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Re: Pliers/Hemostats/Forceps

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pwk5017 wrote:

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WildTigerTrout wrote:

I have some gear that could be considered top shelf. My hemostats are not a part of that gear. I have a pair that are matte finish steel and cost maybe \$5. I really don't see the need to pay top dollar for a tool that's used to remove a hook from a trout's mouth. Just my opinion.

Yeah, I cant see a pair of hemos over 5-10 dollars being that incredibly awesome that I would buy them. However, I will say that an expensive pair of pliers are worth the money to some people. For example, I do use conventional tackle from time to time, and I exclusively use braid. A pair of \$5 pliers will not cut braid, whether its 6lb or 40lb. My cavalla pliers with tungsten cutters will cut through any bite guard, and all lb tests of braid. I can cut through hooks if I wanted to. Next, salt water will destroy most cheap pliers. Finally, dont you enjoy the feeling of a well made tool in your hand? In my earlier post, I mentioned I had a pair of \$2 ebay hemostats. They felt cheap. Flexed under pressure/torquing, and the jaws failed to grip small flies properly. There is something to be said about using well made tools(not necessarily expensive), and unfortunately I think this is often overlooked.

I enjoy the feel of a well made flyrod and reel in my hand. I really can't say the same about my hemostats. To me their use is so limited that I really can't justify buying a real expensive pair. I don't use them that much.