

Bow Hunting World 2009 Buyers Guide



straightness +/- .002 inch; weight +/- .5 grains.

For the lighter-is-better crowd, Easton's Flatline series (7.4 gpi @ 400 spines) gets the MicroLite Speed System—a shortened insert and nock combo that is said to improve arrow speeds by as much as 5 fps; the 48-percent weight reduction may not sound like much, but it all adds up for the Flatline that also boasts a smooth matte finish for easier retrieval from targets and quieter contact with rest prongs (\$105 unfletched).

In a declining economy, **CARBON EXPRESS (800-241-4833; www.carbonexpressarrows.com)** accomplished impressive sales last year, largely due to the introduction of the Kevlar-layered Aramid KV. New this year

is the Aramid KV Crossbolt for crossbow aficionados. Weight is 12.5 gpi, and the arrows come fletched with Fusion vanes and Carbon Express' weight-forward BuffTuff camo finish.

CARBON TECH ARROWS (800-951-8736; www.carbon-techarrows.com) are an American-made, all-carbon shaft. Known for quality but not necessarily quantity—finding a local dealer is often a perplexing task—bowhunters in-the-know can expect better times starting this summer. Former Olympic medalist and company prez Rick McKinney says an infusion of capital and resources should lead to a "2000 percent increase" in distribution. "We think 2010 is going to be 'the' year for us," McKinney says, "but 2009 is going to set us up for where we want to be."