

Silk Line Ratings to Modern Fly Line Equivalents

| AFTMA Fly Line Weight | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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| Double Taper Fly Line | IGI | HFH | HEH | HDH | HCH | GBG | GAG | GAAG | GAAAG | GAAAAG |
| Weight Forward Fly Line | IGH | HFG | HEG | HDG | HCG | GBF | GAF | GAAF | GAAAF | GAAAAF |

Deciphering the old line weight classifications is easy. To determine the fly line weight for which the bamboo fly rod was designed, simply look at the middle letter. This letter dictates the line weight. For instance, a D means 6 wt. The first and last letter determine whether the rod is recommended for use with a Double Taper or Weight Forward fly line. If the first and last letter are the same, a Double Taper fly line is in order. If the letters are different, a Weight Forward fly line is best. An HDH then would be a Double Taper 6 weight, while a Weight Forward 6 weight might rather be labeled as HDG.