



*Miracle Tubing...?? by
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FINELY TUNED TACKLE

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It all began over nineteen years ago when a design company was set up to produce unique end tackle for the specimen angler, this was when RigMarole was created. With a core team of mainly carp anglers, they quickly built a following aimed at top end customers who wanted better quality end tackle than was available at that time.

Over a ten-year period, RigMarole products had helped to catch some of the biggest fish in the UK including all the Yateley Car Park Carp (some caught up to four times). Also catching the Burfield Common, Fat Lady (St Ives), Snake Pit Common, Conningbrooks Two Tone and numerous big carp from The Manor (Essex) and the list goes on.....

Since 2018 there have been a lot of changes including New Company Owners, some new key appointments to the Media Team along with Product Consultants and Promo Team Members who have all been paramount to raising the brand awareness.

One product that really got my attention, though they do a great range of products, was the FreeFall Braided Rig Tube....

.... of course, it isn't really 'Miracle Tubing' but it has to be close...!

I have known about RigMarole for many years but have never seen or used any of the products, until, January this year, when by coincidence, I happened to be staying in the same Hotel as the RigMarole UK Team in Holland, as we were all there for Carpe Den Bosch....

...what better time to chat about Carp Gear than over a pint (or two) with the manufacturers, and that is exactly what I did... I



then had the opportunity to have 'play' with the gear on their stand and immediately, I was impressed with their full range of quality products but one item really caught my eye and that was the 'FreeFall Braided Rig Tube'...

...I use Tubing for nearly all my Carp Angling, so I was keen to have a look and learn about this one as it is billed as "Easy To Thread".. but aren't they all...?!!

Having it in hand, you can feel it is different from the usual and you can feel the 'spring' inside. You can also feel it is very flexible, although not quite as flexible as Standard or Tungsten Tubing I have used in the past, but not to such a degree it was of concern to me or an issue and I have total confidence that my Rig etc. is presented well and the FreeFall Tubing would be sitting nicely and definitely no concerns of it not sinking... "it sinks like a brick..!" I think is the term...

How does it Thread though...

...Threading the Tubing is an absolute "Joke"... in fact I genuinely started laughing as I was threading a length of 15lb Mono that had Ninety Degree 'kinks' in it.. I was told not to stretch the line beforehand, and not to try and get the 'kinks' out either... "Just Thread It...!!!"

...and that is what I did....



The reason for the laughter was in sheer amazement or was it bemusement, of just how 'EASY' it was to get the line through, this Tubing is incredible (it's a Miracle) and I have never seen or used anything that comes close...!

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At one point, I had both ends of the tubing in one hand, so the tubing was hanging in a 'U' shape and it still let the mono through without issue.. that meant I was threading the Line UPHILL....!!

.. on another attempt, I held the Freefall Braided Tubing in the same "U Shape" but this time with wet line AND wet tubing... the result... I bought some and then recommended it to everyone I know...!!

The Stainless-Steel Spring that makes the threading so easy, is encapsulated in a 'Woven Braid' that limits the amount of 'stretch' the spring has and

the spring gives the tubing its' flexibility and weight, which allows it to sit on the substrate with ease.

Another point to note, is that the 'Braid' that surrounds the spring can be soaked in 'Flavour' and will then leak this out once in the water, which is another advantage of 'Conventional' Tubing.

Seeing is believing with this Tubing, in fact, using is believing and when I met up with the Team at the last Northern Angling Show, I actually demonstrated the tubing to several people, who then did what I had done previously, which was to immediately purchase some...!

Concerns Alleviated

I wasn't without my concerns though and this is probably why I had never taken the plunge to purchase it in the past.

My first concern was that it would not 'work' like "normal" tubing and by that, I mean it would not allow me to use the presentations I want to, such



as “Helicopter Style” or “Chod Rigs” or that my lead Clips would not sit right etc. etc.

After some initial testing of the FreeFall Braided Rig Tubing, I can confirm that all my concerns were unnecessary and it has performed perfectly when set up in the styles mentioned previously, so much so, I now have several lengths set up ‘Helicopter’ style ready to go, complete with Buffer and Safety Beads already in place and within just ‘twenty-seconds’ it can be

threaded on to my main line and ready to have the link swivel tied for the lead...!

Another concern was that using the tubing with a Helicopter or Chod set up may put undue pressure on the Stainless-Steel Spring, causing it to deform permanently or even break but again, after landing several Carp on the said set ups, the Tubing was in perfect condition with no signs of bending or breaking and it threaded just the same as if it were out of the packet.

Another ‘Plus’ point, is that to store and carry the tubing, I simply coil them up and place them inside an old Pop-Up tub. This prevents damage and also means unlike my “other” tubing, they never get in a tangle.. and... if the urge takes me, I can also pour a bit of liquid flavour in the post to give the Braid Outer and good coating...Bonus..!

For obvious reasons, the tubing cannot be cut to length so RigMarole supply the Tubing in Two Lengths, a 600mm version and a 1000mm version and each is available in three different colours..

Brown/Black – Green/Black – Sandy/Gravel... a point worth noting about

the colours is that once 'wet' the Tubing 'Darkens' significantly adding the concealment properties, so do not be put off by the 'In Packet Colour'

The 600mm version is available in packs of five while the 1000mm version is available in packs of three and all the packs are £12.99 each and available directly from RigMarole via their website.

Downside

If there is a downside to this Tubing and this is nothing to do with the quality or how it works and performs, I would like to be able to purchase a 'Mixed' pack of say two 1000mm and three 600mm lengths in a mix of the colours.. but that's just me, being me..!!!

For the record, I am not part of RigMarole and this wasn't a "Paid Review" as we do not do that here at Talking Carp Magazine. It was a review from my 'Hands-On' Personal use of the product and I would recommend this over 'Conventional Tubing' all the time... if you fish a water that has a Leader ban, then you really do need to try this RigMarole FreeFall Braided Rig Tubing, you will not be disappointed.

"Happy Threading...."

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