

XL RANGE

We did not arrive at these rods overnight. Much field work and practical fishing was necessary before the final format was agreed. The results in fish caught – very satisfying. Like their predecessors and contemporaries, tried and tested and not found wanting. The significant lightness has been achieved without loss of power or control. The built-in solid carbon tip gives the same protection in the FIVE rods – bottoms down to 8ozs – running lines to 4lbs. The tighter action does mean a more accurate casting, faster pick up, contact and hook setting. Great experience in rod design and manufacture, hand built from raw materials and a concern for costing efficiency has produced these rods at very reasonable prices to the discerning angler. Here, at least, British is BEST!

XL 12 CARBON MATCH ROD

Length 12'
Lines 8oz - 4lbs

Sections: 3
Rings: Tip and Butt Seymo
Intermediate Hard Chrome
High Stand Off
Handle: Shaped natural cork
Weight: Approx. 6½oz

At approx. 6½ ozs – so light in the hand, belying the power and firmness in putting out the lightest float in canals, lakes and shallows or slower rivers. With heavier lines (4lbs) and floats (6 BB) will give perfect control in faster waters. 8 oz bottoms and running lines up to 4lbs are afforded complete protection.

XL 13 CARBON MATCH ROD

Length 13'
Lines 8oz - 4lbs

Sections: 3
Rings: Tip and Butt Seymo
Intermediate Hard Chrome
High Stand Off
Handle: Shaped natural cork
Weight: Approx. 7oz

Being a little longer, will give more distance in casting a range of float and a better pick up at longer range and in deeper water. At approx. 7 ozs can be held and fished with all day. Lines ½lb bottom. Hook down to 24.

XL 14 CARBON MATCH ROD

Length 14'
Lines 8oz - 4lbs

Sections: 3
Rings: Tip and Butt Seymo
Intermediate Hard Chrome
High Stand Off
Handle: Shaped natural cork
Weight: Approx. 8oz

Though at what was thought by most Makers to be the maximum practical length of match rods, this is so light and definite in application it can do all that its smaller brothers can do with some pluses. Extra distance, extra control in deeper rivers and in gravel pits with fixed floats or sliders, if needed. At approx. 8 ozs it is no heavier than many shorter carbon rods and it means less enforced rests during vital fishing time. On most canals fish the far bank with the lightest floats.

XL 16 CARBON MATCH ROD

Length 16'
Lines 8oz - 4lbs

Sections: 3
Rings: Tip and Butt Seymo
Intermediate Hard Chrome
High Stand Off
Handle: Shaped natural cork
Weight: Approx. 10oz.

Weighing only approx. 10 ozs it can be held comfortably for long spells of hard fishing. For longer distances on canals with the lightest of tackle. Laying on in slacks and eddies in the deepest rivers. Makes trotting in mid-stream comfortable beyond the range of traditional 13 footers and in deeper swims. In gravel pits it can cope with most depths with fixed floats and can cast and control heavy sliders. The tight action makes the pick up much quicker, a boon to hooking the deep feeding fish.

XL 19 CARBON MATCH ROD

Length 19'
Lines 8oz - 4lbs

Sections: 4
Rings: Tip and Butt Seymo
Intermediate Hard Chrome
High Stand Off
Handle: Shaped natural cork
Weight: Approx. 12½oz.

The ultimate length for a running line. The widest canals can be searched more thoroughly and the middle runs of larger rivers are now within reach. The lightest floats can be placed accurately at 50 feet whilst maintaining good contact. Deeper gravel pits can be fished with a set float. Powerful enough to put a heavy slider further than ever and with its fast pick up, greatly improved contact in the very deep swims.

JOHN DEAN 13ft CARBON MATCH ROD

Length 13'
Lines 8oz - 4lbs

Sections: 3
Rings: Tip and Butt Seymo
Intermediate Hard Chrome
High Stand Off
Handle: Shaped natural cork
Weight: Approx. 6½oz

The rod is designed for playing roach of around 8 ozs to 1lb, particularly with the Trent in mind, but it will work anywhere for light float work. It is fast, yet soft without being sloppy and you can control fish with it. Although the John Dean Rod was made to be used with fine lines and hooks from size 20 to 24, it will handle larger fish. Total weight is approx. 6½ ozs, even though there is a 24" long handle.

XST 13 CARBON MATCH ROD

Length 13'
Lines 1½ - 6lbs

Sections: 3
Rings: Tip and Butt Seymo
Intermediate Hard Chrome
High Stand Off
Handle: Shaped natural cork

A new rod to improve the lot of the 'specimen hunter' the pleasure angler and the match angler who sometimes needs a stronger action rod to take large Roach, for example with the minimum of (shoal) disturbance. A new all-carbon unspliced top section, with a stronger middle joint, gives the firm action essential to hook and play fish like Chub and Barbel in fast water, more so when fishing at long range. Current and/or distance make for heavier floating and heavier lines. Lines of 4-6 lbs are well matched to the power of this rod but the compound taper construction, an integral feature of Bruce and Walker rod making, allows lighter lines and tackle to be used on those 'shy' days when running lines as low as 1½lb are needed