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bjkaledas wrote:

I have been tying a slew of flies in size 28 recently and have been using Mustad Signature hooks, which I really like. I have found that the size 28 though have been failing pretty easily though. I have had a few instances in the last couple of weeks where I had some hogs on that got off the hook only for me to find that they had bent the hook out. Now, I think this is a fly where I had already caught a fish or two. I have heard good things about Tiemco hooks and wondered if maybe that is a better brand for these small sizes. Let me know your thoughts.

BJ

I have found in the past that Mustad hooks seemed a bit brittle, but thirty years ago they were pretty much the only fly hooks readily available. I have had many break at the bend or the point break(hard to sharpen these). Mustad seems to have improved though recently.

I use mainly Tiemco and Daichi now(can't pass Mustad on sale though). Tiemco makes the really small sizes 28-30-32 (#518) straight and 28-30 (#2488) curved-scud shank. I've caught fish on them, no lunkers, and they performed well.

If you straighten these you might putting on too much pressure, but I'm not sure I always seem to break the tippet.

Good Luck! 🍀