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Subject: : Gear Talk

Topic: : 7/8 weight reel??

Re: 7/8 weight reel??

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Quote:

MKern wrote:

I bought a ECHO 4-6 from cabelas's a few years ago. It is a large arbor and I love it. I use it for all my 4 and 5 wt lines. Plus, its only \$70 and extra spools are \$40. It has an outstanding dial drag. Matter of fact, next time I place an order to cabelas, I'm picking up an extra spool for pike and steelhead. They also make a reel for 6-8 wt line.

The only downside I have from my large arbor, is that frequently the excess line will wrap around the butt of the rod during the forward cast. I hate that.

Dear Mkern,

I'm going to venture a guess here and say that the rod you are using that reel on has an up locking reel seat that threads pretty far up until it locks your reel in place.

There is a reason why older rods had down locking reel seats and it had nothing to do with casting ability. Cork was cheaper and good cork was easier to find. It was much easier to build a nice grip.

Nowadays rod manufacturers try to save some money by using uplockers and saving the cost of having to have a longer grip.

If they really scrimp they use a reel seat that is ill fitted to the rod and way too much rod end extends past the point where the reel locks in. I'm betting this is why your line wraps around the rod butt while casting?

I have two 4 weight rods. One is a brand "X" and the other is a brand "Y". I use the same reel on both rods. On the brand "X" the when the reel is locked in there is about 3/4" of rod butt exposed. On the brand "Y" rod there is 1 1/2" of rod butt exposed when the reel is secured.

Guess which rod gets tangled the most?

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊