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# MAVER RELEASES A REAL MINI MARVEL FOR SHORT RANGE

For short-to-medium distance work or 'parrot cage' swims it excels

**T**HE new MV-R Commercial Mini Feeder rods from Maver are the perfect tools for anglers fishing venues where short-range casting for carp and F1s is required.

The 8ft and 9ft models are part of the MV-R range that consists of nine rods. There are four float fishing models and three feeder rods on top of the two Mini Feeder rods. All the rods feature 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.

For this test I decided to give the

9ft Mini Feeder model an outing. This rod has a wickedly fast progressive action that will easily cast a feeder or straight lead of up to 30g to 35 yards without too much effort.

If you think you will need to cast further than this then the 10ft version is what you want. For real long distances take a look at the MV-R 11ft and 12ft rods.

The first thing I noticed about the nine-footer was that it felt a tad tippy, but it's just the job for F1s and smaller carp, minimising the likelihood of hook-pulls or snap-offs at close range. The blank is well suited to reel lines from 3lb-8lb, and hooklengths of 0.13mm and upwards.

The pencil-thin carbon blank breaks down into two 48ins sections with one of the three

supplied quivertips - 0.5oz, 0.75oz and 1oz - fitted. This two-piece design means you can have it ready-to-go with a reel attached in your holdall, saving you the time normally reserved for setting up when you arrive at the venue.

For this test I headed to Willows Lake on the Decoy complex at Whittlesey, just outside of Peterborough.

The plan was to fish a small maggot feeder, which I was confident would produce bites from F1s. This tactic requires minimal feed and accurate casting, which is exactly what this rod delivers.

I found the wand very much to my liking. It cast, as expected, straight as a die, and on a small platform it was nice and easy to get into position.

Tippy it may be, but that suited me fine as I landed several fish up to about 3lb. Had anything bigger come along I would have been confident of landing it because I have handled enough short feeder rods to know that this one had more than enough steel in its backbone to handle it.

A weak-willed wobble wand it certainly isn't, so well done Maver.

**Price: £120**

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### TECH SPEC

- EVA twist grip
- Top-quality full cork handle
- Quality low rider SIC lined guides
- Quality graphite screw reel fitting
- Folding hook keeper ring



**SCREW REEL SEAT**  
Elegant as they come, all rods in the MV-R range share a Maver-logged screw-down reel seat separating the cork and EVA elements of the abbreviated handle.

**HOOK KEEPER RING**  
It's always good to have somewhere to hitch your hook when carrying a made-up rod, and this fold-down keeper is a well thought-out design (unlike many we've seen).

**QUIVERTIPS**  
Colour-coded quivertips of 0.5oz, 1oz and 1.5oz come as standard with the 8ft Mini Feeder rod, enabling you to cast feeders weighing up to 30g to around 35 yards range.

### THE FULL MV-R RANGE

- MV-R Commercial 10ft Mini Float - £125
- MV-R Commercial 11ft Pellet - £130
- MV-R Commercial 12ft Pellet - £135
- MV-R Float 3 Piece - £145
- MV-R Commercial 8ft Mini Feeder - £115
- MV-R Commercial 9ft Mini Feeder - £120
- MV-R Commercial 10ft Feeder - £130
- MV-R Commercial 11ft Feeder - £135
- MV-R Commercial 12ft Feeder - £140

### THE VERDICT

The 9ft rod is free of flat spots, 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 you get what you pay for. For me, a big plus point is the equal-length sections, making it a doddle to transport already made up in a carryall.

**The rod has a tippy but powerful progressive action.**

**No need for longer rods at this range.**