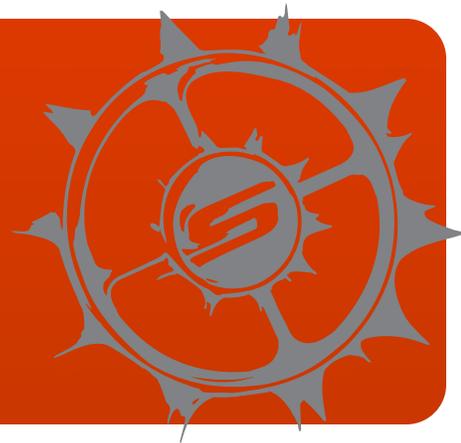


SLINGSHOT SPORTS

2009 RPM



CROSSOVER COLLECTION

Versatile, experienced, adaptable.



Youri Zoon

Maximum versatility without sacrificing an ounce of performance is the **CROSSOVER COLLECTION** mantra.

Slingshot is proud to introduce its newest member, the **2009 RPM**. The NEW RPM delivers limitless performance options for every condition yet excels at unhooked freestyle riding.

"The kite has great low and high end range. For me it is a perfect kite. It has a massive long pop so I have enough time to do my double passes! Also for unhooked kite loops it work well due to the compact bridle. The bridle creates an even pull, height and adds to overall stability. Plus,

relaunching is a piece of cake!" - pro team rider Youri Zoon

Features such as the NEW open "C" canopy, Full Suspension Bridle, CFI attachment points and all new Redline control bar makes the RPM the ideal crossover kite.

Crossover today at slingshotsports.com/rpm.





Features:

- Open “c” canopy shape
- Onepump*
- Full suspension bridle
- CFI attachment points
- Low profile wing tips
- Surf Tough Seams
- Mark cloth scuff guards
- Mark clothing reinforced trailing edge
- Ergonomic nipple placement
- Slingshot legendary construction
- Lifetime Rider Hotline Membership

Advantages:

- In flight stability.
- Easy re-launch.
- Pulls from Rev and Fuel DNA.
- Massive boost.
- Leading industry standard in single point inflation.
- Propels smooth, fast turns.
- Offers proper support to the canopy.
- Does not tangle.
- Provides custom options for depower and bar pressure.
- Faster response for freestyle moves.
- Minimizes and contains canopy tears.
- Prevents overall wear and tear.
- Reduces flutter and increases durability.
- Less overall drag.
- Bomber quality.
- Tel. 1-509-427-4950 / Email. riderhotline@slingshotsports.com

Benefits:

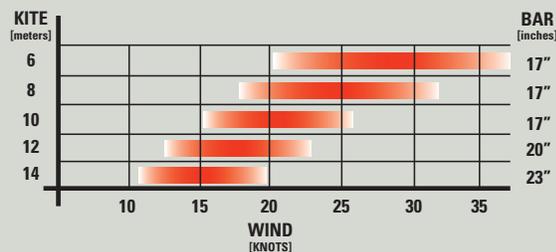
The Slingshot RPM offers limitless performance options for surf and flat water excelling at unhooked freestyle riding.

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Package:

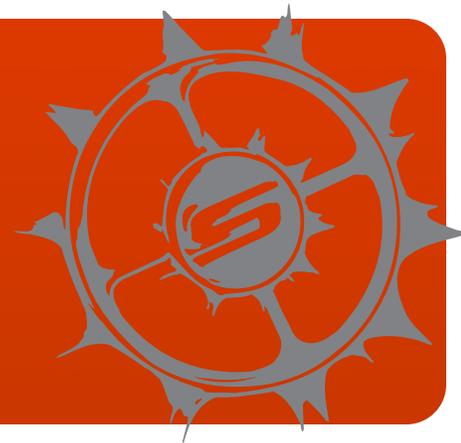
- RPM kite
- DD2 4 line control bar
- Crossover kite back pack
- XL Jenna J Double Pump
- Repair kit
- RPM Quick Start Guide

Specs:



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2009 DD2 CONTROL BAR



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Designed for the Crossover rider who looks for versatility, uncompromising safety, performance and convenience in a 4 line configuration.

The DD2 Control Bar comes stock with Slingshot award winning technology innovations such as Center Safety System and the Active Stopper Ball making it ideal for riders who value safety and convenience.

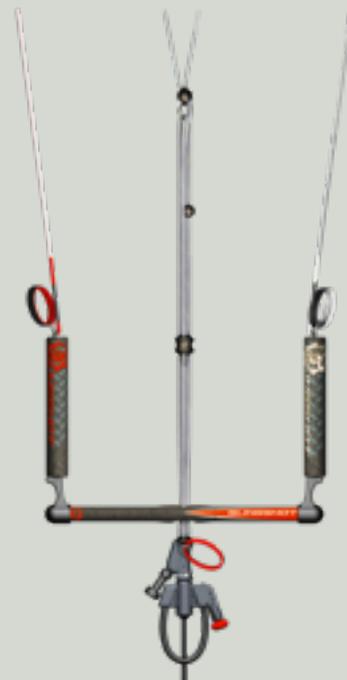
Improvements such as the Cam Bar Insert and the Damper Bar Ends add to performance and quality.

The clean and uncluttered 4 line configuration of the DD2 bar also allows for easy and speedy set up.

Crossover to the DD2Control Bar at slingshotsports.com/dd2.



Yuri Zoon





Features:

- 4 line configuration
- Center Safety System
- Cam Bar Insert
- Damper Bar-end Protectors Center Safety System*
- Active Stopper Ball*
- New ergonomic grip
- 800 lbs 23 meter front line set
- Lock-n-Load Chicken Loop
- Dual Oh-shit Handles
- Sure grip leader lines
- Slingshot legendary construction
- Lifetime Rider Hotline Membership

Advantages:

- Fewer lines to negotiate.
- 100% de-power and safety and convenience below the bar.
- Line wear bar insert and adds longevity to the chicken loop rope
- Softer molded bar ends that provide shock absorption offering more comfort on the hands and protection for your surfboard if you happen to smack it and not the lip!
- On the fly adjustment of the chicken loop throw.
- Maximizes comfort and performance
- Stronger, durable and more responsive
- Safe and immediate no load release
- 2 emergency handles for instant de-power
- Easy and comfortable handling.
- Bomber quality.
- Tel. 1-509-427-4950 / Email. riderhotline@slingshotsports.com

Benefits:

The DD2 bar, meeting the needs of the Crossover rider who values uncompromising safety, performance and convenience in a tailored 4 line configuration.

Crossover to the DD2 Control Bar at slingshotsports.com/dd2.

Package:

- DD2 Bar Complete
- Pre stretched 23 meter Firewire line set
- Crossover Surefire Quick Release Bungee

SLINGSHOT

RPM

DESIGNER'S CORNER

The RPM is Slingshot's new bridled hybrid kite with tons of tuning options to give you the option of C-kite performance. Photo: Lance Koudele



DESIGNER PROFILE:

Name: Amery "AMPM" Bernard
Age: 30 **Location:** The Gorge
Job Title: Jr. Product Developer
Designing: Designer? I'm an accountant!
Kiteboarding: 9 Years

(Amery works with Chief Kite Designer Tony Logosz. Questions were answered by both Tony and Amery)



PRODUCT NAME: RPM
PRODUCT CATEGORY: Hybrid C
SIZES AVAILABLE: 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14m
RELEASE DATE: Feb 2009

Is this a new design or a next generation on an existing design? The RPM is a new design that has been created from what we know about C-kites and hybrids.

If this is a new design, what were the main goals in designing this product?

To develop a hybrid style kite that has a lot of C-kite characteristics along with options for performance tuning.

What was your biggest challenge during the prototype phase?

Getting a bridled kite to feel and perform very much like a C-kite. Our bridled kites have been getting closer and closer to this, and the RPM is the closest yet. The two main differences between our C-kites and our bridled kites is the bar pressure/direct steering and the unhooked characteristics. C-kites are very direct in the steering and unhook very well for pop and drop handlepass moves. Bridled kites are slightly more vague in their steering, and don't lend themselves to be unhooked quite as easily. With the RPM, you get the best of both worlds. This has been said many times over by many companies, but the gap between the RPM and C-kites is smaller than it has ever been.

If you could choose one standout performance or new construction feature to highlight, what would it be?

It's what I like to call double depower. C-kite power control comes from edging your board. Bridled kite power control comes from bar stroke. The RPM has both. You can

control the power by your bar stroke, or you can ride it like a C-kite with little bar stroke and stomp the power out with your board. This is what makes the RPM a great freestyle kite.

What is the biggest advantage of your control bar? Our Center Safety System. It is very simple, uncluttered, convenient, and a proven design. It has a below the bar connection point that kills the kite upon firing. Another big advantage of this system is that it is easily re-rideable. You can pull the trigger with the confidence that you can put it back together and continue your session. Many other systems can't make this claim.

What are some of the other key product features and performance characteristics? The wingtips on the RPM are very much like our Fuel, which adds to the C-kite feeling. Our Full Suspension Bridle is proprietary, small and compact. It is designed to fully support the kite through the entire stroke of the bar, but allow it enough freedom to twist properly and make smooth, fast turns. The RPM has also has different settings for the front bridle and four different options for the rear line. In a nutshell, the front position controls the depower of the kite, the freestyle setting allows a longer depower stroke, and the depower setting can be set for a shorter depower stroke. The rear line options control the amount of bar pressure felt at the bar. Attached further back, the RPM feels like a Rev. Further forward, the RPM feels more like a Fuel. With all of these settings you can really dial in whatever feeling and performance you are looking for. And the great thing is, the adjustments could not be easier.

What style/level of rider will most enjoy this product and in what conditions? This kite is meant to suit all styles of riding including surf, freeride, and freestyle. The relaunch is good, the depower setting works great for hooked in surf style, and the freestyle setting is dialed in for just that. However, the RPM does lend itself to really excelling in the freestyle category for intermediate/advanced riders. The pop and drop unhooked characteristics along with the tunable C-kite feeling at the bar makes this happen.

What performance gains do you think the average consumer will achieve if they get this product? With the RPM, you get the depower benefits of a bridled kite, mixed together with the unhooked and turning characteristics of a C-kite. Also, the customization of this kite is beyond anything else and is extremely simple.

What is your warranty policy on this product? Any manufacturing defect is covered for up to a year but with our dedicated Rider Service Hotline, we always take care of our customers with the best service.

What differentiates your product from your competitors? It's all about the freestyle C-kite performance. It's our foundation. We know where it comes from and we know where we want it to go. The RPM is smack dab in the middle of the path of this journey.

Youri Zoon – Team Rider TESTED



This year we created a new kite called the RPM. It's a wide range freestyle kite that fits between Rev and the Fuel, but leans a bit more toward the Fuel because it's a C-kite that's a bit more open. The RPM has a wide wind range along with great and long pop, so I have enough time to do my double handlepasses! Also, unhooked kiteloops are fantastic on this kite! Even though it has a short bridle, the kite has great pull, boosts you super high and relaunch is a piece of cake. You can ride the kite with big depower or just like you ride a Fuel with less depower and it works perfect! The RPM will be my freestyle competition kite for next year.

'09 KITE GUIDE

SLINGSHOT | RPM

Style: SLE

Kite Sizes: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 meters

MSRP (complete): \$1,549 - \$1,949

Contact: slingshotsports.com

OVERVIEW

Slingshot is proud to introduce its newest kite, the 2009 RPM. The RPM delivers exceptional performance options for a wide range of conditions, yet excels at unhooked freestyle riding. Features such as the new open "C" canopy, full suspension bridle and all-new DD2 Control Bar make the RPM an ideal crossover kite.

Other highlights of the RPM are its one-pump inflation, great low- and high-end range, easy relaunch, an even pull, solid stability, adjustable bar pressure and smooth and fast turns.

Plus, this kite has massive boost, great glide and is a stellar performer when it comes to unhooked kite loops and wake-style tricks. Drawing from the DNA of Slingshot's Fuel and Rev kites, the RPM embodies maximum versatility and top-notch performance.

DESIGNER'S OPINION

"The largest performance gain with the RPM is that you can get the depower benefits of a bridled kite mixed together with the unhooked and turning characteristics of a C-kite. Also, the customization of this kite is beyond anything else and is extremely simple."

— Tony Logosz,
Slingshot kite designer



PHOTO: COURTESY SLINGSHOT

KITE SPECS

Single-point inflation?	●
Five line?	
Four line?	●
Pulleys on kite?	●
Oversized dump valve?	●



- LE Attachment Points: 2
- Trailing Edge Attachment Points: 3
- Number of Struts: 5

SLINGSHOT | DD2 CONTROL BAR

Bar Sizes: 43, 51, 58 cm

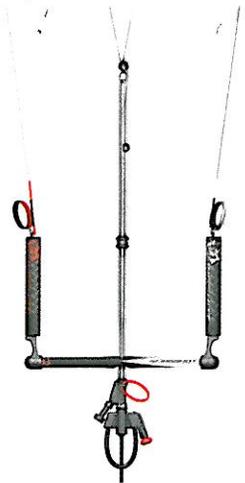
Stock Lines: 23 meters

FEATURES

- Offers versatility, uncompromising safety, performance and convenience in a four-line configuration.
- Comes stock with the Center Safety System and the active stopper ball.
- Speedy setup with clean DD2 bar.

BAR SPECS

Adjustable stopper ball?	●
Adjustable bar length?	
Below-the-bar adjustment?	●
Pulleys on the bar?	



"With massive, long pop, the RPM gives me enough time to do double passes! It's the perfect kite for me." — Yuri Zoon, Slingshot team rider

ANALYZE THIS

SLINGSHOT RPM

TESTED: 12m TYPE OF KITE: SLE SIZES: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16m

FROM THE MANUFACTURER

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THE KITEBOARDER REPORT

The new Slingshot RPM comes loaded with a few new features never seen on any other Slingshot kite to date. From the new bridle all the way down to the end of the bar, the RPM has what you need if you like to tweak your gear for ultimate performance. We were sent a prototype 12m RPM and were interested to see how this kite would perform compared to other SS kites we've ridden. The LE bridle has been designed with multiple points of adjustment for more or less power and/or bar pressure. The choice is up to the rider. Towards the end of the LE around the wingtips, the bridle splits off into a separate connection point on the LE. We couldn't pinpoint how this affected the kite exactly but the kite does have a super smooth turning radius with steady pull and power all the way through the turn. The graphics of the kite are unique but still carry the traditional Slingshot style throughout the kite. The stability of the RPM was solid with good feedback through the bar, so we could feel the kite was at all times. The bar pressure was moderate to heavy but you can make some adjustments on the bridle to lighten this up a little if desired. The RPM handles a wide range of power with all the adjustments Slingshot has provided on the bridle connection points. On the stock setting, the kite had great low end capabilities and when it came to jumping, the kite exhibited similar characteristics – the RPM produced substantial lift for boosting high and powerful moves. We did receive a prototype to review so we didn't see the final production and quality of the build. From what we could see in the prototype, we could tell it would be just as durable as any other SS kite on the market. The control bar for the RPM changed up with new Damper Bar-end Protectors that are softer molded bar ends that also provide shock absorption. This is said to give the rider more comfort when controlling the bar. The second change on the bar is the Cam Bar Insert which helps add to the longevity of the chicken loop rope. The control bar still comes with the standard below the bar depower line and quick release setup while still having the option of hooking your leash up to one of the O-Sh*t grab handles. This new Hybrid C-kite design from Slingshot Sports is definitely aimed at riders that want to tweak their kite for specialized conditions or styles of riding. If you are torn between wanting a C-kite like the Fuel or a SLE like the REV, we think the new RPM will offer you the best performance characteristics from both worlds in one kite.



CONTROL SYSTEM

REPORT CARD

INFLATION SYSTEM: Standard Slingshot One Pump System	Excellent
CONTROL BAR: New Direct Drive Bar (DD2) with added features	Excellent
CONTROL BAR ACCESSORIES: Standard below the bar depowering features along with new Damper bar-end protectors	Excellent
SAFETY SYSTEM: Multiple connection points offering riders freedom of choice	Excellent
BRIDLE: Innovative with a new design to the leading edge part of the bridle	Excellent
STABILITY: Solid feel of power in the kite and down at the bar	Excellent
POWER: Plenty of low end for those bigger riders	Excellent
TURNING: Smooth and efficient	Above Average
POP: Good lift with moderate hang time	Above Average
BAR PRESSURE: Solid and direct feel, good for unhooking	Heavy to moderate
DEPOWER: Good range of depower with all the adjustment in the bridle	Excellent
RELAUNCH: Easy and quick	Excellent
DURABILITY: Built to Slingshot standards, thorough construction	Excellent
KITE BAG:	N/A
PUMP: PSI gauge, steel shaft and kite tether	Excellent

TIPS:

- ✗ When first setting up, hook up the lines so that the kite is depowered with the front lines connected to the knot closest to the kite and the back lines are hooked up to the knot farthest from the kite.
- ✗ Be sure to inflate the kite rock solid to get the best performance out of it.

CONSUMER FEEDBACK:

N/A. The RPM will be available at your local retailer in February 2009.

2009 RPM WINGTIP



SLINGSHOT'S ACTIVE STOPPER BALL



SLINGSHOT'S LOCK-N-LOAD CHICKEN LOOP WITH CSS SAFETY SYSTEM

