

The Over

I did a review of the Over by Eolo Gayla a couple of years back. We were then lucky enough to have been given help with sponsorship with these kites because we use them in demonstration and they are a great kite for use in coaching for newcomers to pairs and team flying.

Accidents Happen

Of course, letting inexperienced flyers loose in the sky in a team has resulted in a few mashed kites so some of them now have a goodly amount of repair tape holding them together.

Eolo started to replace some of the damaged stock for us but this meant that we were flying with a mismatch of kites because they had been listening to their customers, looking at some of the latest changes in design and technology and now sent us the improved upgraded Over.

The new model probably needs about one mph more wind at the lower end of the scale but now that the bottom bridle lines have been moved from the centre T to a point on the spine a few centimeters below, the kite feels much more solid than before. The sail cloth has been changed, the Mylar feels thicker and there is more attention to the trailing edge than before.

Bigger Range

The kite retains its low pull in higher winds which is why we like it for training and it is easy to keep on flying when other flyers have changed up to vented kites by the addition of nappy brakes either across the lines in front of the kite or attached to the standoffs and dragging off the back - or both! More about brakes later.....

Perhaps we weren't fully convinced with the old model as it seemed to have a sort of 'toy' feel about it but the new version is definitely a classier, 'proper' kite and gives that emotion of excitement mixed with anticipation each time it comes out of the bag.



The kite comes in a range of four colours which are tagged on the end of the bag in which it comes. We quite liked the bag which has separate compartments for handles and rods to help protect the sail in packing away and carriage - we just have to try to maintain the discipline to use them! The Over has been around for a long time now showing that Eolo have not found the need to find a better model. My friend Alex (the vice president of Eolo) once told me that it is not their intention to be the Rolls Royce type high end of the market – they are quite happy to be a solid, middle of the road provider of kites. Take the Mondeo, for instance, what a difference from when that one first arrived and look at it after all the upgrades and modifications!

Time Costs

There is one negative that has been unavoidable however, and that is how the pound has suffered against the euro, meaning that the Over price could almost be over-priced - It just depends what you want to get out of a kite - this is a pretty good all-rounder but not, in my mind, a specific trick kite nor team but quite good at both!

By comparison the HQ Infinity is a bigger kite for a little less money. The flying characteristics are very different this is a very solid kite built for team and has more pull but is quite trick-able too – see previous reviews and videos on our website.

If you are interested and want to compare – we have both so you can decide for yourself.