

Tackle Live Test | Maver Nanolith 12ft Heavy Action Match rod

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WITH BIG FISH ON, THIS ROD REVEALED... HIDDEN POWER

When I was handed a waggler rod to test that had an RRP of £275 I didn't really know what to make of it. All the waggler rods that I own can be purchased for under £150 and have always done everything I ask of them. I found myself wondering if there was any need for Maver to produce a £275 waggler rod, and how it could possibly justify that price tag? After all, for the same money you can now get a 16m pole or even a

top-quality seatbox.

The reason for this high price tag, and the thing that sets these rods apart from the rest of the market, is the same Maver Nanolith technology which features on its range of poles.

Nanolith is a special resin which contains Nanometric particles. These microscopic particles provide greater resistance and damping properties. This results in a faster response when you strike, and helps to eliminate tip bounce

when fishing with the pole at longer lengths.

Maver has now carried this technology over to its top-end range of rods for 2008, and the result is the three models in the Nanolith range.

There is a two-piece heavy action 12ft Match, a medium action 13ft Match, and a heavy action 13ft Match.

It was the two-piece heavy action 12ft Match that I was lucky enough to be testing, but before I took the rod out on

to the bank for a live test, I got it out in the office to give it a quick once over.

In the hand it didn't feel like a heavy actioned rod. It was light and very responsive when given a flick of the wrist. I asked fellow tackle tester Mark Sawyer to hold the rod-tip while I gave it some stick. The rod bent double into a breathtaking curve, but it did not feel as if it was under that much pressure. Normally I would expect my arm to be trembling under the pressure to get a



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- **Bag 'Em Baits Groundbaits**
Carp will find these irresistible



LIVE TEST

England U21 International Jonathan Taylor takes a look at some of the latest gear to hit the market

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SAFE HANDS
The rod easily landed big fish on frail hooklengths.

if it was trying to lure me into a false sense of security, but as soon as it spotted the reedbeds on the inside of the swim it was heading straight for them at a rate of knots. I had no option other than to pull back, and to pull back hard!

Surprisingly, the hooklength was still intact and the fish was lured over the waiting landing net.

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Throughout the session I went on to put 10 chub up to 3lb 8oz into the net. They all scrapped right to the last and I had to pull really hard to get their heads up, yet I had no problems with my 0.12mm bottom and size 20 hook.

I think that my earlier reservations about the rod being too strong for the hooklength were just me being a bit of a girl. Sure, the rod has loads and loads of power, but its through action will also cushion lighter hooklengths and small hooks.

Ideally I feel that this rod is more suited to 0.14mm hooklengths and above, but it is reassuring to know that should you need to scale down in pursuit of a few extra bites, you can do so without snapping off on a fish.

The rod really is over the top for catching chub, and it would be a lot more at home putting big bags of carp together on the commercials. In particular, it will be perfectly suited to fishing with everything from pellet wagglers right up to 20g loaded splashing wagglers. It's that versatile.

heavy actioned waggler rod to bend in this manner.

This led me to believe that this rod wasn't as strong as I had first anticipated, and would be spot-on for catching a decent net of chub, so off I headed to Kingsland Reservoir at Coates, near Whittlesey, Cambs.

With the wind blowing a howling gale and gusts that were strong enough to nearly blow me off my box, I selected a slightly heavier waggler than normal in the shape of a 4g crystal insert.

I set a simple rig up with just a couple of shots down the line to present a slow-falling maggot hookbait to the Kingsland fish – which are prone to moving up and down in the water column.

I gave the line a gentle pull to test the action of the rod. The soft, gentle

nature that had been exposed in the office had now gone, to be replaced with an action that could just about pull a small boat across the water.

It felt slightly over-gunned for the target species, and I feared the worst for my 0.12mm hooklength.

A steady stream of loosefed maggots soon created some competition in the peg and it wasn't long before the float tip slowly disappeared beneath the wind-lashed surface. A firm strike connected with a hefty weight, but the rod did not bend a great deal.

This concerned me slightly, and I was waiting for the resistance to disappear and for me to wind in half a hooklength – but it stood strong.

The fish was gently pumped in until it was at my feet. This is when it went absolutely ballistic! It was almost as

Verdict

Maver Nanolith 12ft

The two-piece Nanolith heavy actioned rod is aimed at a slightly niche market. If you fish venues like the Specimen Lake at Larford Fishery, or big-weight waters where the carp run heavy, then this rod is spot-on. If you feel that this rod will be too powerful for your needs, take a look at the medium actioned model.

Technical Information

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| Price: £275 |
| Action: Through |
| Length: 12ft |
| Pieces: Two |
| Recommended casting weight: 20g-25g |
| Line rating: 3lb-8lb |
| Weight: 148g |
| Features: Folding hook keeper, Fuji SiC lined guides, Fujiphite reel fitting, Sun Core finish |

NO CONTEST
It was hardly fair, catching chub on this rod – it was that easy!



PRESTON INNOVATIONS PULLA BUNG

THE Pulla Bung provides the perfect solution to fishing light elastics on commercials.

You can use light elastics and target silverfish. Should you then hook a carp you can still land it without having to use your top-5 five or top-6 sections, which would put your pole at risk of breaking. You simply break down at your top kit as

normal, then strip elastic through the base of the Pulla Bung to gain control over the fish.

The Pulla Bung can be cut back to fit most top kits and is made from lightweight plastic, so it won't alter the balance of the pole.

Price: £2.99



WSB RIG WALLET WITH HANDLE

WHEN it comes to your terminal tackle you cannot afford to skim on top quality items, and your rigs are no different. Imagine hooking the fish of a lifetime, only for it to come off as you have a slightly rusty hook or a weak link in your rig.

Store your rigs in a hook wallet and they will be kept in tip-top condition for ages and you will have full confidence in your set-up.

The rig wallet has 10 compartments to house your rigs, and features a carry handle for ease of use.

Price: £3.99



ALL TIDY
The ring-bound 'eeves will swallow all your precious rigs.



BAG 'EM BAIT'S GROUNDBAITS

THE new Bag 'Em baits range contains two groundbaits which are both designed for use on commercial fisheries.

The darker groundbait is a Halibut Method mix that contains lots of crushed halibut pellets and carefully selected seeds. One of these is keramine, which is a super high-protein, amino-rich compound from the animal world that carp will find irresistible.

The lighter coloured groundbait is a Natural Pellet Cloud that can be used as an all-round feed.

Mixed on the dry side it makes an explosive mix that will burst from a feeder, and if mixed to form a slop it will

create a milky cloud in the swim.

The groundbaits both come in large resealable plastic jars.

Price: £3.99

