

PEZON & MICHEL PRODUCED FLY RODS AND ROD DATING

Note: Codes used in this list

Example: "Grisle (310): 10'6 - 2x2 - 7 wt (1953-66)"

The "Grisle" rod (Model ref. nr. 310) was 10'6" long, 2 pieces and 2 tips for a 7 weight line and was produced from 1953 to 1966.

Parabolic Series:

Agate: 7'6 - 2x1

Criterion: 8'5 - 2x1 (1953-60)

Distance 100: 7'1/7'7 - 2x1

Distance 130 - 2x1 Distance 170 - 2x1 Dry Fly: 9'7 - 3x1

Dry Fly: 9'6 - 3x1

Glory: 14'6 - 3x1 (1953-67)

Grilse: 10'6 - 2x1 - 7 wt (1953-84)

Grilse: 10'6 - 2x2 - 7 wt (1953-66)

Mixte: 8' - 2x1 (1939-61)

Prima Competition (212-213): 8' - 2x1 (1939-61)

Prima Competition: 8'6 - 2x1 (1939-67)

Prima Competition: 9' - 2x1 (1939-69)

Prima Moyenne (214): 8'6 - 3x1 (1953-66)

Prima Moyenne: 9' - 3x1 (1953-66)

Prima Moyenne: 9'6 - 3x1 (1953-66)

Prima Normale (210-211-215): 7'2 - 2x1 (1953-66)

Prima Normale: 8' - 2x1 (1939-77)

Prima Normale: 8'6 - 2x1 (1939-77)

Prima Normale: 9' - 2x1 (1939-77)

Prima Normale: 9'6 - 2x1 (1939-77)

Privilege: 8' - 2x2 - 3/4 wt (1990)

Privilege: 8'5 - 2x2 - 4/5 wt (1990)

Ritz (244): 8'2 - 2x1 (1953-78 / 1993-)

Ritz: 8'2 - 2x2 (1953-67)

Royale (222-224-225): 6'10 - 2x1 - 5 wt (1975-)

Royale: 7'4 - 2x1 - 5 wt (1975-)

Royale: 7'9 - 2x1 - 5 wt (1975-)

Royale: 8'3 - 2x1 - 5 wt (1975-)

Royale: 8'8 - 2x1 - 7 wt (1976-)

Royale: 9.3 - 2x1 (1976-)

Salmon Fly: 10'6 - 2x1 (1965-72)

Salmon Fly: 12' - 3x1 (1965-73)
Salmon Fly: 13' - 3x1 (1965-73)
Salmon Fly: 14' - 3x1 (1965-73)
Salmon Fly: 14'6 - 3x1 (1967-73)
Saumon (310): 10'2 - 2x1/2 (1953-56)
Saumon (312): 12' - 3x2 (1953-82 / 93)
Saumon: 13' - 3x2 (1953-72)
Saumon: 14' - 3x2 (1953-78)
Saumon: 14'6 - 3x2 (1953-82)
Saumon: 16' - 3x2 (1953)
Sawyer Dry-Fly (247): 8'1 - 3x1 (1963-66)
Sawyer Greased Line (248-249): 10'4 - 3x1 (1958-67)
Sawyer Nymph (243-245-246): 8'10 - 3x1 - 4/5 wt (1957-77)
Sawyer Still-Water (241): 9'6 - 3x1 - 5/6 wt (1958-84)
Skish (240-242): 8' - 2x1 (1959)
Skish: 8'2 - 2x1 (1953-78)
Skish: 8'2 - 2x2 - 4/5 wt (1953-67)
Skish Precision: 9'3
Speciale Competition (222-223): 7' - 2x1 - 6 wt
Speciale Competition: 7'2 (1973)
Speciale Competition: 8' - 2x1 - 5/6 wt (1939-75)
Speciale Competition: 8' - 2x2 - 5/6 wt (1953-67)
Speciale Competition: 8'6 - 2x1 - 6/7 wt (1939-75)
Speciale Competition: 8'6 - 2x2 - 6/7 wt (1953-66)
Speciale Competition: 9' - 2x1 - 7 wt (1939-75)
Speciale Competition: 9' - 2x2 - 7 wt (1939-66)
Speciale Moyenne (224-225): 8'6 - 3x1 - 6/7 wt (1953-67)
Speciale Moyenne: 8'6 - 3x2 - 6/7 wt (1953-60)
Speciale Moyenne: 9' - 3x1 - 7 wt (1953-67)
Speciale Moyenne: 9' - 3x2 - 7 wt (1953-60)
Speciale Moyenne: 9'6 - 3x1 - 7 wt (1953-75)
Speciale Moyenne: 9'6 - 3x2 - 7 wt (1953-60)
Speciale Normale (220-221): 7'2 - 2x1 - 4 wt (1960-75)
Speciale Normale: 7'2 - 2x2 - 4 wt (1966-67)
Speciale Normale: 8' - 2x1 - 4/5 wt (1939-84)
Speciale Normale: 8' - 2x2 - 4/5 wt (1953-67)
Speciale Normale: 8'6 - 2x1 - 5/6 wt (1939-84)
Speciale Normale: 8'6 - 2x2 - 5/6 wt (1953-67)
Speciale Normale: 9' - 2x1 - 6/7 wt (1939-84)
Speciale Normale: 9' - 2x2 - 6/7 wt (1953-67)

Sterling Competition (219): 8' - 2x1 (1969-75)
Sterling Competition: 8'6 - 2x1 (1969-75)
Sterling Competition: 9' - 2x1 (1969-75)
Sterling Normale (217): 7'2 - 2x1 (1969-75)
Sterling Normale: 8' - 2x1 - 6 wt (1972-75)
Sterling Normale: 8'6 - 2x1 (1969-75)
Sterling Normale: 9' - 2x1 (1969-75)
Sterling Normale: 9'6 - 2x1 (1969-75)
Supreme Competition (232): 7' - 2x1 - 7 wt
Supreme Competition: 8' - 2x1 - 8 wt (1939-75)
Supreme Competition: 8' - 2x2 - 8 wt (1953-67)
Supreme Competition: 8'6 - 2x1 (1939-75)
Supreme Competition: 8'6 - 2x2 (1953-67)
Supreme Competition: 9' - 2x1 (1953-67)
Supreme Moyenne (234): 8'6 - 3x1 (1953-67)
Supreme Moyenne: 8'6 - 3x2 (1953-60)
Supreme Moyenne: 9' - 3x1 (1953-67)
Supreme Moyenne: 9' - 3x2 (1953-60)
Supreme Moyenne: 9'6 - 3x1 (1953-60)
Supreme Moyenne: 9'6 - 3x2 (1953-60)
Supreme Normale (230): 7' - 2x1 - 6 wt
Supreme Normale: 8' - 2x1 - 7 wt (1939-84)
Supreme Normale: 8' - 2x2 - 7 wt (1963-67)
Supreme Normale: 8'6 - 2x1 (1939-78)
Supreme Normale: 8'6 - 2x2 (1953-66)
Supreme Normale: 9' - 2x1 (1939-78)
Supreme Normale: 9' - 2x2 (1953-67)
TOS (229): 8'5 - 2x1 - 6/5 wt (1967-84)
Wet-Dry: 8'1 - 3x1 (1953)

Super Parabolic Series - PPP Type:

Baby Zephyr (Vergnes) (276): 7'9 - 3x2 - 4/5 wt (1954-62)
Bretonvillier (Dubos) (279): 7'6 - 2x2 - 5 wt (1973-)
Chalkstream (Boisset) (275): 8'8 - 2x2 - 6 wt (1954-60)
Colorado (Pate) (263): 7'7 - 2x2 - 5/6 wt (1965-)
Fario-Club (Ritz) (266): 8'5 - 2x2 - 6 wt (1959-)
Featherweight (Clark) (261): 6'3 - 2x2 - 5 wt (1963-)
Joachim du Bellay / Vermont Speciale (210): 7'9 - 3x1/2 - 5 wt (1990-)

Leonard de Vinci: 6'10 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 7'2 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 7'4 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 7'6 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 7'7 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 7'9 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 8'1 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 8'3 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 8'5 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 8'7 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 8'8 - 2x1 (1975)
Leonard de Vinci: 9'3 - 2x1 (1975)
Longcast (Batault) (274): 8'7 - 2x2 - 6/7 wt (1961-77)
Marvel (Hans) (262): 7' - 2x2 (1959-60)
Master (Lambiotte) (264): 8'3 - 2x2 - 5/6 wt (1954-93)
Midget: 6' - 2x2 - 4 wt (-for the Japanese market)
Mirage (Riccardi) (269): 6'6 - 2x2 - 4/5 wt (1979-93) (-for the American market)
Pouletier (Sawada): 7'1 - 2x2 - 4/5 wt (1990-)
Powerplus (Creusevaut) (270): 8'3 - 2x2 - 6 wt (1954-93)
Royale Super: 6'10 - 2x2 (1979)
Royale Super: 7'4 - 2x2 (1979)
Royale Super: 7'9 - 2x2 (1979)
Royale Super: 8'3 - 2x2 (1979)
Speedcast I(Riccardi) (265): 7'7-1/2 - 2x2 - 5 wt (1977)
Speedcast II (Riccardi) (267): 7'11-1/2 - 2x2 - 5 wt (1977)
St Louis (Dubos) (276): 8'1 - 2x2 - 4/5 (1969-)
Sully (Dubos) (277): 8'4 - 2x2 - 5 wt (1974-76)
Sully-Nymphe (Dubos) (278): 8'2 - 10' - 3x2 - 5 wt (1974-76)
Super Marvel (Hans G.) (262):7'2 - 2x2 - 5 wt (1961-)
Superpower (H. Marshall) (272): 8'4-1/2 - 2x2 - 6/7 wt (1961-70)
Traun (Hans G.) (268): 8'2 - 2x2 - 6/7 wt (1959-84)
Wading (McClane) (260): 7'1 - 2x2 - 5 wt (1954-60)
Zephyr (Burnand) (277): 8'4 - 3x2 - 5 wt (1954-62)

Other Rods:

Darling: 9' - 2x1/2 (1932-38)
Delight: 9'6 - 2x1/2 - 5/6 wt (1932-37)
Fancy: 9' - 2x1/2 (1932-38)

Fario Sport (type Ritz): 7'2 - 2x1 - 3/4 wt (1997)
Featherlight: 6'6 - 2x1 - 4/5 wt (1997) (-for the Japanese market)
Fly (200-201): 8'6 - 2x1 - 6/7 wt (1958-72)
Fly: 9' - 2x1 - 6/7 wt (1959-72)
Fly: 9' - 3x1 - 6/7 wt (1959-72)
Flyxor (202-203): 9' - 2x1/2 - 6/7 wt (1939-70)
Glory (La Loire): 14'6 - 3x1/2 (1933-62)
Grimor: 8'6 - 2x1
Imperial (204-205): 9'6 - 3x1/2 (1938-67)
Imperial: 9'10 - 3x1/2 - (1932-38)
Lady (La Fee): 9'6 - 2x1/2 (1932-36)
Longlift: (-for the Japanese market)
Midship: 9'-9'6-10'-11' - 3x1/2 1932-37)
Morrum (Saumon): 16' - 3x1 (1953-62)
Normandy: 11' - 3x1/2 (1932-37)
Ritz Loire: 7'2 - 2x1 - 4/5 wt (1970)
Teddy: 9' - 3x1 (1933-36)
Teddy: 9' - 3x2 (1937)
Teddy: 9'6 - 3x1/2 (1937-40)
Teddy: 10' - 3x1/2 (1932-38)
Teddy: 11 - 3x1
Tip Fly (206):8'6 - 2x1 - 6 wt (1960-70)
Tourangelle (205): 8' - 2x1 (1977-78)
Tourangelle: 8'5 - 2x1 (1977-79)
Week-end: 9' - 3x1/2 (1936-38)
Willy: 11' - 3x2/1 (1932-37)

Pezon & Michel "Darling" series.

From 1900 to 1940, Pezon & Michel was the French importer of the US brand Horrocks-Ibbotson. These 3-section rods, 10' and 11'6 with two tips were packaged on a wooden plate.

Between 1934 and 1936, some British Milward rods were also imported in France. These 9' and 9'6 3-section rods with two tips were named Thalia, Themis, Diana or Davis.

Rods with only one split bamboo component.

Two rods series have associated split cane to a modern material.

With the Variopower series, a bamboo tip is matched to a fiberglass butt section, bringing more power to the rod. With the Vinci series, a bamboo butt brings power while a carbon tip insures the accuracy.

Variopower: 7'1 - 7'9 - 8'2 - 8'8 - 2x1 (1967-75) Vinci: 6'10 - 7'3 - 7'10 - 8' - 8'3 - 8'4 - 8'6 - 2x1 (1990-91)

There is also the Robuste Royale in 3-section, 1 tip, manufactured in 1930. This rod, made of solid bamboo, is equipped with a split bamboo tip.

Rods from misc. wood, black bamboo, rice:

Creusoise: 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25 m - 2x1

1.30, 1.50 - 3x1 (1929-40)

Duchesse: 1.50, 1.75, 2.00 - 2x1

1.00, 1.15, 1.30 - 3x1 (1934-63)

Favorite: 1.15, 1.30, 1.50, 1.75 - 2x1

1.15, 1.30, 1.50, 1.75 - 3x1 (1936-40)

Fly: 3.10 - 3x1 (1932-40)

Lezard: 1.30 - 1.50 (1937)

Mignonne: (1932-40)

Neris: 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25 m - 2x1 (1936-40)

Pompadour: 1.50, 1.75, 2.00 - 2x1

1.00, 1.15, 1.30, 1.75 - 3x1 (1937-63)

Populaire: 1.50, 1.75, 2.00 - 2x1

1.00, 1.15, 1.30, 1.75 - 3x1 (1932-63)

Prima: 3.00 - 3x1 (1932 -38)

Princesses: 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25 - 2x1

1.30, 1.50 - 3x1 (1929-37)

Redoutable: (1934)

Robuste: 1.30, 1.50 - 3x1 (1932-34)

Robuste Lezard: 1.30, 1.50 - 3x1 (1934-38)

Robuste Pompadour: (1934-38)

Robuste Princess: 3x1 (1934-36)

Robuste Royale: 3x1 (1934-36)

Royale: 3.10 - 3x1 (1934-37)

Truite: 1.15, 1.30, 1.50, 1,75 - 3x1 (1936-37)

DATING A PEZON & MICHEL ROD

A- Pre 1970 Rods.

The serial number reads DDMMYY[No.]

Ex. 2211669 means the 9th. rod finished on November 22, 1969.

B- Rods from the 70's.

The serial number reads Y[Rod Code][Rod Length]Y

Ex. 7262728 describes a Super-Marvel rod (code 262), 7'2 in length manufactured in 1978 (first and last digit of the code)

C- Rods from the mid 80's on.

The serial number reads YYMM[Rod Code]

Ex. 8812262 belongs to a Super-Marvel (code 262) rod finished in December 1988.