

## KITE AND BOARD TEST



### *Airush Vapor, 10m*

#### AT A GLANCE

**The Vapor is a totally new hybrid kite from Airush and is in a class of its own. Pure 5th line, with no bridling and a simple direct control bar.**

Out of the bag the kite looks good and there is lots of reinforcement going on in all the right places. Airush are the last of the major brands to switch to One Pump and

it's a welcome relief. The system is simple and easy to use and once inflated the Vapor has a very solid rigid frame. The bar has a large depower throw to it, nearly 60cm! And comes with a moveable stopper ball as standard. The trigger release looks great for an easy eject should you need it, but be careful not to knock it when grabbing the chicken loop and hooking back in.



#### IN THE AIR

The Vapor takes a little getting used to once it is in the air, it flies very differently from the Flow and doesn't feel like a bow or a hybrid. It feels like an out and out classic kite in terms of handling in fact. The bar pressure is fairly light, yet gives the rider enough feedback to know where the kite is in the air. The turning is very direct and the kite at first feels a little twitchy. Very quickly you realise the kite needs very little input from the rider to generate a turn and so once you calm down with the hand movements you will find you have it dialled. The low-end power of this kite is very impressive; the 10m will easily get you going very early and generate a good amount of solid pull for nailing those wakestyle tricks. Yet it is the depower and top end of the kite that really impresses. As the wind gets up the kite just flies further round in the window and expels the gusts with ease. What Airush have managed to create here is a kite that has nearly all the

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characteristics of a great classic kite, yet thrown in the depower and range of a great bow. Jumping is good and the fast turning speed allows the rider to get some real boost out of the kite, just make sure you don't pull too eagerly on the front had or you will find it looping before you realise it!

#### FOR

Classic kite feel with bow like depower, smooth fast turning and light bar pressure, a great all round kite that will suit lots of riders. .

#### AGAINST

Takes a few moments to get dialled into, the fast responsive turning speed won't be for beginners.

#### IN SHORT

A fantastic little kite from Airush that packs plenty of punch with an impressive range.

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