

GREYS GRXi+ RODS

£89.99-£149.99



The GRXi was possibly Britain's best-selling fly-rod, its predecessor the GRX was the first Greys rod to be made in the Far East and together their success kick-started the recent rapid growth of Hardy Greys. So the new GRXi+ carries the burden of responsibility – as well as an extra symbol (+).

It has changed to meet “modern expectations”, says Greys, and that means the new rod has a lighter, smoother and faster blank, which is made in four pieces instead of three, and in a more sophisticated colour (we'll call it pewter grey) instead of jet black.

Curiously, although the raw blank uses lighter resins and fibres, overall the GRXi+ is fractionally heavier than its predecessor because of its handle, which is top and tailed with hard-wearing composite cork rings, and its greater number of joints. The standard cork on the handle that we saw wasn't good but then this is a lower-price rod.

Other changes include a single AFTM line rating, which means there is no ambiguity surrounding which line to use – often a source of expensive confusion when you're

forced to buy two lines before you find the one that suits it best.

The new rod is also slightly more expensive and Greys tells us that this is because it has used better materials and added greater cosmetic detail: section alignment dots; lazer-engraved marking on the handle; and the composite cork rings. It definitely looks more sophisticated than its predecessor.

This huge range – 20 rods – includes some unusual specifications and this reflects the GRXi+'s popularity abroad where different methods are employed, eg the 6 ft 6 in 5-wt is used in the States for deep wading under heavy tree canopy, while the 9 ft 10-wt is a part of a mini saltwater range, which will also serve the growing numbers of pike fly-fishers.

Each rod in the range comes in a tube with internal divisions. They are competitively priced.



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a lighter blank and
a more sophisticated finish
than its predecessor.**

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