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It's Tri-Cast's magic wand!

» **New 8ft tool designed for commercials**

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A picture is said to be worth a thousand words, but in this instance it simply doesn't do this rod justice. In fact, what you are looking at here is the most fun that you can have with 8ft of carbon.

The XRS-2K4 8ft Carp Power Wand is the latest creation from north-based Tri-Cast and is without doubt the best rod that the Angling

Two put over quivertips are supplied with the rod and are rated at 1oz/28g (yellow whippings) and 1.5oz/42g (purple whippings)

The blank measures just 10mm across the base, yet it is surprisingly powerful and will handle carp into double figures.

When put under immense pressure, the rod bends right through to the butt. This power also gives it enough guts to cast small feeders.

Times has seen so far this year.

The sublime new XRS-2K4 8ft Carp Power Wand has been specifically designed to handle any short-range legering tactic when tackling a commercial fishery. It will cast anything from the lightest of lead set-ups to small flat Method feeders (around 20g) and has every property you could ever wish to find in a carp wand.

Priced with an SSP of £109.99, the two-sectioned rod can easily be transported ready-assembled and is supplied complete with two perfectly designed push-over quiver tips that are rated at 1oz/28g (yellow whippings) and 1.5oz/42g (purple whippings). You can also buy a super-fine 0.5oz/14g tip (beige whippings) for £19.99.

The rod uses Tri-Cast's legendary XRS (Xtra Reinforced System) to create a whispish blank that is

pencil-thin and made from high modulus carbon. This produces one of the sweetest through action playing curves that you are ever likely to see, and is forgivingly soft in the upper sections.

The Power Wand will prove the perfect tool for winter F1 fishing but, equally important, the blank retains enough linear torque through the mid-to-butt area to subdue the hardest-fighting fish without overloading the rod, which can lead to a twisting of the guides as the blank starts to rotate, especially when applying power from above. Tri-Cast has got this absolutely spot on with this rod, and it shows no signs whatsoever of blank twist.

Tri-Cast brand manager Steve Hopkinson described this latest release as: "A very British rod. It's been designed and

built by British anglers and engineers for British venues.

"Twelve months of development have gone into producing a rod that we believe to be our best yet, and one that Tri-Cast has very high hopes for in the future," he added.

It is thought that this carp wand will carry on from the success achieved by the legendary Shakespeare Sigma wand - although the two rods differ dramatically in their uses.

While the Shakey wand was designed for winking out occasional fish on very hard days, this unique new Tri-Cast Power Wand is perfectly suited for use on modern commercial match fisheries. It has the right playing action for any size or species of carp, and this is coupled with the perfect length to achieve accurate short-range casts from the tightest of pegs.

Tech Spec:

**Tri-Cast XRS-2K4
Power Carp Wand**

Length: 8ft

Weight: 125g

Handle: Cork

Reel Fitting: Fuji DPS

Line rating: Up to 8lb

SSP: £109.99

