

# Router bits safety

- ALWAYS** thoroughly check all tools for possible flaws before using.
- ALWAYS** wear safety glasses and ear protection.
- ALWAYS** thoroughly read the owners manual and manufacturer instructions before using.
- ALWAYS** check that at least 75% of the shank is securely inserted into the collet of the router.
- ALWAYS** use template guide collars when possible to absorb lateral bit deflection.
- ALWAYS** use a fence when working on the router table.
- ALWAYS** reduce the router speed when working with larger diameter bits.
- ALWAYS** keep your fence adjusted so there is some clearance between the bearing guide and the workpiece.
- ALWAYS** take care to remove large quantities of stock (cross section > 10mm) in more than one run.
- ALWAYS** keep your tools sharpened, clean and stored in a safe place to avoid breakage and accidents and to extend the life of your bits and blades.
- NEVER** use dull or defective, even suspiciously defective, tools.
- NEVER** force the shank entirely into the collet (bottoming out). Leave about a 3,2mm (1/8") space from the bottom.
- NEVER** force the bit into your router or overload the router.