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Interesting thread. I agree with Pcray that rods can be overlined (and at times underlined) for better performance at certain distances and/or fishing conditions. One thing, the 30’ fly line thing is often misunderstood by many anglers. All fly lines are measured (weighed) where the taper begins out to the 30’ mark. That 30’ distance is only for the standardization of the test, and not necessarily the optimum casting distance of the rod (just like the 48 mph average speed in the mpg test is not necessarily the optimum speed for an automobile). Your rod should be able to cast more or less line well.

If you are casting a short distance, than overlining a rod may be a good option, but it really depends on the rod itself. A fast-action rod may perform better overlined, but a slow-action rod may not. I suggest you experiment a little to find the optimum line weight for your rod taking into account the type of fishing and casting you expect to do on a particular stream.

To further complicate things, since you can control the power application on your cast, a more aggressive or less aggressive speed-up and stop will have a similar effect on the loading of your rod as changing the line weight.

Long and short, play with it a bit to find the combination that works best for you and your rod.