



Spotters Sunglasses Artic Penetrators

Spot as much as you can with Spotters Penetrator lenses

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In recent years, I must have tried a dozen assorted pairs of polarised sunglasses, but none can compare to that of the Photochromic lenses produced by Spotters Shades. Although Spotters makes a wide range of lenses, it is the Photochromic lenses that are most suited to serious anglers.

The Photochromic Penetrator lens allows 49 percent of the visible light in dim sunlight conditions through the lens, which lightens the area you're looking into. In brighter-light situations, the lens darkens enabling a clearer view. No matter what light conditions you're confronted by, the Photochromic lenses allow your eyes to focus on any snag, rock, channel or even fish in the water.

For example, on an overcast day the lens will instantly lighten to the perfect tint and enable the angler to distinguish between sand, snags, rocks and potential fish-holding locations. It may be hard to imagine, but for an angler stalking trout in a river, scanning the sandflats in search of cruisers or even looking to find deep snags in an estuary system that holds bream, this could just be the difference between catching a fish or going home empty handed.

The Spotters Photochromic Penetrator lens actually exhibits three times

the range of other polarised glass Photochromic lenses by changing from 49-percent light transmission to 20-percent light transmission. Along with that, they can change from the lightest possible shade to the darkest in just nine seconds, which makes this the fastest Photochromic lens available today.

Glass construction means 100-percent optically correct sunglasses. Glass lenses will not flex as plastic lenses do, which creates distortion. Another important factor is the scratch resistance of glass lenses. Glass is the most scratch-resistant, durable and longest-lasting sunglass lens material. However, it is not completely scratch proof. Sand can still scratch a glass lens, but with Spotters's scratch-resistant coating it would take a serious amount of abuse to cause a scratch.

Last of all is the danger of shattering glass lenses. Spotters runs all its sunglasses through what it calls the 'Drop Ball Test' for impact. This basically ensures that if the lenses do happen to break they will shatter, which causes the broken pieces of glass to stick to the polarising film inside the lens rather than flying into your eyes.

I purchased a pair of the Spotters's new Artic frame. Made from Grilamide,

the Artic frame is flexible enough to withstand rough customers. It also features a corrosion-proof hinge system, which for fishing conditions is ideal due to high salinity exposure.

I chose the Artic frames because they are designed to fit a wide range of head shapes and wrap around the face to remove all possibility of light penetration from around the top, bottom or sides of the frame. This is particularly important when sighting fish, as reflection from the inside of the lens can stop the lens from working efficiently.

I also found the Artic frame to be comfortable upon the bridge of my nose. Many glasses that I have worn in the past become slippery when you perspire and can change shape when they get hot from sun exposure. The Artic frame has given me comfort and excellent visibility ever since I bought them. I have found them to be quite tough, especially since I am pretty careless with my sunglasses when fishing.

For me, it's Spotters all round. If they can withstand being on my head, then they can withstand being on anyone's! Spotters Sunglasses are available from all leading tackle stores. For more information on the Spotters Artic Sunglasses or the entire Spotters range, log on to www.spotters.com.au. **SWF**