



TACKLE 08

MAVER ABYSS CARP ROD

RRP £29.99

Without knowing the price of this entry-level carp rod it would be very hard to guess it cost under fifty quid, let alone under thirty! The Abyss blank is smoothly finished, with neat whippings over the guides and minimal graphics. It looked like a rod worth twice the price, but only a test on the bank would establish if it was any good.

I took the 12ft, 2.75lb tc version out to a local gravel pit to see how it would perform with regard to casting and playing a fish – assuming I got lucky.

With 12lb line and a 3oz lead the rod felt well balanced, if slightly soft in the tip. I started with medium-range casts and built up gradually to giving the Abyss the big 'un. The distance this budget rod could achieve really impressed me.

The recovery speed of the rod-tip was a bit sloppy when it was out under full compression, but it did deliver a baited rig just past the 100-yard mark.

The soft tip means a nice fish-playing action, which is ideal for newcomers because it will definitely reduce hook pulls if you tend to play your

carp too hard close in.

The first and only carp I hooked came in like a wet blanket, not the best test for the Abyss, but even so I can confidently say that this rod is more than capable of dealing with more powerful carp.

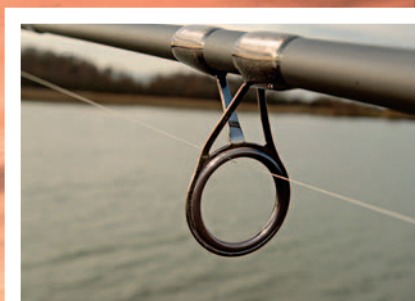
Abyss rods offer exceptional value for money, and considering you can own a set of three with change from £100 – enough for a kilo of top-quality boilies – they will be hard to beat. They are currently available in popular 12ft 2.5lb and 12ft 2.75lb versions.

Visit www.maver.co.uk for more details.

You can own a set of three Abyss rods with change from £100



- FEATURE BREAKDOWN**
- Quality SiC-lined guides throughout
 - 20mm reel seat to accommodate big pit reels
 - Stylish matt finish
 - Marker whipping for pod alignment
 - Slim shrink tube butt grip
 - Line clip
 - Minimalist styling
 - Great value for money



You'd expect to find such quality SiC-lined guides on rods costing three times as much.



This whipping ensures you will always line up multiple rods evenly on the pod.



A workmanlike line clip shows that Maver has considered all the details of a quality rod.