

ALVEY'S LUDERICK REEL - A CERTAIN WINNER



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WINNER'S are grinners. And anyone buying one of the new Alvey 475 B "Luderick Special" reels is going to be smiling about their investment for many years.

If form follows function this classic among Alvey reels is going to remain at state of the art status for some time to come. Ah, yes, there have been Alvey centre pin luderick fishing reels in the past but none can hold a candle to this baby, when it comes to.. Dare I say it? Outright class.

This is one mighty pretty reel. And very, very, functional into the bargain. Purpose built, it lived up to it's heritage in grand style when field tested. But let's start at the beginning.

Overall, this reel is eye catching. Strikingly so. The compact, sleek, lines and ultra smooth finish of the dark grey green graphite from which the reel is manufactured are discreetly enhanced by the schmick luderick insignia embossed

on the backing plate. It just begs to be taken luderick fishing.

One can see that Bruce Alvey and his team have put a lot of thought into this reel and with it looking as good as it does the question begs answering.. Does it perform as good as it looks? The answer is a definite yes. In the hands of a relative new chum to the luderick fishing scene the reel did it's job superbly.

The dual sealed stainless ball bearings which are the heart of the reel allow the spool to revolve perfectly at current speed with nothing more than the drawing action of tide on float to keep things moving.

When a fish takes the bait and the float dips down for the count all that is required to set the hook is to block the reel, either with the in-built lock, or with the gentle clamping of a hand on the spool, and as all slack takes up the rod is simply lifted to make the strike. Too easy.. And the reel makes it so.

Other well worth mentioning features must include the large arbour built into the reel. Luderick angling never involves the use of a lot of line and the reel is sensibly equipped

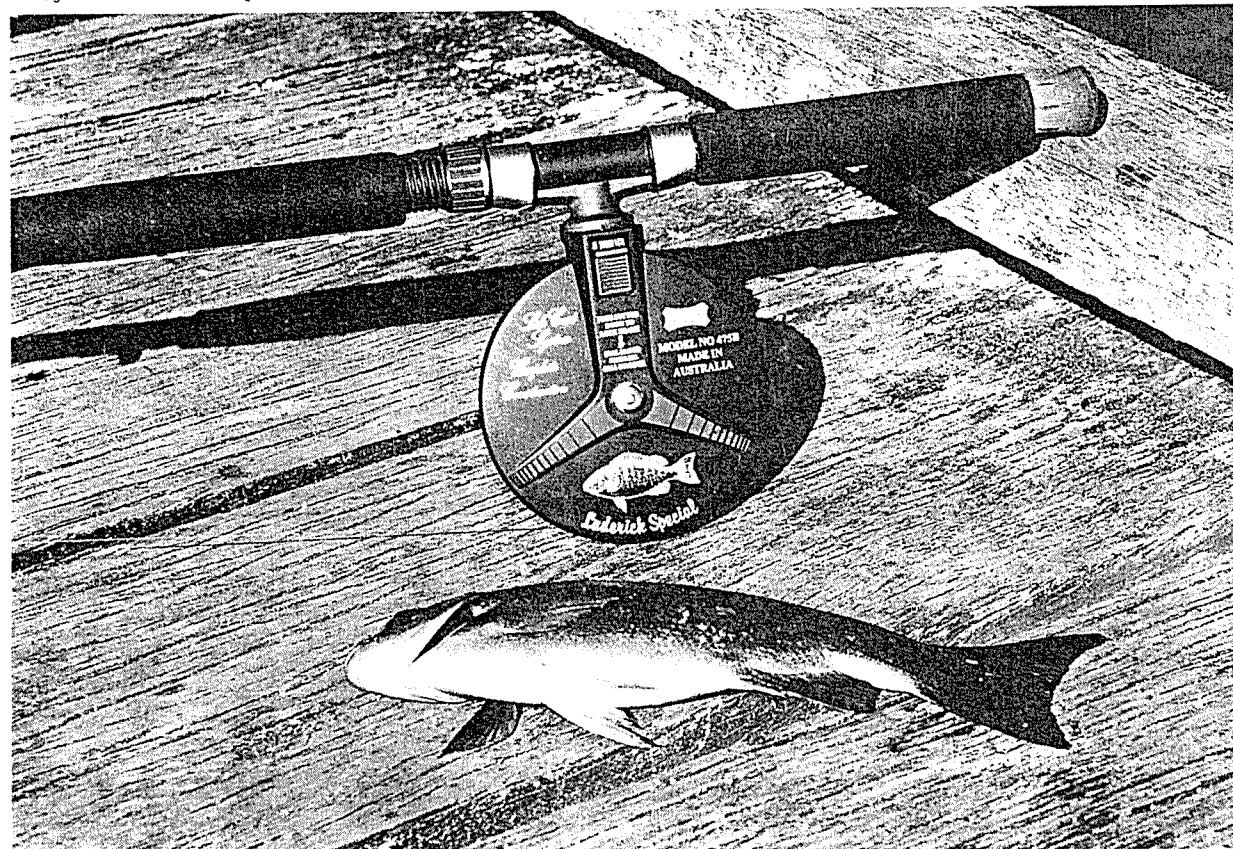
with a large arbour to take care of this requirement. Another useful feature is the lock. Pressing down on the lock situated at the top of the backing plate will lock the spool in mid turn. In practice, just a touch will stop the

spool revolving when a fish is taking the bait and it's time to get serious and strike. A click into full lock possible stops the spool from turning and maybe emptying line in six different directions as the boat or car is heading home.

A useful feature indeed when one looks at just how smoothly and effortlessly the spool revolves, thanks to those super efficient ball races.

For mine, this Australian made Alvey Luderick

Special is going to win a lot of friends within the luderick angling fraternity within a short space of time. Give the old reel to the kids and treat yourself to something special. This one is too good to pass up.



Alvey's Luderick special, a reel for the fine line specialist.