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If you feel nervous about cutting off the end of your pole, S C Fuller's (Dorking's local tackle shop) will do it for you for a fee. If you buy your pole from them, and you ask them nicely, they will do it for free.

Fluoro Slip Elastic
 Fluoro Slip Elastic is produced from pure latex combined with special fluorescent pigments that do not affect its strength or performance. Available in 6 strengths from fine size 2 up to a size 8, Fluoro Slip Elastic comes in 5 metre lengths wound onto a Preston Pop-Up Winder.

Colour	Size
Red	2
Green	3
Violet	4
Orange	5
Yellow	6
Green	8

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Original Slip Elastic
 Slip Elastic was the first colour coded elastic available and is still incredibly popular with anglers who want unmatched longevity. Fire treated with Preston Slip lubricant to give outstanding abrasion resistance and reliability it is available in 5 metre lengths from ultra fine size 1 up to size 8.

Colour	Size
Purple	1
Red	2
Green	3
Orange	4
Blue	5
Yellow	6
Black	8

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Stora Bungs
 Designed to store additional elastic on the bung so adjustments in tension can be made instantly. Working on the successful Extractor rod principle of the Quick Slip Bungs, the Stora Bung comes in 2 sizes, Midi and Maxi, to suit all elastic and pole sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Stora Bungs store additional elastic on a unique winder to allow quick change of elastic tension.



Quick Slip Bungs

The Quick Slip Bung comprises a robust, very lightweight bung and a detachable metal extractor rod that works on a simple hook principle. Once in position, the bung does not hinder the putting together of pole sections. To remove simply locate the extractor rod into the bung and remove the bung. Available in both Midi and Big sizes to suit sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.



Slip Bungs

The Slip Bung is exceptionally strong and is made up of two key elements. The Bung cone and the Centre rod which locates through the middle of the cone. This Centre rod swivels and prevents elastic twisting during use. Available in three versions. Micro for section 1. Midi for sections 2 and 3. Big for section 4.



Slip Lubricant

Slip Elastic Lubricant is the perfect lubricant for all Preston pole elastics. The thin liquid adheres to the elastic to form an ultra fine film that ensures smooth elastic performance.



Uni Bung

The Uni Bung was the original pole elastic bung designed by Preston Innovations and it is still one of the most popular in Europe. The Standard Uni Bung is ideal for sections 1 and 2, whilst the larger Big Bung is designed for section 3. A Tensioner Uni Bung that has a facility to store extra elastic on the bung is also available.



Diamond Eye Threader

Designed with a diamond shaped eye that grips the elastic, the Preston threader is available in a standard length and an extra long length (2.1m) for long top two's.



Tensioner

The ultralight Elastic Tensioner enables elastic tension to be adjusted whilst fishing. Especially useful on light elastics.

The choice of whether to use either internal or external pole bushes for carp fishing is very much a personal one, but there is one simple guideline to follow.
Internal or External for carp?
 To play carp correctly, with large diameter elastics over size 10, you need to cut back your pole tip quite a long way. This prevents it bending too much when you lift to net a fish - if the tip bends too much the elastic will stick to the inside of the top section. How far you cut back the tip may determine which type of bush you can fit: if you cut it back a long way to make it ultra stiff, the internal diameter of the tip may be too large to fit an internal bush. In this case external is the only option. Many top anglers remove the number one section and fit a Stretch Slip Bush straight on to their number 2 section. This produces an ultra stiff tip and guarantees smooth elastic performance.



Slip Bush Internal

Designed to fit inside the pole, the Slip Internal Bush is made from PTFE for friction-free performance. The small shoulder fits neatly to the end of the pole and the internal section is strong to make fitting easy. Available in 5 colour coded sizes.



Slip PTFE Bush

Manufactured from pure PTFE, the Slip External Bush ensures elastic is released from the pole smoothly. Available in 8 colour coded sizes, to suit all strengths of elastic, these external bushes are shaped to minimise the chance of line catching the back of the bush.



Stretch Slip Bush

Designed for strong elastics, the Slip Stretch Bush has a thin walled construction that can be stretched to fit externally over a number 2 section. Made from PTFE they are available in 2 colour coded sizes.



Slip Micro Bush Internal

A smaller version of the Slip Bush Internal designed for use with light elastics. Made from PTFE, these neat bushes are perfect for anglers who want to keep cutting back of the pole tip to the minimum.



Slip Connectors

Preston Slip Connectors are manufactured to micro tolerances to ensure a perfect secure fit throughout their life. Colour coded to match Slip Elastic, Slip Connectors are available in two different sizes. Slip Micro is perfect for light and medium strength elastics up to a size 8 whilst the Slip Carp size will accommodate size 8 and above.

Colours Available

Connectors Slip Micro: Purple, Red, Orange, Blue, Yellow, Green, Black

Big Carp Connectors: Black, Blue, Green, Orange, Purple, Yellow

Actual Size



Slip Extreme & Extra Connectors

Slip Extreme Connectors are similar to Preston Slip Connectors but have an almost fluorescent colour to them. Available in six different colours. The Micro Extreme Connector is designed for elastics up to size 6. The Extra Carp are ultra strong and suitable for all strong elastics.

Colours Available

Slip Connectors: Blue, Green, Fluoro Red, Orange, Yellow

Slip Extreme: Violet, Green, Yellow, Fluoro Red, Orange



Perfect Elastication. Follow our step-by-step guide to elasticating your top kits and you will always have the perfect set-up.



10 Essential Elastic Tips

1. Check your elastic for damage before you elasticate your pole.
2. Make sure the inside of the top kit is clean and free from obstructions. If it isn't flush it out with water.
3. Stretch the elastic you are going to use in your pole before fitting it.
4. Wet knots before tightening when elasticating your pole and make sure they are securely bedded down.
5. Make sure the PTFE bush is large enough for the elastic. If in doubt use a bigger bush rather than smaller.
6. Always check your elastic each time you use it. Common areas where damage occurs are next to the connector and the area between two pole sections if you elasticate a top 2 kit.
7. Use a Stora Bung so you can easily adjust the tension of the elastic. If the elastic gets damaged near the connector you can unwind a bit from the bung and re-tie the connector.
8. Always use a Slip Lubricant. If the elastic doesn't run freely whilst fishing dip the pole tip in the water and pull the elastic. If this doesn't work apply more lubricant.
9. Always bear in mind that hollow elastic stretches differently to solid elastic, you may need to adjust the tension accordingly.
10. Always try to match the elastic strength to the size of fish, and the strength of line you are going to use. Balanced elastic set-ups definitely land more fish.