

A SERPENT TO SAVOUR

The Naga MX shore rod joins an elite group and is set to turn heads on the beach this autumn



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TRONIXPRO NAGA MX
RRP: £329.99

TRONIXPRO HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED a new equal-section beach rod, and very impressive it is too.

Falling into line with other rods produced by the British tackle company (which prefers labelling them with names of various serpents), this one carries the title of Naga.

The Naga MX, to give it its full name, is a two-piece, 14ft beachcaster rated to cast loads of 5-8oz. It packs a real punch, too, and, in my opinion, is set to claim a place among other high-spec rods on the market.

The Cherry-red outfit is equipped with Fuji KWAG guides throughout, and a set of coasters to strap your reel in your favoured position, along with diamond shrink-wrap covering the bottom half of the butt section. There's also a reducer for shore anglers who prefer to have a reel fixed extremely low on the blank.

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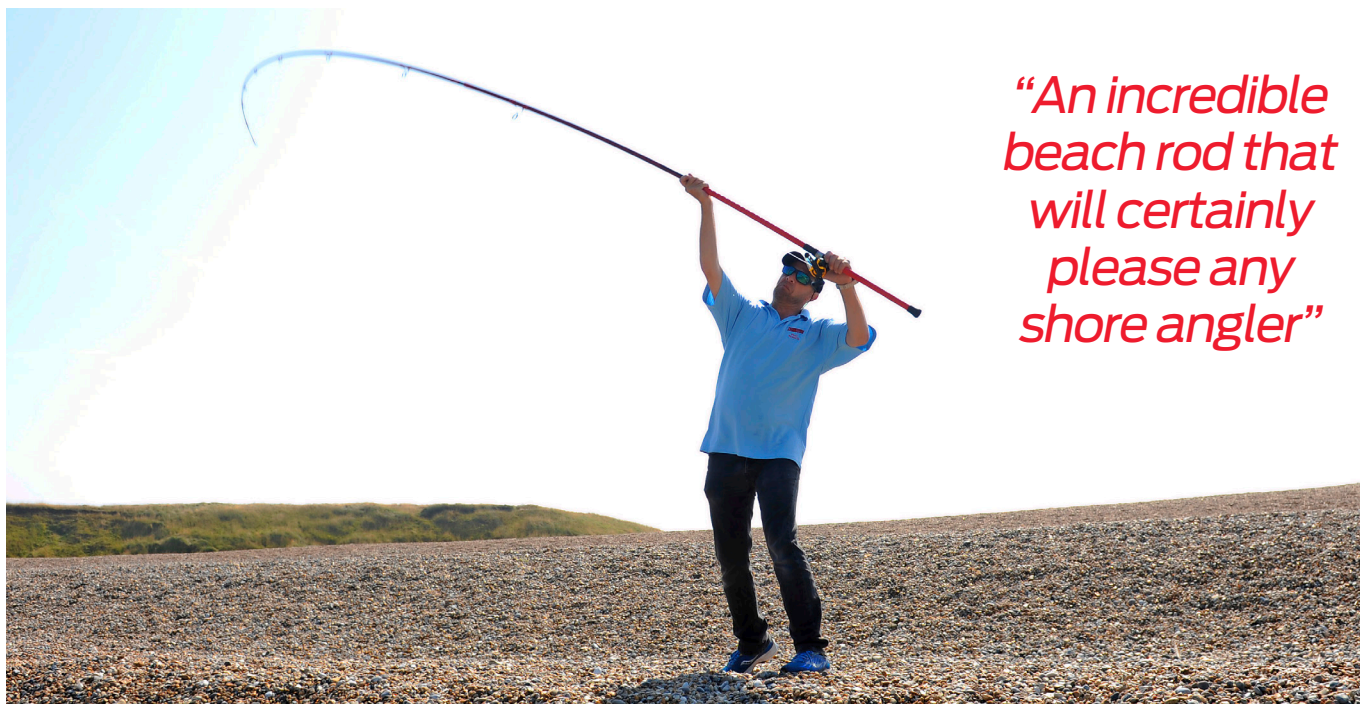
I've never been a fan of coasters and I've always preferred to have my reel secured with an adjustable screw-winch fitting, so I simply swapped. These are particularly easy to come by nowadays and don't really cost a lot either.

It's a wonderfully lightweight blank, and after positioning my favourite Penn 525mag multiplier low on the butt, the balance is incredibly good.

I never know what to expect performance-wise from any new rod, unlike using an updated rod or brand that I'm used to, where I often have some idea of the 'feel' and power. ►



Welsh international Joe Arch proves the rod can handle fish like smoothhounds



“An incredible beach rod that will certainly please any shore angler”



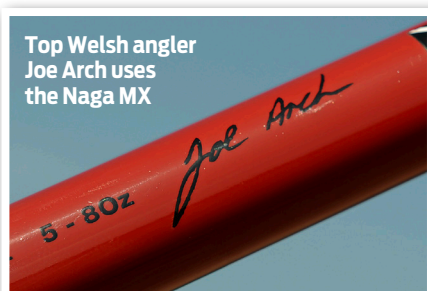
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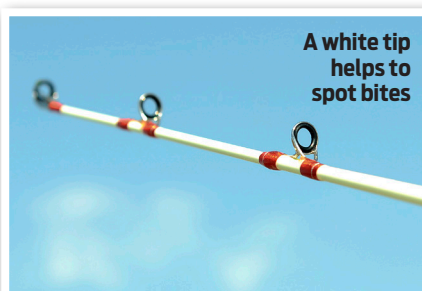
Reinforced whipping at the join



Quality Fuji KWAG guides line the blank



Top Welsh angler Joe Arch uses the Naga MX



A white tip helps to spot bites



Tronixpro coasters are supplied

Bearing in mind that this item is rather new ground for Tronixpro, I couldn't wait to have a go. However, that said, the guys at Tronix HQ know a thing or two about fishing as well as tackle, so I guess I was just preparing myself to be unsurprisingly pleased with the outcome. Add the fact that former world shore champ and leading Welsh international Joe Arch has stamped his endorsement on it, I was excited.

CRISP

From the start, casting the Naga MX was an absolute joy. It's incredibly easy to load, with no dramas whatsoever.

I should explain at this point that I was performing full and powerful pendulum casts. I also did a few OTG (off-the-ground) casts, too, and have to admit that every single hit was silky-smooth.

The blank loads and locks rather quickly,

which isn't a bad thing if you're an angler who uses a shortish drop. If you prefer to slow things down somewhat, just lengthen it.

Whatever cast I performed, whether high-swing or flat arc pendulum, the Naga MX performed superbly.

A noticeable aspect was timing, and by that I mean that it wasn't absolutely crucial to achieve good distances. On the pull through, I was smacking it hard and pointing the tip skywards and the result was instant. No wobble at all, just a clean, crisp cast, every time.

My intentions were to have a go fishing with it, but after a few hours, I was surrounded by hordes of fluff-chuckers targeting mackerel. I'd learned enough, though, from my day with the Naga MX to know it will be a supreme cod rod, as well as for rays, smoothhounds and huss. Plus, if you're a match angler, trebles of whiting and dogfish will be easy.

To summarise, the Tronixpro Naga MX really is an incredible beach rod that will certainly please any shore angler using it. ■

The rod comes with a hardwearing bag that has separate neat pockets for storing the coasters and reducer. For more info, or to locate your nearest Tronixpro dealer, visit: www.tronixfishing.com

TECH SPEC

- **MODEL:** Tronixpro Naga MX
- **LENGTH:** 14ft
- **SECTIONS:** Two equal
- **RATING:** 5-80z
- **GUIDES:** Fuji KWAG
- **REEL SEAT:** Coasters
- **BAG:** Yes
- **RRP:** £329.99