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Unfortunately, you guessed right. Broke a 9' 7wt. twice - once while landing a big hen steelie; the fish was just near my feet and I flexed just a little too far with the rod while stretching with the other hand to grab the fly. Split the ferrule. Sent it back and they replaced one section. It was always a little misfit after that and the ferrule started to crack slightly with heavy use, I repaired/reinforced it myself twice but it disintigrated this summer on a a big fish or a snag, couldn't tell which. Got almost 10 years out of it as my primary big fish rod...

Broke another settng a hook (6'6" 4 wt. SCIII) right at a ferrule that never seemed to fit right. Very custom rod with high end hardware. Big disappointment. Busted an SCIII 8'6" 4 wt. while stripping a streamer. A big fish was following the streamer and I didn't see the wind knot in the line about 10' out. It jammed in the tip top on a sharp strip. Freak thing, probably would've broken any rod.

Built another on an identical blank when they were getting rid of that model and it's one of my favorites. Ironically, I have one Rio line that I absolutely hated. A 6 wt. line that was just a dog on all my 6 wt. rods. On a lark I rigged it on the SC 4wt. for my daughter to fish the white fly hatch on the breeches this summer figuring it would load well at very short distances. It balanced perfectly. Still not a fan of Rio....

I've built on Pac Bay, several SC, one Sevier Tiger Eye (maybe the sweetest rod I've ever built -my first actually), several Rainshadow, one Forecast (a total dog, won't do that again), Cabelas, Dan Craft... Dan has a couple of blanks that interest me... Maybe I'll take a look at the Gatti blank, but for now I'm gonna stay away from St. Croix.