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Subject: : Tips and Tricks

Topic: : "Leader/Tippet" Material

Re: "Leader/Tippet" Material

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Quote:

Dale49 wrote:

I buy tapered leaders (mostly Rio) in 7 1/2 to nine foot in length. I always add tippet material to these leaders to make them longer. Also, the rock gods and tree eat the leader material and I will "build" a new one from the old leader.

Tired of paying the high price for tippet material. Can anyone recommend line in 2 to 4 pound test that you've found to be a good substitute for tippet material that is much cheaper in price? I want to use this line mainly as an intermediate section. I will still use tippet material both regular and fluorocarbon as the final section to attach the fly.

Thanks in advance,

Dale

I find tippet material to be pretty decently priced when you buy it in guide spools and figure there are other areas to skimp on than the main connection to my fish. I am not aware of a "common" mono fishing line that has the suppleness with strength of a good tippet material. If you are wanting to simply build leaders a lot of folks use Maxima for both stiff and supple butt and mid sections. This could be your answer. Try searching "Maxima" in the search function in the top left corner and you will get all kinds of opinions of leader construction.

Edit: Also, for the trout fishing, I would generally recommend 9.5' leader. Look at the manufacturer's specs on the leader to see how much tippet is already built into the leader. Start out fishing your 9.5' leader without adding any tippet. As you work a foot or so into the built in tippet, start adding a couple feet of tippet. There really is no reason why you should get into the intermediate section of the leader.