

Clint's KICK START ...

ELASTIC FANTASTIC

YOU'VE JUST BOUGHT YOUR BRAND NEW POLE, HOW DO YOU ELASTICATE IT? CONTINUING OUR SERIES OF **BEGINNERS TUTORIALS** DESIGNED TO HELP YOU CATCH FISH, **NEWSREEL DEALS** WITH THE BASICS OF ELASTICATING YOUR POLE.

IDEA

The basic approach is to cut back the tip section to take a bush through which the elastic passes smoothly. At the bottom end of the pole top kit the elastic is secured to an appropriately sized extractor bung. To connect the elastic to the rig line you need to attach some form of connector and there are several good quality examples on the market.

SIZE

You need to decide which size of bush to fit to the pole, and to do that you need to decide what grade of elastic you are going to run through the top kit. Generally the heavier the elastic the larger the bush you require. Bushes come in two types external and internal. The latter are smaller and neater and are very well suited to thinner elastics although some large internals are now becoming commercially available. The externals are popular with the largest elastics.



CUT

I am going to elasticate a top kit to take a grade eight Preston innovations Slip elastic and I am going to use a yellow internal bush, large enough to allow plenty of room for the elastic to flow smoothly when a fish pulls. Work out where to make your cut by holding the bush next to the tip section. You will see where it looks about right because with an internal bush it's profile should be flush with the exterior wall of the pole. make your cut smoothly with the junior hacksaw sawing right through the tip section.



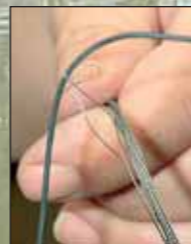
TEST

Smooth off rough edges with sand paper and then test the bush for fit. If it is too tight to push home you may have to cut the tip back a little bit more but be careful you don't want it to be a loose fit. Its a perfect fit when the bush pushes into the tip right up to the wider head end and will stay put on its own - I do not like to glue bushes into place.



THREAD

Use a diamond eye threader to pass the elastic into and through the top kit pulling enough though the sections to run the length of the top kit and leave you enough to attach the bung and connector.



"Fishing the pole shallow is perhaps the most successful approach on our lakes.."

CONNECT

Tie on the elastic connector to the piece of elastic protruding from the tip of the pole. Connectors also come in a range of sizes. Pick one suitable for the grade of elastic in use.



Thread the knot cover on the elastic first then the main connector. Tie an overhand loop, wet the elastic and pull tight. Push the knot cover over the knot and trim off the loose end of the elastic.

TENSION

Using a bung with a built in elastic winder means you can adjust the tension of the elastic during fishing.

To fit the bung I push it into the but section of the top kit until it won't go any further. Then I twist the bung under light pressure to mark the plastic, this tells me where to trim the bung. Cut the bung the mark is with a sharp knife.



TRIM

Trim the bung with the knife and test for fit by reversing the bung and pushing into to pole section. You need to trim the bung so that it sits far enough inside the pole to allow the joints to fit without obstruction.

FISH

WITH the bung trimmed to size attach the elastic to the bung using the hole in the bung and tying a knot in the elastic to form a loop. You can now wind the elastic around the winder section of the bung and with the top kit assembled you can test the elastic for tension. Note whether the connector is hanging loose from the tip end of the pole. If it is it is too slack and you will need to wind some more elastic round the winder. I like to tension the elastic so that it is tight enough not to hang from the pole tip but soft enough to slowly creep back into the pole. If it is too tight you will need to extract the bung and slacken off some elastic from the winder. Once you have made your adjustment the your pole is elasticated and ready to fish!



Lean Mean Power Machine

Lean, mean, power machine certainly sums up the new Diatex Slim Power. It's substantially slimmer than most 13m poles, weighs just 870g and has an elastic rating of up to 20.

Lean Mean Power Machine

Designed by Preston Innovations and built by Lerc International, the Diatex Slim Power is so slim you could be fooled into thinking it's not a true power pole. With an elastic rating of 20... it definitely is. In fact it's a very lean, very mean, power machine that's designed for carp and match fishing with all strengths of elastic.

Comes complete with:
 • 2 extra Long Top 2 Power Kits
 • Preston Elastication Pack

LENGTH: 13.0M
 WEIGHT: 870G @ 13M
 ELASTIC RATING: UP TO A TRUE 20 OR RED HYDRO
 RRP: £525
 INTRO PRICE: £425

Elastic Ratings
 ... to suit your style

The Match Kit that comes with the Diatex Power Carp can be used normally for light elastics or for heavy elastics by removing the number 1 section.

The additional Long Top 2 Kits can be elasticated in three different ways to suit your style of fish playing and requirements.

12 Internal Bush - 10/12 Elastic
 For smaller carp and silver fish cut back the Long Top 2 Kit a small amount, insert an internal bush and use with up to a 12 elastic.

16 External Bush - 12/16/18 Elastic
 For medium carp and stronger elastic cut back the Long Top 2 Kit a little bit. Fit an external bush and use up to 16 elastic or Black Hydro.

20 External Bush - 18/20/26 Elastic
 For large carp and ultra strong elastics cut the Long Top 2 Kit back, fit a large external bush like the Stretch Fit and use up to 20 elastic or Red Hydro.

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