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Travel-friendly Demons

Info | Hardy Demon 10ft 7wt rod 7/8wt reel, £319.00

1 THE Demon range of rods are being offered as a four-piece design for 2010, making them even more compact and travel friendly. The single handed range is available from a 7ft for a three-weight through to an 11ft for a seven-weight, and we had a good look at the 10ft seven-weight model. Like its three-piece predecessor, the rod proved to be an easy blank to load and cast with, and had a faster than average recovery. The action is slightly stiffer than the original but barely noticeable and there's no great weight increase either, going from 114.2 to 115 grams.

Features include a cork and Duplon fighting butt with full wells cork handle, saltwater-safe anodised double uplocking reel seat, keeper ring, two lined Fuji stripping guides and eight hard chrome snake intermediates plus a hayfork tip ring. The rod is supplied in a partitioned cloth bag and a zip top cordura covered tube with an adjustable carry strap.

I liked the new compact size for ease of travelling, its casting performance, and the uplocking rings with nylon 'o' rings that gave a firm fitting around the reel foot. The reel seat can be a bit tight on reels from other manufacturers and it would have been a nice touch if the blank had been given alignment markers on rod sections.

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