

Tackle News



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The exclusive inside line from the world of tackle

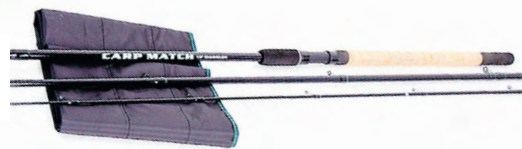
New Carp Match

Tackle giant Leeda has launched a brand new range of budget rods under the Carp Match brand which will all sell for under £30.

The selection of rods has been designed for anglers who regularly fish commercials but still want a rod that can be used on the occasional trip to a river or canal.

In the range there are 12ft and 13ft waggler rods, 11ft and 12ft feeder rods and 2.5m and 3m net handles. All the rods have an RRP of £29.99, and the Carp Match landing net handles sell for £9.99 and £12.99.

Leeda plans to launch more products under the Carp Match banner in the coming months to create a comprehensive value-for-money range.



Hilton is back on the banks

The name of one of carp fishing's pioneers will return to the banks this summer with the launch of a new range of Jack Hilton tackle.

Sold under the Hilton Tackle banner, the range will bring back some of the legendary vintage tackle that angling hero Jack Hilton designed and used in the early days of carp fishing. The products have been further developed to make them suitable for the modern era, and there are also some brand new concepts in the

Hilton range, as well as the usual rods you would expect to find in any carp line-up.

It is expected that there will be 11 rods available in the 'Quest' range - named after Jack's famous book Quest for Carp. Each will be a unique product made to order, coming with its own product number and certificate.

As yet there are no finalised details on the range, but we will be bringing you more info on products and prices in the next few weeks.

K-G-1 bait sets new records

Richworth's K-G-1 boilies and pop-ups are fast becoming the must-use big-carp bait of the season.

Shops across the country are reporting excellent sales and anglers have logged several notable catches, including the world's biggest carp at 85lb 8oz, a mirror caught by Bob Baker.

K-G-1 is based on a low-temperature fishmeal, with added milk products, to ensure the bait has a balanced nutritional profile. The liquid content is made up of a combination of fish and fruit attractors along with a tried-and-tested amino product. This results in the bait having a sweet and fruity fishmeal-type aroma.

Ready-made boilies come in 10mm, 14mm, 18mm and 20mm (prices from £10.99). Pop-ups are in 14mm and 18mm (£5.50 tub), and Dumbbell boilie pellets (14mm and 18mm) are £5.50 for a 400g bag.



Spares Package

Match top-3 kit in the pole
4 x spare match top-4 kits
0 to 16s elastic
2 x spare big bore tops.
8 to 16s elastic
1 x Xtra Stiff 3m cupping kit
2 x cups (1 large and 1 small)
1 x deluxe match pole holdall with tubes
Plus - free promotional voucher which entitles you to receive either another match top-3 kit or a big bore top-2 kit



Finally, the Tri-Cast pole with finesse!

» Flagship Finesse Competition pole is launched (£1,499.99)

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The tackle grapevine has been buzzing in the past few months over the launch of a new flagship pole from Tri-Cast.

Well, here it is! As we revealed exclusively in Angling Times in June, the Rochdale-based pole

manufacturer was working on the finishing touches to its brand new top-of-the-range 15.7m Finesse Competition.

Although the pole has been made available in the shops in the last couple of weeks, few people have had the chance to even see it, let alone handle one.

Those who did were quick to get one, and early sales figures have exceeded all forecasts.

So what are you getting with this new pole? For me, it's not what you'd expect from Tri-Cast.

In fact, the Finesse Competition is a fair step away from what you might have considered a standard built Tri-Cast pole to be.

Yes, it certainly is an incredibly powerful tool. Yes, it has that undeniably rock-solid wall strength that is a feature of all Tri-Cast poles. And yes, it has 100 per cent British build quality.

But no, it certainly is not a standard Tri-Cast pole, weighing in at less than 1,000g at 14.0m, - and at long last it comes with a comprehensive spares pack.

In my live test it was clear the no-nonsense British bulldog spirit remains inherent to the pole's overall design, power playing action and handling.

Using the pole with the match top kits fitted there is more than enough flexibility, and plenty of tip speed throughout the top sections, to allow for the correct

action with lighter elastics.

Truth is, there are more refined silverfish poles on the market. But as a super dependable all-rounder the Finesse Competition is up there with the best.

Manufactured from super high modulus carbon fibre, and incorporating Tri-Cast's own special production process and resin injection system, the company has produced a pole that it believes is everything the pole angler will ever want - but, most importantly, a pole that is seriously up to the job and can cope with any fishing scenario you are likely to encounter.

The proven super slip finish makes for easy shipping both in and out, and alongside the well built reinforced joint system, this pole will undoubtedly give you years of top-class unblemished service.

Spare Kit Prices

Product Code	Description/Specification	Price
FC-EXTN 1.7MTR	1.7m extension	£229.99
FC-BB-L	Big bore top-2 kit (light 8 to 16s)	£64.99
FC-K3-M	Match top-3 kit (0 to 16s)	£82.99
FC-K4-M	Match top-4 kit (0 to 16s)	£134.99
FC-I-3	Interrex No3 section	£49.99
FC-K2-CUP	Xtra Stiff cupping kit with two cups	£57.99

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“The Finesse Competition is a fair step away from what you would expect a Tri-Cast pole to be - yes, it's strong, but it's very light too!”

Meet the **DESIGNER**



Steve Hopkinson
Tri-Cast UK sales and product manager

AT: What was the idea behind this pole?

A top-of-the-range pole like the Finesse had to be aimed at the dedicated match angler, and we all know how demanding they can be.

If you are going to compete at the highest level then you need the very best equipment. So we had to produce a pole that is perfect for today's modern match angler. A pole that has everything, and more – slim, light, stiff and responsive, and yet still retaining the built-in strength to cope with all the venues and methods of today's modern fishing. The Finesse will cope with it all.

AT: Is that why it comes with so many kits?

Yes, of course. A top-class match angler needs as many spares as possible, and therefore, if you aim a pole at this class of angler, he will want all the spares he can. With the Finesse you get in total eight top kits, four of which are top-4 kits, plus your 3m cupping kit and cups, and a holdall with tubes.

So many other poles offer spare match kits and power kits, and yet the angler still needs to buy No4 sections, but with our pole you already get four extra.

Our spare sections and kits are readily available at a very competitive price.

This is very important when an angler is deciding on which pole to buy.

AT: Does making poles in Britain give you any advantages?

Without a doubt. Poles that are made abroad also have to service the European marketplace, and if you sit down and think about it, then you will understand that fishing in Europe is just not the same as it is here in the UK.

Methods, venues and weather conditions are totally different, and the size and species of fish not the same as here. Our matchfishing revolves almost exclusively around carp, that just keep growing bigger and bigger.

This situation is playing into our hands, as more and more anglers now realise that they need a pole that has strength as its number one key quality.

AT: Tri-Cast has always had a reputation for producing very strong poles, but the company is also renowned for being a bit on the (without appearing to be rude) 'heavy' side.

Fair comment. Tri-Cast has always had the reputation for making the strongest of poles, and although our poles are well renowned for their strength, they are also

known to be a bit on the heavy side, with a large surface section circumference.

The Finesse Competition pole shows that this reputation will now become a thing of the past. Our technology has come so far forward that we now produce poles that are slimmer, lighter and more responsive than those of the opposition, yet we have maintained our wall thickness combined with superb, outstanding strength.

Each and every single section is hand-made in our factory in Rochdale, and our quality control is second to none.

There is no mass production line here, it's a hand-built product from start to finish.

But there is a small downside to this – we just can't make these poles fast enough!

Sometimes, if you want the best, then unfortunately you just have to wait a little longer for it, but believe me, the wait is well worth it.

The other great advantage has to be spares. How many anglers do you hear about that have to wait weeks and even months for spares because they have to be brought in from abroad? Not ours – if we haven't got one in stock, we just make one!

KC Carpa
Top 5
bestsellers

Arguably the country's favourite commercial floats, KC Carpa's have a pattern that suits every known commercial pole method. Everyone has their own particular favourite, but we asked KC Angling for the low-down on its top five best selling models.



1 Carpa Chimp

The metal stem makes this float very stable in windy conditions, combining with a hollow top to make it extremely visible. Ideal for fishing on snake-type lakes with maggot, caster, pellets, corn or meat, a great versatile all-rounder and the best-selling commercial float, it's available in sizes 4x10 to 4x20. Price £1.75.

2 Carpa Porth

The most extensive float in size range and the most adaptable in use. From medium-paced rivers to shallow lakes or deep stillwaters, these carbon stemmed, nylon-bristled floats are obviously many anglers' favourite. Available in sizes 4x10 up to a massive 4g. Price £1.75.

3 Carpa 1

Ideal float for fishing on the bottom with baits like pellets, sweetcorn and meat for carp and other big fish. Constructed with a thick, hollow tip and a sturdy carbon stem. Available in sizes 4x10 up to 4x20. Price £1.75.

4 Carpa Margin

A long-bristled float with a short stem. Designed for use with paste when margin fishing, and self-cocking. Ideal for fishing up to 1m deep. Available in 4x10 and 4x12 sizes. Price £1.50.

5 Carpa Power

Extra-strong design with hollow tip, complete with fibreglass stem through the body and tip. Line through body-type float. As near to unbreakable as possible. Available in 4x10 and 4x12. Price £1.50.

Carper's Rucksack

– just £6.99!



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Chapmans Angling is offering Angling Times readers an incredible deal on this Carp Rucksack this week.

You can save £18 on the Keenets Catch Carp 58-litre rucksack (RRP £24.99) which can be yours for just £6.99, plus p&p.

The medium-sized rucksack is made from heavy-duty, PVC-coated fabric, making it 100 per cent waterproof, and it features plenty of storage space.

The 58-litre internal compartment is big enough to store clothing, tackle boxes and other large items, including bait.

It also has one large and two small front

pockets for medium-sized accessory boxes and rig wallets, plus a large top pocket for waterproofs and other carp gear.

Two quick-access side pockets will store rig bits, tools and weighing gear.

Fully adjustable, padded shoulder and waist straps, plus a padded back, make carrying the rucksack easy, even when it's filled to the brim.

Strong zips with pull tags make this a long-lasting rucksack, too – perfect for carp anglers, specimen-hunters or even your next camping trip!

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