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Great article afish. That's a lot to digest. Quote that stuck w/ me was...

Synthetic-drag reels most often employ carbon, Delrin, or Rulon plastics (or some combination of these materials) as brake surfaces, backed up by a spring system to maintain tension. Rulon and Delrin are both extremely dense composite plastics, based on fluorocarbon and nylon, respectively. "They last more or less forever," says Orvis's Lepage, "and you don't need to maintain them since they are self-lubricating."

Easy to care for and long lasting. I still have a Hardy Marquis from the early 80's. It's been beat up badly but the click drag is still kicking. I have it displayed on a bookshelf next to a fish carving. Maybe some day I'll take the old gal for a walk again.