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MARK SAWYER'S EXCLUSIVE NEWS AND REVIEWS ON THE BEST NEW GEAR TO HIT THE MARKET... ➔

Power pole pulls right

MAVER'S LATEST INVINCIBLE LIVES UP TO ITS NAME AND ITS SIDE PULLER KITS ARE THE



NEVER before have so many power poles been available to commercial anglers - then again, the carp in most fisheries of this type aren't exactly wasting away.

So Maver's launch of the third generation of its Invincible pole at the recent Big One tackle show was understandably well received. Me? I couldn't wait to get out on the bank to see just how well the 14.5m version (it's also available at 13m) would shape up against some quite literally stiff opposition.

The original Invincible, which I live tested about eight years ago, was as strong as an ox... except for the top kits, which didn't always stand up to the strain. Maver, of course, addressed that problem with its high performance Powerlite Power kits, ready-slotted and bushed for use with the Invincible 215. These new top kits will take an incredible amount of stick.

As for the live test, Kingsland Reservoir, just outside the village of Coates in Cambridgeshire, is home to some proper units. As man-made lakes go, this one is deep, very deep in fact, which means that the fish are most easily targeted in the margins.

However, once the sun comes out they also really enjoy being up in the warmer water, which makes them highly susceptible to a spot of furtive dobbling.

Okay, it's not cricket, but I defy any match angler to tell me he hasn't dropped a bait on the nose of the odd cruiser at some time!

Just single out a fish that's swimming away from you, so it can't see the pole or the bait hanging from it, plonk a bait just in front of it and it's odds-on it'll get snaffled.

A fish hooked like this reacts with lightning speed, running hard and fast and putting immense strain on your kit. Elastics, rigs and of course the pole itself all need to be up to the job. Maver's bright orange 12-20 Hollow elastic is great for taming big fish in open water - it has a nice soft

A Kingsland carp is no match for the Invincible's power.

ON TEST THIS WEEK

- **Maver Invincible 215 14.5m pole**
 - **New lightweight two-piece suit from E-S-P**
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TESTED
MAVER
INVINCIBLE 215
14.5M POLE

BEST I'VE SEEN



The pole has four tips for light elastics as well as a mini extension.

starting point but powers up quickly when you need it to... at the net.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that elastic of this diameter could be fitted into the Powerlite top kit without cutting it back. I was confident this, matched with a 0.17mm hooklength and heavy-duty size 16 hook, would handle just about anything that swims.

So what of the Invincible, which will set you back just a penny under £700 for 14.5m?

Well, for a serious power pole it's not poker-stiff or particularly quick at the tip, and I found it much easier on the back muscles at 13m than at its full 14.5m.

Those minor points aside, it's one hell of a whopper-stopper. The extra weight oozes strength and stability, especially when it's being fished in a side wind. The joints are tougher than reinforced rhino hide, while the section walls offer more support than Madonna's pointy bra.

Maver has got this pole absolutely spot-on. It will graft all day like a shire horse, but unlike those gentle giants you won't need to feed it when the sun goes down.

Price: Invincible 215 13m RRP £799.99, SSP £599.99. Invincible 215 14.5m RRP £935, SSP £699.99



VERDICT

A SURE commercial fishery winner, Maver's latest Invincible has improved strength, reliability and performance, and comes with a very good spares package. The slotted side puller Power top kits are right up there with the best.

THE PACKAGE

MAVER INVINCIBLE 215 WITH INTEGRAL POWERLITE TOP KIT
Three Powerlite Power kits (slotted and bushed)
Cupping kit with cups
Mini extension
Three spare hollow tips (for use with light elastics)

Side Trays serve up a winner

ENDORSED and used by World Feeder champ Steve Ringer, Side Trays UK are the hottest bait waiters on the market.

Brilliantly constructed and super-reliable, they are made in England from high quality 2mm aluminium.

A computer-controlled laser cutting process customises each tray to individual requirements, and there's a wide choice of colours. They come in

Large (510mm x 630mm), Medium (400mm x 510mm) and Small (400mm x 275mm) versions.

Visit: www.sidetraysuk.co.uk



Drennan's super-tough carp floats

DRENNAN'S latest Carp 1 and Carp 2 pole floats are built with strength in mind, and the high grade balsa bodies will take a good loading of shot.

An ultra-tough acrylic paint finish all but banishes the likelihood of the mainline

cutting into the float's body, and black stainless spring eyes won't pinch the line when it's under tension.

A securely bonded carbon stem and hollow plastic Glow Tip with strengthening spigot add to the durability of these floats.

The Carp 1 is of a slim, body-down oval shape with a medium-length 1.5mm diameter hollow tip for sensitivity.

The Carp 2's thicker 1.7mm tip allows you to drag some line along the bottom, and is banded to help with bite detection. Eight sizes from 0.1g up to 1.0g are available with red/black/yellow or yellow/black/yellow tips.

Price: £1.75



Stashable suit from E-S-P

THIS practical, lightweight jacket and salopette set with contrasting orange logo and zip pulls looks the part on or off the bank.

A fitted cut offers freedom of movement, and the olive green fabric is fully waterproof yet breathable. The jacket has fully tape-sealed seams, peaked hood, high collar, adjustable waist and cuffs, waterproof zip, zipped chest pocket with rain baffle and handwarmer pockets.

The matching nylon-lined salopettes are light, quiet and comfortable to walk in. The knees are double layered and the boot zips are water and mud-resistant.

Like all Stash garments these pack right down for compact storage.

In sizes S-XXXL.

Price: E-S-P Stash Waterproof Hoody £69.95. E-S-P Stash Waterproof Salopettes £74.95

