286W

Here's a 1000W wall mounted extractor, ideal for powering a small ducted system. The motor and filters are housed in the top section and the transparent waste bag hangs below. The mesh cage inside the bag is to stop the bag being sucked into the motor by the power of the vacuum. Bags on this type of extractor can be difficult to fit but the Camvac uses an elastic cord which is considerably easier than the more common steel bands. It has a 4in inlet which may be connected either to a flexible hose or to ducting.



Top of 386 showing dual motors and switching

On the top of the machine is the power switch and the 2 1/2in exhaust outlet, which can also be connected to a hose so that the machine can be used as a blower. Two clips hold the top plate on and it is easily lifted off to reveal the filters. The primary filter is a large cloth bag that is



GV286W and GV386

stretched across the rim of the machine. The second stage is a paper filter fitted over motor, and the third stage is a fine fabric filter underneath the paper. To keep the extractor running at maximum efficiency, these filters must be regularly cleaned.

Ww verdict

Able to generate bagfuls of suction without excessive noise. Its 150 litre bag can take a good amount of waste and is easy to empty and refit. Robustly and compact.

GV386

This is one of the mid-range Camvac models. It has a 90 litre waste capacity, suction is supplied by a pair of 1000W motors, with independent switching. The filtration is identical to that on the 286, though obviously each motor has its own pair of filters, so there are five in all. The test model was supplied with a 2 1/2in inlet, though it can be supplied with a 4in inlet if required. The ideal combination would be to have the 4in inlet and buy the optional 4in to 2 1/2in reducer to maximise versatility. This is a substantial machine and the optional trolley is a sensible buy if you plan to move it around.

Ww verdict

A hugely powerful machine that offers almost completely dust-free woodworking.

Poseable hose in use



ACCESSORIES

Camvac sell a selection of accessories including a remote control for operating the extractor. This is ideal for use on a fully ducted system where the extractor is permanently sited. It is hugely inconvenient to have to set your blast gates and then walk over to the extractor to turn it on each time you need to use it. Some workshops get round this problem by installing switched blast gates but these are complicated and expensive to install. This system takes about thirty seconds to fit and works perfectly. The extractor simply plugs into the wall switch which fits a normal 13 amp socket and the switching is then activated by the remote control. One remote can control up to four sockets, so you could also use it to run other appliance too. The maximum loading is 10 amps and the operating range is up to 25 metres. Highly recommended. Camvac's Poseable Hose is a semi-rigid hose that can be bent to provide an extraction point close to the dust source. It is 670mm long and made up from 18 joints. Ideal for sanding on a lathe or with a drilling machine.

RATING 1 2 3 4 5

GV286W	
Value	██████████
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USEFUL INFORMATION

GV286W	£199.79
GV386	£383.32
Remote Control	£33.78
Poseable Hose	£41.42

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