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Dear prof,

Keep in mind with South Bends the two digit rod models are bass rods and the three digit rod models are trout rods.

ex. a South Bend 59 is a 7 weight rod and a 359 is a 5 weight rod.

If you can find something in an 8 1/2 foot length I think you'll prefer it to a nine footer simply because it's a little lighter in hand.

If you can find a South Bend 290 with 2 tips in good shape for \$ 300.00 or less they are very nice 7 1/2 foot 5 weight rods. Single tip versions should be priced around \$ 200.00 if they are in good condition.

If you see any Heddon rods that interest you the ferrule size is an indicator of the line weight. 2 1/2 ferrules = 7/8 weights, 2 ferrules = 5/6 weights, and 1 1/2 ferrules equal about a 4 weight in a modern fly line.

Heddon models were all built on the same blanks and the hardware and fittings are better grades on the higher model # rods. An 8 1/2 foot 2F ferruled rod is the same blank but may be found in grade 8, 10, 17, 20, and 35. Trim and hardware will be the only difference.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊