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## SmartCast –the float which tells you where the fish are

Here's a Christmas gift for fishermen to cheer them up on crisp winter days by the water. It's the Humminbird SmartCast from Johnson Outdoors UK. This portable and versatile fishing system uses a remote sonar sensor which floats on the surface of the water and, using wireless technology, transmits signals back to a fishfinder display.

This means a fisherman can be on the bank, a pontoon or in a kayak and get instant information about fish, the bottom structure, depth and even water temperature from wherever he casts the float. The fishfinder receivers are available as compact displays which can be worn on the wrist or mounted on a fishing rod, or there is a larger screen unit which folds into its own storage case.



*The orange float incorporates a remote sonar and a variety of fishfinder displays is available*

“The SmartCast system is very popular because a fisherman can be on shore and still see exactly what's down there under his bait 50 yards out, and locate holes, gullies and underwater features,” commented Mark Crame of Johnson Outdoors UK. “You can tie the SmartCast float to your line and cast it out or if you prefer use a separate rod for the sonar float,” he said, adding: “Some fishermen also fit them to radio controlled bait boats.”

The system has been designed to be used on fresh water and salt water estuaries, has a depth capability of 120 feet (over 36 metres) and gives 500 hours of in-the-water use. The SmartCast has programmable channels so you can fish with someone else without crossing signals and the float also incorporates a flashing LED light which can be used for night fishing.



Prices start at £119.99 for the RF35e SmartCast system with a wrist mounted display; the SmartCast RF25e rod mounted version is £134.99 and the SmartCast RF15e with its own storage case is £199.99. If you're looking for stocking fillers and want to buy someone a spare sonar float they cost £29.99.



*Editor's note: In the UK the SmartCast uses an orange float. In the US a green float is used, but this transmits on a radio frequency which is illegal in the UK. Units should only be purchased in the UK from authorised dealers supplying the orange SmartCast float.*

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