

Fly Tackle

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MUCH HAS HAPPENED since we last told you everything you wanted to know about fly tackle one year ago. You'll see some new names in FLY FISHERMAN's 1981 Tackle Guide and more than 120 new models of fly rods, reels and lines. Two major fly-tackle manufacturers, Fenwick/Woodstream and The Orvis Company, have entered the boron rod market—a move that spells ever greater acceptance of the latest space-age fiber to be adapted and refined for use in fly rods. Also listed in this year's Guide are twelve 100-percent boron rods from FlyCraft, Inc., a small company that developed the first boron rod.

There are two promising new graphite rod companies listed in the Guide, Loomis Composites, Inc. and Winslow Manufacturing Corp. (Sage Rods), that have contributed 28 new rod models to the market. Many of the 30 major fly-tackle companies included in the Guide have refined their product lines, dropping certain models, making finish and

reel-seat changes in their existing rod models, and coming up with exciting new tapers.

You'll even find an entirely new floating fly line, the Air Cel Ultra, which was developed over the last five years by Scientific Anglers/3M. The Ultra represents one of the first major fly-line manufacturing breakthroughs since the modern, permanently floating fly line was invented in the early 1950's. Initial field testing of the line indicates that it floats higher, shoots farther and lasts longer than existing line—improvements made possible by a new plastic formula developed by the 3M Company's laboratories.

Both Scientific Anglers and The Cortland Line Company have come up with heavier super-fast-sinking lines that go way off the AFTMA (American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association) line-weight scale. Cortland's new Kerboom line and Scientific Anglers' new Deep-Water Express lines weigh from 450 to 850 grains (a 21-weight line), up to twice the weight of the heaviest fly line available last year.

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To help you sift through all of these products and to identify those that have been introduced since January 1980 we've placed asterisks next to the model names of new products.

Unfortunately models aren't the only things that change in the course of a year—prices also change and they don't go down. In fact, the "suggested retail price" column of the 1981 Tackle Guide needed major revisions. Prices in the Guide are the

latest available in late 1980, and they are subject to change by manufacturers without notice. Keep in mind that the prices are suggested, and that they could differ from the price you have to pay. In some cases, manufacturers updated their prices too late for revisions to appear in the Guide. When a price is listed as "NA," or information not available, it is because the manufacturer made the decision to withhold retail prices.

Rods

THE ROD SECTION of the Tackle Guide lists every graphite, boron and bamboo rod model offered by the major production-rod manufacturers in the U.S. So that you can compare these many rods—instead of being overwhelmed by them—we've divided the rod section into three subsections according to rod composition. Each rod model is then collated three ways within the subsections. First, the rods are arranged according to length from shortest to long-

est. In the second column they are collated according to recommended AFTMA line weights from lightest to heaviest. The third column gives rod weights in ounces. This three-step collation allows you to compare similar rod models of twenty-one different companies.

This system also gives you an indication of rod action. For example, if you wanted to buy a nine-foot graphite rod for a 5-weight line (there are nine

Company Names and Addresses

Abu-Garcia, Inc.
21 Law Drive
Fairfield, N.J. 07006

Berkley & Company, Inc.
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

Browning
Morgan, Utah 84050

Lew Childre & Sons, Inc.
P.O. Box 535
Foley, Ala. 36535

Cortland Line Company
P.O. Box 1362
Cortland, N.Y. 13045

Daiwa Corp.
14011 S. Normandie Ave.
Gardena, Calif. 90249

Fenwick/Woodstream
14799 Chestnut St.
Westminster, Calif. 92683

J. Kennedy Fisher, Inc.
P.O. Box 3147
Carson City, Nev. 89701

Gladding Corp.
P.O. Box 164
South Otselic, N.Y. 13155

Gudebrod, Inc.
12 South 12th St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Hardy Bros.
Sole U.S. distributor:
Harrington & Richardson
Industrial Rowe
Gardner, Mass. 01440

Lamiglas, Inc.
P.O. Box U
Woodland, Wash. 98674

H. L. Leonard Rod Company
P.O. Box 393
Central Valley, N.Y. 10917

Loomis Composites, Inc.
1555 Downriver Dr.
Woodland, Wash. 98674

Martin Reel Company
P.O. Drawer 8
Mohawk, N.Y. 13407

Masterline
Sole U.S. distributor:
Gudebrod, Inc.
12 South 12th St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

The Orvis Company
Manchester, Vt. 05254

Pflueger Sporting Goods Division
P.O. Drawer P
Columbia, S.C. 29260

Powell Rod Company
1148 W. 8th Ave.
Chico, Calif. 95926

Rodon Manufacturing Company
123 Sylvan Ave.
Newark, N.J. 07104

Sage Rods
(Winslow Manufacturing Corp.)
9630 N.E. Lafayette St.
Bainbridge Island, Wash. 98110

Scientific Anglers/3M
3M Center, Bldg. 223-35
St. Paul, Minn. 55144

Scott PowR-Ply Company
765 Clementina
San Francisco, Calif. 94103

Seamaster Corp.
Coral Gables, Fla. 33146

Shakespeare Company
Fishing Tackle Division
Columbia, S.C. 29260

Sunset Line & Twine Company
P.O. Box 691
Petaluma, Calif. 94952

Thomas & Thomas, Inc.
Turners Falls, Mass. 01376

Tycoon Fin-Nor Corp.
7447 N.W. 12th St.
Miami, Fla. 33126

U.S. Line Company
22 Main St.
Westfield, Mass. 01085

R.L. Winston Rod Company
P.O. Box 32
Twin Bridges, Mont. 59754

Boron Rods . . .

Length	AFTMA Line Weight	Weight (ozs.)	Pieces	Reel Seat	Company	Model	Suggested Retail Price
10'	8	4½	2	UL Wood EB	Rodon	Simroe LS-B 2120 [BG]	\$225.00
10'	8	4¼	3	UL A EB	Rodon	Simroe LS-B 3120 [BG]	\$300.00
10'	10	5¼	2	UL A EB	Rodon	Simroe S-B 2120 [BG]	\$240.00
10'	10	5½	3	UL A EB	Rodon	Simroe S-B 3120 [BG]	\$325.00
10'6"	10	5½	3	UL A EB	Rodon	Simroe S-B 3126 [BG]	\$345.00
11'	10	6	3	UL A EB	Rodon	Simroe S-B 3132 [BG]	\$345.00
12'	11	8½	3	UL A EB [T-H]	Rodon	Simroe DH-B 3144 [BG]	\$400.00
13'	11	9½	3	UL A EB [T-H]	Rodon	Simroe DH-B 3156 [BG]	\$400.00
14'	12	10½	3	UL A EB [T-H]	Rodon	Simroe DH-B 3168 [BG]	\$400.00
15'	12	11½	3	UL A EB [T-H]	Rodon	Simroe DH-B 3180 [BG]	\$400.00
16'	12	12½	3	UL A EB [T-H]	Rodon	Simroe DH-B 3192 [BG]	\$400.00

Bamboo Rods

5'6"	3	1¼	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
5'6"	4	2	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
6'	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Maple	Leonard	Standard 36-3	\$660.00
6'	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Balsa	Leonard	Catskill 36-3	\$700.00
6'	3	2	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
6'	3-5	2½	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 60	\$300.00
6'	4	NA	2/2 tips	SR Maple	Leonard	Standard 36-4	\$660.00
6'	4	NA	2/2 tips	SR Balsa	Leonard	Catskill 36-4	\$700.00
6'	4	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 36-4	\$750.00
6'	4	2¼	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
6'6"	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Maple	Leonard	Standard 37-3	\$660.00
6'6"	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Balsa	Leonard	Catskill 37-3	\$700.00
6'6"	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 37-3	\$750.00
6'6"	3	1¼	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Caenis	NA
6'6"	3	2½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
6'6"	3-5	2¼	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 65	\$300.00
6'6"	4	2	2	SR Cork	Orvis	Flea JM9657-1	\$216.00
6'6"	4	2	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Orvis	Flea JM9657-2	\$325.00
6'6"	4	2½	2	DL Cork	Orvis	MCL Flea JM9656-11	\$210.00
6'6"	4	2½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$225.00
6'6"	5	2¼	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
7'	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Maple	Leonard	Standard 38-3	\$660.00
7'	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Balsa	Leonard	Catskill 38-3	\$700.00
7'	3	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 38-3	\$750.00
7'	3	2½	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Caenis	NA
7'	3	2½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Orvis	Orvis 7/3 JM9353-2	\$345.00
7'	3	2½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
7'	3	2¾	2	DL Cork	Orvis	MCL 7/3 JM9702-11	\$225.00
7'	4	NA	2/2 tips	SR Maple	Leonard	Standard 38-4	\$660.00
7'	4	NA	2/2 tips	SR Balsa	Leonard	Catskill 38-4	\$700.00
7'	4	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 38-4	\$750.00
7'	4	2½	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Classic	NA
7'	4	2½	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Midge	NA
7'	4	2½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
7'	4	2¾	3/2 tips	DL Cork	Orvis	Orvis 7/4 JM9705-2	\$400.00

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Length	AFTMA Line Weight	Weight (ozs.)	Pieces	Reel Seat	Company	Model	Suggested Retail Price
7'	4	2½	2	UL Cork	Rodon	Simroe 242-4	\$325.00
7'	4-6	2½	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 70	\$300.00
7'	5	2½	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
7'	6	3	2	DL Cork	Orvis	Madison JM9703-11	\$225.00
7'	6	3½	2	DL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9701-1	\$270.00
7'	6	3½	2/2 tips	DL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9701-2	\$345.00
7'6"	3	2½	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Caenis	NA
7'6"	3	2½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
7'6"	4	2½	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Paradigm	NA
7'6"	4	2½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
7'6"	4	3	2	UL Cork	Rodon	Simroe 245-4	\$325.00
7'6"	4	3	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Classic	NA
7'6"	4	3	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Midge	NA
7'6"-7'9"	4-5	3¼	2/2 tips †		Orvis	*MCL Midge-Nymph JM9766-2	\$290.00
7'6"-7'9"	4-5	3½	2/2 tips †		Orvis	*Midge-Nymph JM9765-2	\$345.00
7'6"	4-6	3	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 75	\$300.00
7'6"	5	NA	2/2 tips	SR Maple	Leonard	Standard 39-5	\$660.00
7'6"	5	NA	2/2 tips	SR Balsa	Leonard	Catskill 39-5	\$700.00
7'6"	5	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 39-5	\$750.00
7'6"	5	3	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
7'6"	5	3½	2	UL Cork	Rodon	Simroe 245-5	\$325.00
7'6"	5	3½	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Paradigm	NA
7'6"	5	3¼	2	DL Cork	Orvis	MCL Midge JM9758-11	\$225.00
7'6"	5	3¼	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Classic	NA
7'6"	5	3¼	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Hendrickson	NA
7'6"	5	3½	3	UL Cork	Rodon	Simroe 345-5	\$350.00
7'6"	5	3½	2/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Midge JM9759-2	\$345.00
7'6"	5	3½	3/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill Midge JM9764-2	\$400.00
7'6"	6	NA	2/2 tips	SR Maple	Leonard	Standard 39-6	\$660.00
7'6"	6	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 39-6	\$750.00
7'6"	6	3½	2	DL Cork	Orvis	Madison JM9753-11	\$225.00
7'6"	6	3½	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
7'6"	6	3½	2/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Wes Jordan JM9750-2	\$495.00
7'6"	6	3½	2	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9751-1	\$270.00
7'6"	6	3½	2/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9751-2	\$345.00
8'	4	3½	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Winston	Light Trout	\$525.00
8'	4	3½	2/2 tips	SR Walnut	T & T	Midge	NA
8'	4-6	4	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 80	\$300.00
8'	5	NA	2/2 tips	UL Maple	Leonard	Standard 40-5	\$660.00
8'	5	NA	2/2 tips	UL Balsa	Leonard	Catskill 40-5	\$700.00
8'	5	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 40-5	\$750.00
8'	5	3½	2	UL Cork	Rodon	Simroe 248-5	\$325.00
8'	5	3½	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Paradigm	NA
8'	5	3¼	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Classic	NA
8'	5	3¼	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Hendrickson	NA
8'	5	3¼	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
8'	6	NA	2/2 tips	UL Maple	Leonard	Standard 40-6	\$660.00
8'	6	NA	2/2 tips	SR Cork	Leonard	Hunt 40-6	\$750.00
8'	6	3¼	2	DL Cork	Orvis	Madison JM9810-11	\$235.00
8'	6	3½	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Paradigm	NA

† tips of varying length

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Length	AFTMA Line Weight	Weight (ozs.)	Pieces	Reel Seat	Company	Model	Suggested Retail Price
8'	6	4	2	UL R Wood	Rodon	Simroe 248-6	\$325.00
8'	6	4	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Classic	NA
8'	6	4	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Montana	NA
8'	6	4	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
8'	6	4½	2	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9809-1	\$295.00
8'	6	4½	2/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9809-2	\$365.00
8'	6	4½	3/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9808-2	\$400.00
8'	6	4¾	3	UL R Wood	Rodon	Simroe 348-6	\$350.00
8'	7	4	2	DL Cork	Orvis	Madison JM9803-21	\$245.00
8'	7	4¾	2/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Battenkill JM9801-22	\$380.00
8'	7	4¾	2/2 tips	DDL Walnut	Orvis	Wes Jordan JM9800-22	\$540.00
8'	7	4¾	2	UL R Wood	Rodon	Simroe 248-7	\$325.00
8'	7	4½	2	UL R Wood EB	Rodon	Simroe 248s-7	\$350.00
8'6"	5	NA	3/2 tips	DL Maple	Leonard	Standard 51-5	\$660.00
8'6"	5	NA	3/2 tips	DL Cork	Leonard	Hunt 51-5	\$750.00
8'6"	5	4½	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
8'6"	5-7	4¾	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 85	\$300.00
8'6"	6	NA	3/2 tips	DL Maple	Leonard	Standard 51-6	\$660.00
8'6"	6	NA	3/2 tips	DL Cork	Leonard	Hunt 51-6	\$750.00
8'6"	6	4½	2	DL Cork	Orvis	MCL Limestone JM9813-11	\$245.00
8'6"	6	4¼	2	UL R Wood	Rodon	Simroe 251-6	\$325.00
8'6"	6	4¼	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
8'6"	6	4¾	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Montana	NA
8'6"	6	4½	2/2 tips	DL Cork	Orvis	Limestone JM9812-2	\$380.00
8'6"	7	NA	3/2 tips	DL Maple	Leonard	Standard 51-7	\$660.00
8'6"	7	NA	3/2 tips	DL Cork	Leonard	Hunt 51-7	\$750.00
8'6"	7	NA	2/2 tips	UL Walnut EB	T & T	Salmon	NA
8'6"	7	4½	2	UL R Wood	Rodon	Simroe 251-7	\$325.00
8'6"	7	4½	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
8'6"	7	4¾	3	UL R Wood	Rodon	Simroe 351-7	\$350.00
8'6"	7	4¾	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Montana	NA
8'6"	8	NA	2/2 tips	UL Walnut EB	T & T	Salmon	NA
8'6"	8	4¾	2	DL Cork	Orvis	Madison JM9857-11	\$245.00
8'6"	8	4¾	2/2 tips		Orvis	Battenkill JM9855-2	\$380.00
8'6"	8	4¾	2	UL R Wood EB	Rodon	Simroe 251s-8	\$350.00
8'6"	8	4¾	2/2 tips	UL Walnut	T & T	Montana	NA
8'9"	8	4¾	2/2 tips	DL Teak EB	Winston	Steelhead/Salmon	\$525.00
9'	5-7	5¼	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 90	\$300.00
9'	6	4¾	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
9'	7	5	2/2 tips	DL Teak	Winston	Trout	\$525.00
9'	8	NA	3/2 tips	UL Walnut EB	T & T	Salmon	NA
9'	8	5½	2/2 tips	DL Teak EB	Winston	Steelhead/Salmon	\$525.00
9'	9	5	2	UL R Wood EB	Rodon	Simroe 254s-9	\$350.00
9'	9	5¼	2/2 tips	DL Teak EB	Winston	Steelhead/Salmon	\$525.00
9'	9	5½	3	UL R Wood EB	Rodon	Simroe 354s-9	\$375.00
9'	10	5½	2/2 tips	DL Teak EB	Winston	Steelhead/Salmon	\$525.00
9'3"	9	5½	2/2 tips	DL Teak EB	Winston	Steelhead/Salmon	\$525.00
9'3"	10	5¾	2/2 tips	DL Teak EB	Winston	Steelhead/Salmon	\$525.00
9'6"	5-7	4¾	2/2 tips	UL Zebra	Powell	Walton 95 Semi-Hollow	\$350.00
9'6"	8-10	5¾	2/2 tips	DUL Zebra	Powell	B.S.H. 95	\$300.00
9'6"	10	6	2/2 tips	DL Teak EB	Winston	Steelhead/Salmon	\$525.00
9'6"	8-10	4¾	2/2 tips	DUL Zebra	Powell	B.S.H.(C) 95 Semi-Hollow	\$350.00

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