

» BEAR GAME OVER

Hunters looking for a bargain bow will be pleased with the Bear Archery (800-694-9494; www.beararcheryproducts.com) Game Over. The Game Over has several high-end features but retails for less than \$500. This bow is for hunters who are on a tight budget. The Game Over bow is powered by a perimeter-weighted single cam that is smooth-shooting. It shoots about 305 fps! The limbs on the Game Over are state-of-the-art compression-molded flared quad limbs that will stand the test of time. These same reliable limbs are found on the Bear Truth 2, the company's top-end bow. The brace height on the bow is a long 7.875 inches, which means even if archers are shaking a little while aiming, they'll still hit the mark.

Like most top-end bows, the Game Over comes with a Single Arc string suppressor that quickly stops the string in its tracks after the shot, reducing string noise and vibration. The one-piece synthetic grip fits well in a hunter's hand, and the synthetic rubber helps reduce hand shock and keeps the cold at bay during the late season. Aluminum pivoting limb cups firmly hold the riser and limbs together and help bear the load as the bow is drawn. The riser is a lightweight machined aluminum, which helps keep the overall weight of the bow at a manageable 3.9 pounds.

The Game Over comes with 80 percent let-off, is available in draw weights from 50 to 70 pounds, and is 33 inches from axle to axle. It also comes with an adjustable draw length from 25 to 31 inches and would be a perfect hunting bow for a teenager who will grow for a few years. My favorite feature is the price. This bow has many features and is about half the price of many other bows.



Fusion Vanes

FOR SCREAMING FAST BOWS!

Duravanes is constantly striving to make vanes that can take a beating, can steer a fast arrow and are easy to apply to a shaft. The company hit a home run this year with the new Fusion vane.

The Fusion vane has a 2-inch-long, high-profile design based upon the increasingly popular footprint of today's short-vane designs. With a profile similar to a traditional shield cut, the modified silhouette increases the surface area of the most critical point of the vane's anatomy. This unique design minimizes crosswind interference while maximizing broadhead flight and arrow stabilization.

If you purchase a new bow that produces speeds exceeding 300 fps, you may encounter problems with arrow flight. Fusion vanes can help keep your high-speed arrows on track and produce tighter groups.



» BOWTECH ADMIRAL

Bowtech Archery (877-447-0293; www.bowtecharchery.com) has produced some of the most-sought-after bows in the industry thanks to its unique designs that are pleasing to the eye. This year's Admiral offers Bowtech's second-generation center-pivot limb/riser design. The riser connects to the split limbs, which greatly reduces limb noise and vibration when shot.

The Admiral comes with Bowtech's CenterTrac Binary Cam System, which eliminates cam lean, making an efficient cam system that produces plenty of speed and kinetic energy without the timing issues. The Admiral delivers speeds up to 320 fps.

Other key features include the Carbon Rod String Stop. This rubber-tipped carbon

rod has been engineered to be directly in line with the front stabilizer mount to create a "coupling" effect for efficient transfer of string energy through the rod into the stabilizer and directly to the target. My favorite feature is the inVelvet coating found on the surface of the bow. This coating protects the bow from wear, makes it warmer to the touch in cold weather and acts as a noise dampener.

The Admiral has an extra-long 7.5-inch brace height, making it very forgiving, and a draw length adjustable from 24 to 30 inches. It is available in draw weights from 40 to 70 pounds. The bow is super short (31-1/16 inches long), making it perfect for hunting from a ground blind or sitting in a treestand.

