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Do some research on the reel first. Compare drag systems and how it's made (cast compared to machined). There's some good deals out there to be made. 99% of fish caught on your typical streams that you're using a 4-5wt rod on can be caught using just about any reel IMO. But for that 1% fish, I want something half decent.

I wouldn't pay more than \$60 for a cast reel and \$130 for a machined reel for the situation you're asking.

I think most people like to match the quality of reel with the quality of rod. No use in tossing a plastic reel on a \$700 rod. It's mostly preference though.

Once you get into heavier fish and even salt then you want a great sealed drag system, spool capacity, etc.