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FINE RODS SINCE 1929

In western **Montana**, there is a small town called Twin Bridges. Here, you will find such legendary trout rivers as the Big Hole, the Beaverhead, the Jefferson and the Ruby. Here, you will also find the **R.L. Winston Rod Co.**, which, since 1929, has been dedicated to building the **finest fly rods** in the world.



# Bamboo Rods.

For 68 years, Winston has been synonymous with fine bamboo rods. Revered around the world, our rods aren't just things of beauty, but truly fine fishing instruments. In an age when mass-produced is the rule, we take pride in making these by hand, one at a time.

*Crafting and casting bamboo keeps me humble. It has challenged me, made me compassionate, and given passion to my work and life.*

*—Glenn Brackett  
Master Bamboo Craftsman*

**DESIGN.** *More than six decades of experience, tradition, testing and study go into the making of every Winston bamboo rod. All are designed with progressive tapers, have wide casting ranges and provide excellent line control.*

**CONSTRUCTION.** *There are hundreds of steps in making a bamboo rod, and no shortcuts. Each of these steps involves tremendous attention to detail and the finest craftsmanship. The process can take up to two years, and includes pole selection, hand splitting, node sanding, strip grading, heat tempering, taper cutting, fluted hollowing, gluing and varnishing. Finished hexagonal rods have six perfectly dimensional strips; finished quadrates have four.*

**LIGHT TROUT RODS.** *3 and 4-weight rods that are perfect for making short, delicate and accurate casts on small streams.*

**TROUT RODS.** *Our 5 and 6-weights are more powerful rods that can make longer casts. Ideal for most trout fishing situations.*

**SALMON/STEELHEAD RODS.** *These are among the lightest, most powerful bamboo rods in the world for their line sizes. Designed for casting on big rivers in windy conditions. Available in weights 7 through 10.*

**QUADRATE ROD.** *This 7' 9" 2-piece 5-weight rod features four-sided construction, which results in a slightly faster action and straighter casting plane. It's a smooth casting, versatile, very accurate fly rod.*

## BAMBOO ROD SPECIFICATIONS.

TIPS	All bamboo rods come with an extra tip.
REEL SEAT	Nickel Silver uplocking, downlocking or slide band with choice of rewa rewa, birdseye maple, zebrawood or dark walnut spacer.
GUIDES	Rods have carbide stripping guides and hard-chrome plated snake guides.
GRIP	Cigar or half wells.
BAG	All rods come with our thick cloth bag, embroidered with the Winston logo.
TUBE	The aluminum tube has a baked, dark brown finish with brass-colored cap and collar.
HAND-INScribed	All rods are hand-inscribed with the line size, length, weight and serial number.
BAMBOO RODS	2-piece (includes two tips) \$1,950 3-piece (includes two tips) \$2,350 Quadrate (includes two tips) \$2,350



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*Winston begins rolling its own graphite blanks, providing the company with an even greater degree of quality control. Also this year, rods made with LT graphite are introduced.*

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*Winston moves to a new, larger rodbuilding shop in Twin Bridges.*

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*Winston's line of 5-piece LT trout rods is first introduced. Joan Wulff joins the company.*