



It Just Grates on Me! by Dave Lint

A platen table can be a wonderful addition to a shop, it is versatile for clamping items down, keeping projects true, great for hot bending curves. It is helpful in keeping metal flat, level, and square. If you work in a shop by yourself, it can be as helpful as another pair of hands.

Platen tables at auctions usually go for a substantial price, especially the smaller sizes. The larger ones can also be quite pricey, however their size makes them prohibitive. So, why not use a road grate? Small size, heavy duty, can be used for clamping!

You can even add locking wheels to make it even better! You can see in the photo clamps holding a piece of steel. Add legs to suit height.

Some good resources for road grates are your local municipal authority, or scrap yard. Dave purchased his from a scrap yard for a price we can only dream about!

