

With the huge increase in paramotoring popularity, wing designers are giving it gas! Most manufacturers now sport a purpose-made motor wing in their line-ups. South Africa's Jaco Wolmarans and Keith Pickersgill test out seven to sample the different characters on offer

>APCO THRUST

JW: 'An energy-saving long-hauler'

The Thrust may feel slightly heavy, but it launches beautifully, has a superb climb rate and has a good turn of speed. The firm brake pressure had me doing some wide, flat turns, but I've also seen some big wingovers performed on it. It's slightly prone to torque effect, but nothing you can't fix with the trimmers. The Thrust's high energy retention, good glide and climb rate will probably make it a fuel-efficient long-hauler.

KP: 'The quiet workhorse'

My first impression of the thrust was of a fairly unremarkable wing until I realised it just gets on with the task, whatever you throw at it, with no complaints, no surprises and with nothing unexpected happening. This may be partly down to the the special intakes which are covered with one-way valves to help prevent deflations, even when pushed hard the Thrust simply got on with the job with no collapses. Suitable Thrust buyers would range from beginners to experienced pilots looking for a solid, dependable wing.

