
Subject: barbecued bits

Posted by [lon](#) on Sun, 24 Apr 2005 19:09:28 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

Ok, I admit it: I bought one of those Vermont Mfg \$4.00router bits. I think I started my depth too deep-- close to a quarter inch in 1/2 in. MDF. I'm using a rototool with this bit and worked pretty wellthe first few passes. Then on about the 4th usage (on one of Bill Fitmaurice's designs that have rabbeted or dados slots)I got a lot of smoke and a black channel where the bit overheated. There was a hot cinder down in the shavings too. I kept an eye on the whole work area not knowing if there was another hotty around. So my question is: Is the speed too high or low, the motor not powerful enough (I had all those good passes) or is the bit so poor it can only take a couple uses?
