

# TESTED

£515 | JN PEACEMAKER

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## → INTRODUCING

The **Peacemaker** is a new board in the JN range. A lot of the product testing for JN happens right here in south Devon so you can guarantee that they have been tested in our tricky British conditions. The Peacemaker is aiming towards the freestyle market but also trying to keep some of the benefits that you get from a freeride board, such as ride comfort and forgiveness, so let's see if the peacemaker gave me some peace... **Tested NT**

## → BUILD

**Up top** The straps and pads on the Peacemaker are really smart. They are very adjustable on both sides of the straps so will easily fit wetsuit boots or large feet. The massive 2 inches or so of padding under the heel does make it look a bit like a moon boot, but makes them nice and comfortable. **Construction** The full wood core creates an incredibly solid board that would be pretty much indestructible regardless of what you throw it at. **Design** The base of the board is relatively simple, no channels or anything too fancy; it's a medium rocker board meaning that it will get going early and ride fast.

## → PERFORMANCE

**Get up and Go** The rocker is really noticeable when you get the board riding. A lot of the new wakedstyle/freestyle boards these days have a lot of rocker making boards ride very slow, but with a medium rocker you get the advantages of a faster board, improved riding comfort, as well as still keeping good pop in the board.

## Ride comfort and Tracking

Generally freestyle boards are not known for their ride comfort, but with the Peacemaker and its medium rocker setup it cuts through the chop surprisingly well. The Peacemaker has step-down rails that thin the board out towards the edges and the tips giving it a nice bit of flex on the ends of the board, making it cut through the bumps without too much effort. **Flex and Pop** The middle of the board is incredibly thick and solid with that wood core, this means that the board is incredibly stiff in the centre making it a bit of a weapon when it comes to the pop: you can load it up with a lot of power and release it all at once in one big burst, making for an explosive launchpad to your tricks...

## → ICING

I will be the first one to admit that I'm not the biggest fan of the way that 90% of the boards on the market look these days, so for me it's always nice to see a board design that I actually like to look at. It's a great looking board with a really good unique design.

## KS → VERDICT

The Peacemaker is a really nice looking board and some of the best products on the market are made by the smallest companies, so if you fancy trying something new and breaking away from the crowd then check out the Peacemaker. I don't think you'll be disappointed...