

Area	Rating	Description	Notes on ratings	Aquatone	JP	ITWIT	Gladiator	Aztron	STX	Shark	LUUM	Fatstick	Aqua Marina	Sandbanks	Honu	Hatha	Thurso	Quroc	Fanatic	Fit Ocean	SIC	Bluefin	RRD	Starboard	Red Paddle Co
				Day	Day	Day	Overnight	Day	Day	Overnight	Overnight	Expedition	Overnight	Day	Overnight	Expedition	Overnight	Expedition	Overnight	Overnight	Overnight	Expedition	Day	Expedition	Expedition
Board Performance	Overall Glide/Speed	How our testers scored the glide of the board against the others on test	On water back to back paddling	6	8	9	8	6	7	7	5	7	6	7	9	8	6	8	7	9.5	6	8	6	8	7
	Tracking	How our testers scored the tracking of the board against the others on test	On water back to back paddling	7	8	9	9	7	8	8	7	8	8	7	8.5	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	9	9.5
	Stability	How our testers scored the stability of the board against the others on test	On water back to back paddling	9	8	7	8	9	7	7	8	9.5	7	9	7	7	7	8.5	8	9	7	8	8	9	8
Board Features	Handles	How our testers scored the handles and their positioning against the others on test	Comfort / Paddling / Size and Positioning (excludes centre handle balance)	8	6	10	9	8	9	9	9	5	6	8	7	7	7	8	4	9	7	7	9	7	9.5
	Handle Balance	Is the central handle in the correct position to balance the board when it has a fin and leash fitted?	Measured with fin and leash on - leash pulled to handle. 10 = perfect balance	8	8	8	8	8	10	2	8	10	6	10	10	10	10	8	10	8	10	4	8	10	2
	Fins & Fittings	How our testers scored the quality and refinement of the fins and fittings against the others on test?	Quality of materials used in tie down points and other fittings (does not look at positioning of bungees). Fin quality	6	7	8.5	6.5	7	7.5	7	8	7	8	7	9	8.5	7	8.5	8	8	8.5	8	8	9	9
	Weight	How our testers scored the weight of the board against the others on test?	Rating given from measured weight	9	10	7	7	5	10	6	7	7	6	9	9	9	6	9	6	10	8	1	7	7	6
	Build Quality & Finish	How our testers scored the build quality & finish of the board against the others on test?	General finish - glue marks, printing accuracy around D-rings, deck pad adhesion, deck pad cut, rail straightness.	6.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	6.5	5.5	8.5	8.5	5.5	8	8	8.5	8.5	7.5	8.5	7	8.5	7	7	8	9	9
	Deflection	How the board rates in our deflection test - this rating is scored based on expected deflection of 6 inch boards?	Rating given from measured deflection	6.5	7	9	8.5	8	8	8.5	7.5	7.5	7	8	9	7.5	7.5	9	7.5	8	8	9	8.5	9	7.5
Storage Ratings	Bungee Storage Space	Does the board have suitable storage space for dry bags on its deck to enable it to be used for its category of touring?	Day Touring 20-40L, Overnight & Expedition - Multiple	8	8	10	9	8	7	8	9	6	10	8	8.5	9	8	10	6	6	9	7	9	8	8
	Bungee Positioning	How well are the storage bungees positioned on deck to allow the board to be used in its touring category?	Back front positioning, width of D rings, interaction with kick tails, number of D rings	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	9	7	10	7	8.5	8	5	9	7	9	8	7	8	8	9
Accessories	Bag	How our testers scored the bag quality and features in relation to the price point of the board?		3	3	3	7	3	3	9	6	8	2	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	7	3	9	9
Other	Touring Reinforcements	Does the board have any reinforcements in areas where PVC could be damaged when touring? Rated based on others in test.	Look at Nose, Tail, Rails - stringers are a form of reinforcement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	5
RRP (£)				£469	£499	£499	£555	£569	£599	£599	£649	£655	£679	£699	£718	£725	£749	£749	£849	£855	£860	£899	£1,057	£1,099	£1,199
Value	If this board is right for you, is it good value when looking at its full package, quality, price, availability, and performance?			8	8.5	7.5	9	7.5	8	8.5	7.5	7.5	6.5	6	8.5	8	8	9	7	8	7	8	5	8.5	7.5
Sizes & Price Points	Other Sizes	Is the board available in other sizes?			Y		Y														Y		Y		
	Other Constructions	Is the product available in other constructions/price points?		Y	Y		Y			Y			Y				Y			Y	Y			Y	Y