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bassistjon112 wrote:

Heritage-Angler,

Do you think my Lamson Velocity (it's from the year 2005-2006, can't remember) will have the same problem as yours? (not being corrosion proof). That video is really long, I'm still watching it... You'd still vouch for the Konic though? Hows about the Guru?

My first one was older. Lamson switched to the stainless clutches to solve the problem, and it has.

I'd buy a Konic in a New York minute. IMHO - the best reel for the money, period. The Guru has an anodized finish, but it's clear, so you won't notice scratches in the finish as much. It's just too shiny for my tastes. I prefer a more stealthy finish.

If you don't change spools often - which wears on the o-ring that seals the drag - my guess is you'll never mess it up. Lamson recommends putting a tiny bit of grease on the o-ring if you swap spools often. I like the fact that you don't have to back off the drag setting for storage, so as not to develop a set as in most other disc drag reels. Set it, and forget it.

My biggest Litespeed is the reel I use for steelhead fishing. No worries about it freezing up, since the drag is sealed so well. It handles the hard runs of those big fish with ease. Ross uses an external "dog" to engage the drag (4 of 'em on the Evos), and I could easily see that system freezing up in the cold. YMMV