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If you don't mind I will throw my two cents in on this one. As a custom builder, I test rate every rod utilizing the "common Cents System" developed by Dr. Bill Haneman. This system is truly eye opening as it objectively measures all rods in a simple, scientific, apples to apples way. It measures the intrinsic power of a rod and also the action and frequency in a numerical way making comparing one rod to another possible.

The Winston Bllx 9'4wt. is a very fast action rod. Faster than the Sage Z-axis in fact. It does not however have a stiff feel. What is different is that the Sage 4wt is actually more powerful than the Winston 4wt. This is what in at least this case for the two rods I was able to measure causes the broomstick feel in the sage. It also has a higher frequency which indicates that it recovers more quickly than the Winston.

When you read all of the comments in this thread you will find that there is no data based explanation at all. They are just terms that are not defined, and can mean different things to different people. We all say things like "moderate, fast, stiff, light etc" but what does that mean? Call the fly shop and place your order for a medium length rod and see what you get. The guy will immediately ask what exact length in feet and inches you are looking for. That is because there is an accepted unit a measurement in place that we all agree to use. Think about it. But if you say order me a 9' fast action rod the guy says "I got just what you need!" Should there be a way to determine how fast in a numerical way so we could all agree that we were talking about the same thing? This would eliminate a lot of frustration.

Check it out. If there was more use of this tool we could start being able to accurately and objectively compare rods when questions like "has anyone tried the model x series rod?"

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