



Heavenly Angel

Info | Hardy Angel 2 TE £829.00
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HAVING spent £1,500 of my 'imaginary' lottery winnings on the Ari 't Hart reel (see issue 390) it's time to look for a rod to go with it. And in the words of Veruca Salt in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory: "I want it and I want it now!"

So there's no time to have a rod custom-made. It has to be off the shelf, suitable for bank and boat fishing in all conditions, it has to be flashy, smart, something that will turn heads in the fishery car park – and I think it should be British! Sounds a tall order, but not at all because Hardy have just the rod – their top of the range Angel 2 TE.

The 10ft for a seven-weight line is one of the lightest in its class and possesses one of the

fastest actions you are likely to come across – and it's made in the UK at Alnwick, completely, from start to finish. The cork handle is made and shaped by hand, the quality carbon fibre cloth is hand-rolled around the mandrill – in fact there is very little a machine has to do.

This is the cutting edge of rod design with Hardy employing computer technology to maximise performance in weight distribution, lightness and balance. What they have produced is an ultra-fast rod with stunning good looks that achieves incredible distance and accuracy with matching presentation – in the right hands. This is a rod for the experienced caster or skilled competition angler as the rod is not forgiving of any mistakes. But once you have got a feel for it and adjust your technique to suit, it will do

anything you ask of it and more. It is capable of lifting long lines with minimum effort and the casting action is short and precise to get the best out of the blank. The action is more than a match for casting the fastest sinking lines and retrieving them up from depth.

I've blown over £800 of my precious winnings, but it's worth every penny.

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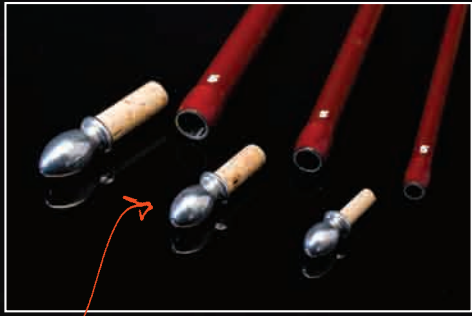
TECH SPEC

Length:	10ft
Line rating:	7wt
Sections:	4
Weight:	3.8oz
Action:	Ultra fast
Handle:	Full wells



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If you won the lottery, which item of flyfishing tackle would be top of your shopping list? Let us know by posting your comments on our game forum, or write to the Editor.



Beautifully hand-crafted quality cork and nickel stoppers plug into the ends of the sections when the rod is not in use, to protect them from damage.



The stylish and incredibly light anodised alloy reel seat has a single ring unlatching system with a Teralium insert.



Incredible care has been taken to ensure the whippings match up to the blank. They are so translucent the legs of the guides are just visible.

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