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→ INTRODUCING

I had the pleasure of joining the CrazyFly guys out in Greece at the start of the summer where I got a sneaky preview of all of the new 2014 products. I was excited with the creative and innovative board designs that they were working on. Sitting at the wakestyle end of the boards is the 2014 Nuke with several unique and clever developments. I was excited to give it another blast. **Tested Ned**

→ BUILD

Up top

The Nuke comes with the SEC pads on top, the SEC pads cover the whole of the top of your foot with two Velcro straps on the top making them very adjustable. I'm not sure how well these straps would work when used with wetsuit boots but for bare feet I don't think there is anything else that locks you in as well as these.

Construction

The Nuke has a wood core with Kevlar patches running the length of the board, I think this is the first time that I've seen Kevlar used in a board and if the worse comes to the worse you could always use it as a bulletproof shield.

Design

The Nuke has a massive double concave running the full length of the board, all the way up to the tips where it splits into four channels that run all the way up to the tip of the board, these create loads of grip on the tips of the board when ridden on an edge.

→ PERFORMANCE

Get up and Go

The Nuke is a medium rocker board so gets up and going surprisingly well considering it's a wakestyle board. The straps take a moment to get your feet fully bedded in but once you are in there is no way that the board is going to ever fly off your feet which is really reassuring when going for a big move.

Ride comfort and Tracking

An essential part of any wakestyle board is the flex, you want a stiff board to increase the pop of the board, one of the downsides of a stiff board is you do lose a bit of the comfort when it comes to choppy water, to counteract this tips of the nuke are really drawn in helping it to cut through the chop with ease.

Flex and Pop

The stiffness of the board is really essential when it comes to the pop, in the flat water you can really load up the board and hold down a lot of power, the solid landings are softened but the big double concave in the centre breaks the surface of the water on the landing.

KS → VERDICT

For a small company CrazyFly continue to impress me with their board construction. The Nuke is a great looking board that would love to be ridden with boots, I think its time to stand out from the crowd a little bit and try something new... Go on – you might just like it!