

FWF GEAR GUIDE

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- Must be available for purchase in Australia
- Hardbody
- Length: 150 mm +
- Dives: between 2 – 5 mts



Large Mid to deep RUNNING HARDBODIES

The evolution of lure designs never ceases to amaze us here at AFN. There must be a new lure design born every day somewhere around the world and quite frankly it's hard to keep up with it all. Some are more passionate than others about these wonderful creations but regardless of your attitude towards them – they work and fish keep crunching 'em. This edition of the Buyers Guide focuses on a somewhat narrow field. We're looking at mid-sized lure that dive between 2 and 5 metres. While we expected there to be a few more to make the cut it seems we were wrong but alas we had to share them with you anyway.

Barramundi and bluewater pelagics

seem to be the main target species with this lure category so you know they're built tough. More suited to trolling it's important that deep running hardbodies swim exceptionally well and feature exuberant finishes to help with fish attraction. Some feature internal rattle chambers to aid in gaining attention from prey whilst others rely purely on the irresistible action when pulled through the strikezone.

When trolling any of these bad boys for mackerel, wahoo or the like ensure a short wire trace is employed to avoid bite off's and loss of expensive lures. Troll the lures as quickly as you can without them jumping out of the water. We recommend that you troll your lures at varying distances

behind the boat and stay within 6 to 10 metres as a general rule. Tie on lures that cover varying depths to cover the majority of the water column – being versatile is the difference between bagging out or not. When it comes to trolling for fish be patient and cover as much ground as possible. Look for snags and likely to be areas that run parallel to structure. Use your sounder to mark fish and barramundi mid-water in the open are usually good feeding. Make several passes and be patient long you should convert the arch of your sounder to a fish in the boat.

The art of trolling takes time to master but grab some deep running hardbodies and get cracking! 🎣

FWF LARGE MID TO DEEP RUNNING HARDBODIES

Manufacturer	Model	Length mm	Colours	Diving Depth cm	Weight g	Sink Suspend Float	Hooks (brand)	Body material	Special Attributes	RRP
BERKLEY	 3B Monster Shallow	180	6	270	84	Float	Owner	Poly-carbonate	Wire through harness construction	\$15-20
CLASSIC	 Classic 160	160	25	300	29	Float	3X VMC	Plastic	Built tough for big barra	\$15-20
	 Bluewater	160	11	200 & 400	34	Float	3X VMC	Plastic	Awesome new design and UV reactive colours called Liveglo	\$15-20
	 Bluewater	200	11	200 & 400	60	Float	3X VMC	Plastic	Awesome new design and UV reactive colours called Liveglo	\$20-25
HALCO	 Laser Pro 160DD	160	17	200	30	Float	Mustad	Plastic	N/A	\$15-20
	 Laser Pro 190DD	190	17	200	47	Float	Mustad	Plastic	N/A	\$15-20
KILLALURE	 Barra Bait	150	26	300, 400 & 500	28	Float	3X VMC	Plastic	Built tough for big barra	\$15-20
LIVE TARGET	 Spanish Mackerel	160	2	500	85	Float	Owner	Plastic	Ultra realistic finish and wide wobble action	\$35-40
REIDYS	 Big Boss 3M	170	15	300	50	Float	VMC 3x strong size 1/0 x 3	ABS	Rattling Lure	\$15-20
	 Big Boss 5M	170	15	500	50	Float	VMC 3x strong size 3/0 x 2	ABS	Rattling & fast trolling lure	\$15-20
	 Big Ass B52	170	17 plus more to come	300	50	Float	VMC 3x strong size 2/0 x 3	ABS	Rattling & capable of trolling up to 6 knots	\$20-25
RMG	 Scorpion 150 STD	150	17	350	30	Float	Mustad	Plastic	N/A	\$15-20
	 Scorpion 150 DD	150	17	500	30	Float	Mustad	Plastic	N/A	\$15-20
YO ZURI	 Crystal Minnow Magnum	165	6	500	39	Float	VMC	Durable ABS Body	Internal rattle chamber	\$30-35
	 Sashimi 3D Magnum	180	4	450	100	Sink	VMC	Durable ABS Material	Colour change technology	\$45-50