

# FLYSURFER CRONIX 8M

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## → Introducing

I never thought that the day would come where I would be writing a review for an LEI kite from Flysurfer. They have always been the ram air brand but now we see an expanding of their horizons. Flysurfer are reinventing the wheel with the **Cronix** and I was excited to give it a blast. *Tested* NT

## → Basics

### Build and construction

The Cronix has an open C style shape with its big wide tips and parallel leading edge and trailing edge along the whole length of the kite creating a solid rectangular shape.

### Set up and tuning

Setting up the kite took a little bit of time for me to work out as it is a bit more complex than your standard kitesurfing kite, but once I got it going the one pump worked very well with very little resistance and we were ready to go. The main difference with the Cronix is that it has a trailing edge bridle as well as a leading edge bridle. The idea of this is to give the rider a massive amount of tuning potential depending on the conditions.

### Bar and trim

The bar for the Cronix is Flysurfer's standard infinity 2.0 bar that is used on most of their range, the bar is nice and easy to use and they have done really well not to over complicate the bar, as for me this is an area that need to be simple and functional with minimal clutter.

### Safety

The below the bar safety system works very well and flags the kite out onto one of the front lines.

## → Info Panel

- **Main Market** Freestyle/Freeride
- **Sizes** 6,8,10,12m
- **Line configuration** Four line
- **Inflation** One pump
- **Safety** Front line flag out



## → Performance

**Turning speed, handling and feel** When I first launched the kite I felt at home straight away which was a great feeling. Even with all of the additional bridles and pulleys on the kite the Cronix still has a comfortable and tuned in feel to it. The steering on the Cronix feels light and smooth, but with the help of that trailing edge bridle when you really crank on the bar the whole kite seems to turn right on its axis as if its been given a big kick up the ass.

**The Triangle** The Cronix is a high aspect kite meaning it has a very thin leading edge to trailing edge profile, the result of this is a very fast, responsive and lifty kite which it pretty much what every kiter wants on their shopping list these days. The great low end of the Cronix is noticeable when riding upwind, you can bring it right round to the edge of the wind and it hikes you up wind fantastically well.

**Lift, hangtime and looping** This is what the Cronix was really built for, the other kites in the Flysurfer range (such as the Speed) are great for jumping but it is all very casual and floaty. The Cronix is completely different. You send the kite with a lot of speed and it throws you off the water as if you have been shot out of a cannon!

**Unhooking** With a little bit of depower on the Cronix switches into unhooked mode, the feeling unhooked is very similar to the feeling when hooked, this is a key ingredient in any kite that is used for unhooking as it enables the rider to be more connected to the kite and predict what it's going to do next. For freestyle the kite worked well but I did feel a little bit disconnected from the kite as any bar movement has to go through the bridle before it hits the kite to respond, so there is a slight lag.

**Trim, depower and range** One of the big selling points for this kite is the massive range of adjustments that you are able to do to the kite, I'm sure that 90% of the riders will never adjust any of these setting but for anyone who is a true kite lover they will be able to tune the kite in to any conditions they are going out in which is a very exciting prospect.



## → Verdict

From what I've seen so far I'm very impressed. The complex trailing edge bridle will not be something that everyone will like, but if you class yourself as a true kite lover you will really enjoy playing with all of the different setting options you have. The Cronix is a great all round kite with a good freeride feeling. Well done to Flysurfer.