

OUR STAR RATINGS - WHAT THEY MEAN...

★ USELESS ★★ USABLE ★★★ AVERAGE ★★★★ GOOD ★★★★★ VERY GOOD ★★★★★★ OUTSTANDING

MAVER MX1000 SEATBOX RRP £199.99

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

A NUMBER of design tweaks that experienced anglers will appreciate make this a better box than the Avanti and Carbonite. It also has extra space – but the downside is that it costs more.

One big difference is that the Maver boasts an additional full-width cross drawer over the other two. It's also been fitted with a different type of footplate.

Attention has also been given to small but significant details like the inclusion of a locking arm in the winder tray beneath the seat. This arm only allows the seat to be lifted through 80 degrees before locking out, rather than being able to fall through

180 degrees where it can easily shatter the rear hinges.

Another important detail is the clip system on the seatbox top, designed to capture the shoulder strap and prevent the box 'cartwheeling' over when you attempt to lift it by the strap.

Such a fall usually results in some or all of the drawers flying open and spilling all your gear. Neither the Avanti or the Ron Thompson Carbonite has this essential clip. It's a small point, but shows how much care Maver has taken.

Another major difference is the

foot platform system used on the MX1000. This footplate is an older design which isn't as easy to use, but it's lighter.

The footplate is stored in the upright position in transit like the Avanti and the Carbonite but, unlike the other two, this one does not simply

swing down into position when needed.

You have to remove it from its upright housing, then manually slide it into a hollow, box-section housing and lock it off. This housing can sometimes get

plugged or fouled with mud, making location difficult.

The system comprises a padded pole seat that opens to a winder tray, full-length cross drawer, one deep and two shallow front-opening drawers and a 9cm (3.5in) base box. You get a full levelling leg system with mud feet, and a padded shoulder strap.

The system includes a full size side tray that stores under the base box and a groundbait bowl that sits under the side tray and stores in the base box just like the Ron Thompson Carbonite. If money is no object, this is the better package, the one to go for. Maver: 01527 406300.

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SPECIFICATION

Weight: 25lb 12oz

Number of drawers: Four

Drawer opening: Front and side

Foot platform system: Slide-in

Leg system: Extending square leg



STAR RATING

PERFORMANCE ★★★★★
VALUE ★★★★★
FEATURES ★★★★★
QUALITY ★★★★★
OVERALL FEEL ★★★★★