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**LATEST**  
Three new reels from Preston Innovations P34

## MAVER MV-R COMMERCIAL ROD RANGE

THE new MV-R rods utilise ultra-slim high modulus carbon blanks with a jet-black gloss finish. Boasting a seamless, progressive fish-playing action and top grade ceramic guides, cork and EVA handles and screw-down reel seats, their good looks are matched by their superb performance.

**The range**

- MV-R Commercial 10ft Mini Float £120
- MV-R Commercial 11ft Pellet £125
- MV-R Commercial 12ft Pellet £129.99
- MV-R Float 3 Piece £139.99
- MV-R Commercial 8ft Mini Feeder £110
- MV-R Commercial 9ft Mini Feeder £115
- MV-R Commercial 10ft Feeder £125
- MV-R Commercial 11ft Feeder £130
- MV-R Commercial 12ft Feeder £135

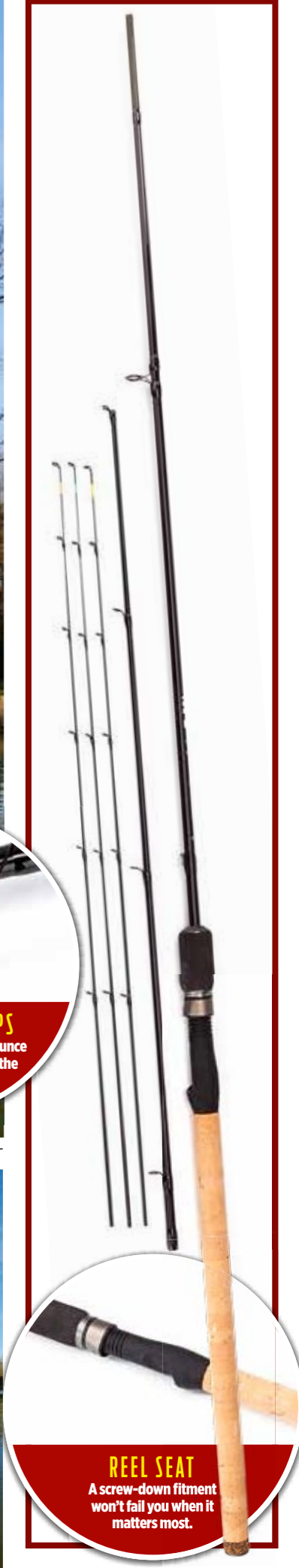


There are five feeder rods in the range.

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**TESTED ON-THE-BANK**  
MAVER MV-R 8FT MINI FEEDER



**CARBON QUIVERTIPS**  
Half, three-quarter and one-ounce tips add to the versatility of the 8ft Maver MV-R rod.



**REEL SEAT**  
A screw-down fitment won't fall you when it matters most.

# SHORT AND VERY SWEET FROM MAVER

8ft rod perfect for close encounters

**I**F YOU'RE a fan of short-range casting for carp and FIs, take a close look at Maver's MV-R Commercial Mini Feeder rods.

The shorter, 8ft version has a wickedly fast progressive action that will propel any feeder or straight lead up to 30g around 35yds without too much effort.

Anything past this distance and you'd be better off using the 9ft version. At first the eight-footer feels a tad tippy, but it's just the job for FIs and smaller stockie carp, minimising the likelihood of hook-pulls or snap-offs at close range. The rod is suited

to reel lines from 4lb-8lb, and hooklengths upwards of 0.13mm.

The pencil-thin carbon blank breaks down into two 48ins sections with one of its three (1/2oz, 3/4oz and 1oz) quivertips fitted. Match the rod with a small 2500/3000 reel and it's all ready to go inside your holdall.

It makes things so much easier if you always carry a short feeder rod to your commercial peg.

All the colour had dropped out of the water at Decoy's Willows Lake, venue for the live test, forcing the fish to shoal up tighter than normal in winter. However, a small maggot feeder, with a

couple of maggots as hookbait, will always fetch a response from the odd F1 - you just need minimal feed and accurate casting.

I have to say I found the 8ft MV-R very much to my liking. It cast, as expected, straight as a die, and on a small platform it was easy to get into position without a lot of faffing around. Tippy it may be, but that suited me fine as I landed several fish up to about 3lb.

I have handled enough short feeder rods to know that this one has a steely enough backbone to handle much bigger fish. A wobble wand it certainly isn't!

**Price: £110**

## VERDICT

THIS rod is flat-spot free, with an impressive fish-playing pedigree to suit commercial waters. It would also make a handy summer margin Method tool.

It's not cheap for such a short rod, but then, you always get what you pay for.

For me, a big plus point was the equal length sections, making it a doddle to transport ready made up in a carryall.

