

# New tackle

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**DAIWA SUNGLASSES £29.99**

**2** DAIWA have added five new styles of sunglasses to their existing range, all polarised and with lightweight gunmetal coloured metal frames. One style has a collapsible frame and they 'fold' in half and tuck away into a mini case. All come in grey or amber lens versions, in a semi-rigid and padded case with a clip attachment, and a lanyard.

**Verdict:** Space-saving glasses  
**Contact:** [www.daiwasports.co.uk](http://www.daiwasports.co.uk)

**RAPALA PROWEAR HALF FINGER GLOVES £10.99**

**3** RETRIEVING line, tying knots or tying on flies when wearing full gloves can be tricky, so these fingerless gloves offer a better alternative. Made from a windproof soft fleece with a waterproof and durable neoprene rubber palm they are both warm and comfortable. A stretch fleece has been used as an insert between the fingers, offering more freedom of movement, while an elasticated wristband provides a snug fit. The finger openings are double-stitched to prevent fraying. Available in large and extra large.

**Verdict:** Perfect when dexterity is required.

**Contact:** [www.shimano.com](http://www.shimano.com)



**GREYS RETRACTORS FROM £5.99 TO £12.99**

**4** THESE new retractors include two with pin-on attachments, one which attaches with a steel slip clip while two others have spring-clips. The Platinum and Tackle Tamer versions feature a coated wire cord while the others have nylon cords of various lengths. The Easy Squeeze retractor even has a built-in LED light, useful when fishing in poor light conditions. All fittings are of a high quality and all but the Platinum have a strong ABS plastic case (the Platinum has a steel housing). Liked the 'try before you buy' feature as the packaging allows you to test them out.

**Verdict:** Keep accessories close to hand.

**Contact:** [www.greysfishing.com](http://www.greysfishing.com)



Greys' retractors are ideal for holding a range of accessories from snips to a scoop net.



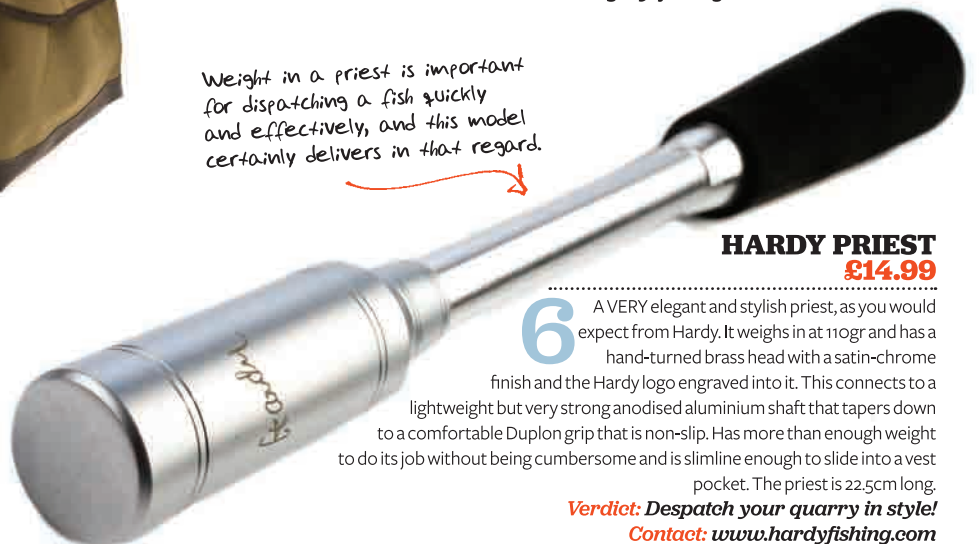
**AIRFLO STREAMTEC CARRYALL £69.99**

**5** THIS spacious tackle bag has a large open cargo space with two large pockets and eight small pouches, leaving the rest of the interior for you to fill as you require. On the outside are six assorted pockets. Shoulder strap is padded with a non-slip finish plus there's a back-up carry handle on the top. It measures 36 x 44 x 30cm, weighs 3.6kg and is made of a heavy-duty cordura nylon with a waterproof backing and a moulded waterproof base. Also available as a medium bag measuring 32 x 40 x 25cm at £59.99.

**Verdict:** Lightweight, bags of space.

**Contact:** [www.flylines.co.uk](http://www.flylines.co.uk)

Weight in a priest is important for dispatching a fish quickly and effectively, and this model certainly delivers in that regard.



**HARDY PRIEST £14.99**

**6** A VERY elegant and stylish priest, as you would expect from Hardy. It weighs in at 110gr and has a hand-turned brass head with a satin-chrome finish and the Hardy logo engraved into it. This connects to a lightweight but very strong anodised aluminium shaft that tapers down to a comfortable Duplon grip that is non-slip. Has more than enough weight to do its job without being cumbersome and is slimline enough to slide into a vest pocket. The priest is 22.5cm long.

**Verdict:** Despatch your quarry in style!

**Contact:** [www.hardyfishing.com](http://www.hardyfishing.com)