

£649 | CRAZYFLY RAPTOR PRO LTD 2014

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→ INTRODUCING

CrazyFly are definitely on the up. They build high quality and affordable equipment made 100% within Europe, so what's not to like? The Raptor LTD is the premium board in the range with a full carbon setup. The LTD has the performance and styling of a top end board with a significantly lower price point to similarly constructed sticks.

→ BUILD

Up top All the components on CrazyFly boards are made with the boards in house in the European factory, so when it comes to the pad and straps CrazyFly have decided to keep it simple, there are no fancy gimmicks, just a nice wide foot strap with a big fat squidgy pad that make for a really reliable setup.

Construction The LTD is based around a wood core that is sandwiched between layers of carbon, and the weight of the board is significantly lighter than a standard board construction **Design** The first thing you notice when you look at the board are the two huge deep channels that run the length of the board. And the channels are visible on the top of the board, which is a bit different... Imagine two Pringles sat next to each other then that's what you will get. The channels direct the water flow down the board which helps to both drive the board forward and also to provide maximum grip..

→ UP TOP

Get up and Go What is really noticeable when you first get riding on the LTD is the weight, with that carbon

construction the board is so light which makes for a very responsive and playful board. Even though the straps are a little bit basic they hold your feet in really well and are very comfortable, and the huge adjustability of the straps enable them to be used with wetsuit boots **Ride comfort and Tracking**

The LTD's main aim is to be a board that performs again and again in all conditions and it certainly delivers on that, it cuts through choppy conditions with ease making it such an easy board to ride. **Flex and Pop** When you pop the board you can feel the difference between this and a standard wood core, the addition of the carbon gives that board that little more snap when you release your edge.

→ ICING

There is no doubt that a good looking carbon board gets most peoples juices flowing and by the looks of it Crazyfly know this. The real basic graphics of the LTD really accentuates the look of the carbon and it's bound to impress your mates at the beach!

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There is no doubt that there is a place in the market for premium carbon boards, but the Raptor LTD gives you a chance to be a part of an exclusive club without it breaking the bank, also the fact that it's made in Europe gets it a big thumbs up from me!