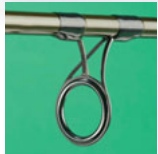


HARDY DEMON SPIN £199

Length: 8 ft Casting weight: 5-15g



SPECIFICATION:

Three-piece rod. Light olive blank with grey whippings and push-over joints. Downlocking alloy reel seat with single nut. Two-piece cork handle. Double-leg butt ring. Five single-leg intermediate rings. Tip ring. Keeper ring. Cloth bag and tube.



Comments: A soft-action rod that required good timing for longer casts; it's not a forgiving casting tool and achieving accuracy was more difficult. However, on the retrieve it gave the best feel of any rod in this test with every movement of the Rapala fed back to the hands. Given the soft tip it has a surprising amount of strength in the lower sections. Easily the best finished blank and it has a good cork handle, but the part-metal reel seat is not ideal in cold weather; it's also uncomfortable on the hands and seemed unnecessarily long.

Performance 7.5/10 ■■■■■■■■■■

Value for money 7/10 ■■■■■■■■■■