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Quote:

If you want to play stupid taper tricks, you could take that 140 grains in a 50' long super awesomely thin front taper

Technically, you can't. Because it's based on only 30 ft of the front taper.

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or in 5' of super fat line with 200' of running line spread out.

Yup, you can do that. Your point stands that the numbers aren't quite right due to variation in tapers. Those lengths/weight ratings are only equal if the line were flat and the weight evenly distributed over the first 30 ft.

And also correct, that in response to rods being underrated, they are starting to overweight lines to match. So that 7 wt rod that you bought rated as a 5 wt. Well, eventually you figure out that a 7 wt line works better on it. But since you'd never do anything so drastic and don't realize the rod is a 7 wt, they label a 7 wt line as a 5 wt. Yesterday's 7 wt just became today's 5 wt, and yesterday's 5 wt is now today's 3 wt. Yay, we've come so far...

My point still stands too. Experiment at the distance your going to use it at, and use your head. If you're going to cast far less than 30 ft of fly line with a rod, then feel free to see how it handles when overlined fairly severely. Not just 1 line weight, but try 2, 3, or 4 line weights!