



→ Introducing

CrazyFly have been creating high quality kite boards for a long time and are now also firmly established in the kite market. The Sculp is the all round kite from CrazyFly aimed at the average rider looking to go out and have some fun – but it also has a darker freestyle side to it... **Tested NT**

→ Basics

Build and construction

The shape of the Sculp instantly looks recognisable, the open delta shape of the kite and the front line bridle will be comfortable for most riders. The Sculp comes with a three strut setup which makes for a very light kite, this is noticeable even when you take the kite out of the bag, a lighter kite will be more responsive and better in lighter winds.

Set up and tuning

The setting up is really easy and fast due to the one pump and only having three struts. The one thing you notice on the bridle is the quality of the pulleys – these are high quality pulleys that will keep on rolling and will not get all salted up after a few weeks.

Bar and trim

The Sick bar has been re designed for 2014, the bar is full carbon with a wide highly polished insert to prevent wearing the two centre lines as well as big rubbery flexible bar ends similar to what you would find on a wakeboard handle. The above the bar depower uses a high quality clam cleat that has a nice reliable feel to it.

Safety

The below the bar safety gives you two riding options, freeride and freestyle. The Sick Click quick release is one of the best systems on the market, releasing with minimum load and is so easy to reset even if you are in the water.



→ Info Panel

- **Main Market** Freestyle / Freeride / All round
- **Sizes** 3,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,17m
- **Line configuration** Four line
- **Inflation** One Pump
- **Safety** Front line flag out

→ Performance

Turning speed, handling and feel

The first thing you notice when you get the kite up into the air is how smooth the power delivery is, this constant and predictable power is great as you can really forget about the kite while you are riding and know that its still going to be sat there waiting for you. Another thing that has changed for 2014 is the shape of the wingtips, last year they had big swept wingtips, but this year they have cut them straight across similar to the RPM's wingtips, as a result of this the steering is very direct and responsive.

The Triangle

The Triangle is a mid aspect kite meaning its going to be very stable, predictable and go upwind well, the kite drives well upwind and will feel comfortable for anyone wanting to use the kite for freeriding.

Lift, hangtime and looping

This is where the dark side of the kite really comes in to play, so far the kite has proven its self to be a great freeride kite but as soon as you send the kite and go for a boost it wakes up and throws you upwards and with the help of the mid aspect shape you glide down smoothly as well. The same can be said about the looping, it loops well with good drive, something that's not often seen on a Delta.

Unhooking

With a little bit of depower the kite is setup for freestyle mode, the Sculp performs well for freestyle with a nice pop but is a pretty powerful kite which makes doing handle passes pretty hard as the kite is always pulling, but after a little bit of practise you get used to it and the result is full power tricks! First time unhookers will love the full power of the Sculp as it throws you off of the water with minimum effort.

Trim, depower and range

The Sculp has a very large wind range with the help of its large amount of depower, if you are looking for a kite to cover a wide range of conditions than the Sculp is a great kite for this. The only downside is when you are riding the kite with a lot of depower on you do seem to loose a lot of the steering responsiveness, but maybe that's a good sign as it will let you know that maybe its time to head back in and downsize to a smaller kite!



→ Verdict

If you haven't tried any CrazyFly products before then I recommend that you do. They are a small company with great customer service, most of their products are made within Europe and they have big visions for the future with the Sculp leading the way! It's one of the best all round kites I have tried in a long time and the bar is one of the safest on the market.